

MEDICAL RECORDS AND HEALTH INSURANCE

All students are required to complete a health packet prior to arrival at Bard, which includes documentation of a recent physical examination and complete immunization records. New York State law requires that all students born after January 1, 1957, provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella. Additionally, Bard provides students with information about meningococcal meningitis; students must either document having received the meningitis vaccine or sign a waiver declining it. For information about immunization requirements and health insurance, contact the Student Health Service at 845-758-7077 or healthservice@bard.edu.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

All calendars are subject to change.

2010-2011 (one-year degree program)

May 27	Registration
May 28	Orientation
June 1 – June 4	ED 502: Schooling in the 21st Century
June 7	Summer Quarter classes begin
July/August (TBD)	Summer School Field Experience
July 12-16	Reading Week; Summer School Field Experience continues
August 20	Summer Quarter classes end
September 10	Final papers due
September 2 – October 1	NYC Teaching Practicum I (phase 1)
September 7 – October 1	Upstate Teaching Practicum I (phase 1)
October 4	Fall Quarter classes begin
November 22-26	Thanksgiving recess
December 17	Fall Quarter classes end
January 7, 2011	Final papers due
January 3-28	January Research Cycle and workshops
January 31 – March 11	Teaching Practicum I (phase 2)
March 14 – May 27	Teaching Practicum II
May 25	NYC Classroom Research Project presentations
May 26	Upstate Classroom Research Project presentations
June 2	Academic Research Project presentations
June 4	Closing ceremony

2010-2011 (two-year degree program)

May 14-16	Weekend Workshop
June 7	Summer Quarter classes begin
August 20	Summer Quarter classes end
September 10	Final papers due
October 4	Fall Quarter classes begin
November 22-26	Thanksgiving recess
December 17	Fall Quarter classes end
January 7, 2011	Final papers due
January 3 – May 27	Academic Research Project

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Master of Arts in Teaching Program

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ADMISSION

The MAT Program at Bard College is defined by forms of active inquiry and mutual respect that support learning and professional growth. Creating a collaborative educational community begins with the selection of a talented, energetic, and diverse cohort of students during the admission process.

Program applicants must have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the liberal arts with a major (or equivalent) in the discipline they intend to study at Bard. Students are accepted into the MAT Program on the basis of an assessment of various components: records of academic achievement that show a minimum cumulative average of B (3.0), evaluations in the letters of reference, and professional goals.

The priority admission deadline is March 1, 2010. All applications completed by March 1 are processed in an initial priority cycle. Applicants are notified of Admission Committee decisions and financial aid awards within two weeks of this March date.

If space is still available, applications submitted after March 1, 2010, are reviewed weekly, on a rolling basis, until the cohort is filled. Applicants are notified of admission and financial aid decisions within two to three weeks after the week in which the completed application was received. No applications will be accepted after April 30, 2010.

Enrollment in the program is confirmed upon receipt of the signed financial aid letter and a nonrefundable deposit of \$500. As a small program, the MAT Program must limit the size of each disciplinary cohort in biology, literature, history, and math. Applications reviewed after the limit has been reached will be considered for deferred admission to the 2011-2012 academic year.

Please note:

The two-year MAT Program (part-time) is offered only on the Annandale-on-Hudson campus.

Mathematics is offered only as a one-year option and only on the New York City campus.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Priority Deadline: March 1, 2010

To apply to the MAT Program, submit all required materials by the dates indicated. The application and supporting materials are submitted online. **For complete application instructions and links to the online application, refer to our website, www.bard.edu/mat/admission-and-financial-aid/.**

All applicants are required to submit the following materials:

- Completed online application form
- \$65 application fee, payable by credit card or electronic debit (online only), or check or money order
- Personal statement (500-600 words explaining why you have chosen to study at Bard College toward a career in teaching)
- Résumé
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended for at least one academic year, regardless of whether credits were transferred to another institution or a degree was received. Transcripts must be sent in sealed envelopes directly from the schools.
- Three letters of recommendation. These can be submitted by the recommenders online or via the post office. If submitted via the post office, the recommender must sign across the sealed flap of the envelope. **Please note:** an additional letter of recommendation is required for certain fellowships. See details under "Fellowships."

