

Greetings!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Bard College.

Please plan to arrive on Wednesday, August 27, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Orientation events begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.; students planning to move into residence halls should arrive as early as possible. For those arriving in the area on Tuesday, a list of local accommodations can be found on the Admission website: www.bard.edu/visiting/accommodations.

Students should go directly to the Gabrielle H. Reem and Herbert J. Kayden Center for Science and Computation to check in and receive a packet that contains, among other things, a copy of the fall semester course list (also available on our website: inside.bard.edu/academic/courses/current); information about your post office box; and information regarding campus offices and services. If you are residing on campus, you also receive keys to your residence hall and room. Representatives from Health Services, the Office of Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Office of Residence Life, Safety and Security, and the Dean of Student Affairs Office are on hand to welcome you and assist in answering any questions.

On Wednesday afternoon, you will join your peers for a welcome reception. After the reception, and throughout the next two days, you will have opportunities to meet with your academic adviser and finalize your schedule for the fall semester. When not occupied by academic commitments during orientation, you will have opportunities to learn about campus resources and services, and participate in social events. A complete schedule will be e-mailed to you in August. If you have any questions before then regarding travel arrangements or your time commitments over the orientation period, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The transcripts you included with your application have been forwarded to Registrar Peter Gadsby, who determines how many credits will transfer and which of Bard's distribution requirements you have satisfied. Transcripts, which include your final grades, should be sent directly to the Registrar's Office as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact him directly at gadsby@bard.edu or 845-758-7458.

Included with this letter is information regarding your Bard e-mail address and Bard Information Portal (BIP) password. **All subsequent correspondence from the College will be directed through your Bard e-mail address.** Please make sure you check your Bard e-mail frequently or forward it to your preferred account. If you have any trouble accessing your account, please contact the Bard Computer Help Desk at helpdesk@bard.edu or 845-758-7500.

If you plan to live on campus, the Housing Profile and Facility Use Agreement form must be turned in to the Office of Residence Life immediately. Forms can be scanned and e-mailed