All correspondence not submitted online should be addressed to:

Master of Arts in Teaching Program
MAT Admission Committee
Bard College
PO Box 5000
30 Campus Road
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000

Phone 845-758-7145

Fax 845-758-7149

E-mail mat@bard.edu

Website www.bard.edu/mat

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition

One-Year Program \$36,347

Two-Year Program (2010–2012) calculated at 50 percent of the tuition for the year of enrollment, or \$18,174 for 2010–2011

Institutional Fees

Fees are subject to change.

Application	\$65
Registration	\$100
Enrollment deposit	\$500
Facilities	\$150
Graduation	\$110
Health insurance	TBD (see “Medical Records and Health Insurance”)
On-campus housing	\$675/month <i>(based on the rate for 2009–2010)</i>

Other Fees

Fees are subject to change.

The following fees are related to New York State Certification and are required by the New York State Education Department. It is the responsibility of the student to fulfill the mandated fingerprinting, workshop, and test requirements before completion of the MAT Program, and the student must supply the results to the MAT Program in order to graduate. Total costs for the workshops, tests, and certification filing may vary depending on the provider and current registration fees, but should not exceed \$500. More details about requirements, costs, and other test information are available at www.nysed.gov.

Fingerprinting	\$100
Child Abuse Identification Workshop	\$35
Violence Prevention Workshop	\$35
Assessment of Teaching Skills Written (ATSW) Test	\$88
Content Specialty Test (CST)	\$88
Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST)	\$88
Certification Application	\$50

Schedule of Payments

For guaranteed enrollment, the nonrefundable enrollment deposit of \$500 is due by the date indicated on the acceptance letter. The first payment of 25 percent of the tuition balance, minus any financial aid awards, is due on May 20, 2010. The second payment of 25 percent is due by September 24, 2010. The third payment of 25 percent is due by January 21, 2011. The payment of the final 25 percent is due on March 4, 2011. Unpaid balances, including the tuition deposit balance, will be subject to a late payment fee of \$100 and finance charges of 1 percent per month (12 percent per annum). Accounts whose Stafford Loans have not received lender approval by May 10, 2010, will be assessed the late fee.

A student with outstanding indebtedness to Bard College may not register or reregister, receive a transcript of record, have academic credits or a degree certified, or be granted a leave of absence. All students attending Bard College are required under federal truth-in-lending legislation to sign the Disclosure Agreement, which includes the disclosure statement for overdue account balances.

Refunds

No refund of any fees will be made in the event that a student withdraws from the program at any time after registration except as herein specified. In no event is the enrollment deposit or housing payment refundable. In all cases, the student must submit an official request for withdrawal to the dean of teacher education. The date of submission of such a request will determine the amount of the refund. Students who officially withdraw before the first day of classes will be given a full refund of all charges, less the nonrefundable enrollment deposit. For the refund schedule during the program, go to www.bard.edu/mat/admission-and-financial-aid/tuition-and-fees.shtml.

FINANCIAL AID

Bard offers several types of financial aid to help offset the costs of tuition and fees. Aid is in the form of fellowships, scholarships, and federal loans. The Master of Arts in Teaching Program does not offer teaching assistantships, Federal Work-Study Program opportunities, or tuition waivers. All students are eligible to apply for scholarships; only U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply for fellowships and deferral loans.

For information on financial aid, including necessary forms, resources, and information for international students, go to Bard College's financial aid website at www.bard.edu/financialaid/ or call the Office of Financial Aid, 845-758-7525.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS (need-based)

A student may qualify for financial assistance in the form of scholarships or loans, depending on financial need. Financial need is assessed by a uniform method from financial data submitted by the student on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Financial need is the difference between the student's budget of expenses and the assessed ability of the student to meet those expenses. No student who is in default on a student loan or who owes a refund on a federal grant is eligible for financial aid. Those whose applications are received on or before the priority deadline of March 1, 2010, receive first consideration for assistance funds. Applications received after this deadline are considered in order of receipt until all scholarship assistance funds are committed.

Additional scholarship opportunities may become available after the publication of this supplement, and fellowship options are subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to-date information.

Federal Stafford Loan

A student who files a FAFSA is eligible to borrow through the Federal Stafford Loan program, which makes available subsidized and unsubsidized loans. The loan is subsidized when the student demonstrates financial need according to a federal formula. In those cases, the federal government pays the interest on the loan while the student is enrolled in school; repayment of the loan principal and remaining interest begins six months after the student ceases to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis.

An unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan does not require demonstration of financial need. Interest payments begin 60 days after the loan is disbursed, while the student is enrolled. Repayment on the loan principal begins six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. Payments of

interest and principal of an unsubsidized loan may be deferred, but interest will accrue and compound. The federal processor requires that a student first apply for a subsidized loan before applying for an unsubsidized loan.

A graduate student may be eligible to borrow up to \$8,500 annually through the subsidized Stafford Loan program, and to borrow a supplemental, unsubsidized Stafford loan of up to \$12,000 annually (in addition to the basic Stafford loan), provided that the total amount of assistance does not exceed the graduate program's annual cost. An origination fee of 3 percent and possibly a loan warranty fee of up to 1 percent are deducted from the proceeds of all loans. The procedure for filing for a loan is explained when the student is notified of eligibility.

Loans are disbursed in four equal payments, provided all the requirements of the Office of Financial Aid have been fulfilled. Electronic disbursements are credited to the student's account when they are received. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, or visit www.bard.edu/financialaid/. Additional literature on Federal Stafford Loans is available from the Office of Financial Aid and from local banks and other lenders.

Federal Graduate PLUS Loan

Graduate students can now access the Federal PLUS Loan Program to pay for the cost of education not covered by other financial aid. This loan is guaranteed by the federal government and may be deferred while the student is enrolled at least half-time. A credit check is required. These loans are disbursed in the same way as the Federal Stafford Loan.

New York State Tuition Assistance Program

The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) provides nonrepayable grant assistance of up to \$550 annually to New York State residents enrolled in a New York State graduate school. For further information, visit the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation website at www.hesc.com/bulletin.nsf.

Federal and New York City Loan Forgiveness Programs

Information on Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs for new teachers is available on the New York City Schools Teach NYC website, <http://schools.nyc.gov/TeachNYC>, in the Incentive & Scholarship Programs menu.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Carroll and Milton Petrie Fellowships for New York City Teachers (available to one-year students only)

The Petrie Fellowship Program at Bard College was established in 2004 through a generous grant from the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation. Full-tuition grants are made by the MAT Program to qualified students through a selection process that considers academic competence, teaching and leadership potential, financial need, and a commitment to teaching in New York City public schools. Petrie Fellowships are available to one-year students only. Petrie Fellows take all courses and fulfill their apprentice teaching requirements in New York City public schools in the fall, winter, and spring quarters. All students, including Petrie Fellows, must be in residence at Bard for course work during the summer quarter. Petrie Fellows live in New York City from September through May and attend courses and weekly seminars held at partner schools in the Bronx. The MAT Program assists Fellows in finding teaching positions in New York City and provides professional development in the early stages of their teaching careers. The Petrie Fellowship

represents a call for educational leaders who can address the needs of students in urban schools not only through their work as exemplary teachers in the classroom but also through professional relationships within the larger educational community.

In addition to the basic application, applicants for a Petrie Fellowship must submit a personal statement explaining why they want to teach in New York City public schools, and must have an additional, or fourth, letter of recommendation sent from a recommender that specifically addresses the applicant's candidacy for a Petrie Fellowship.

Math for America Fellowships (available to one-year students only)

Math for America (MfA) fellowships address the shortage of adequately qualified mathematics teachers in the nation's public high schools. The program trains mathematically talented individuals to become high school math teachers and supports them in the early years of their careers.

Math for America assists its Fellows with:

- An aggregate stipend of \$90,000 over five years
- A full-tuition scholarship to a master's level teacher preparation program at Bard College, New York University, or Teachers College, Columbia University
- Finding a position as a high school math teacher in New York City
- Earning a New York State Initial Teaching Certification and New York City teacher's salary
- Developing classroom skills through mentoring, coaching, and support services
- Building a lifelong career through professional development activities
- Becoming part of a group of outstanding math teachers

Math for America has a separate application process. For more information, visit www.mathforamerica.org, e-mail information@mathforamerica.org, or call 212-206-0053.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

On-campus graduate housing is available for students who will be residents at Bard for the summer or the full academic year. Housing and apartments at reasonable rents can also be found near the Bard College campus in Red Hook, Tivoli, Rhinebeck, and other nearby towns. Students based in New York City are responsible for making their own housing arrangements for the period from September through May when they are in the city full-time. Updated housing information is available at <http://inside.bard.edu/classifieds/modules/housingboard/public.php>.

Bard College does not have a summer meal plan, but the dining service offers a prepaid debit card. The card is accepted at the Down the Road Café in the Bertelsmann Campus Center and at Kline Commons. Students may cook their own meals in their residence hall kitchens.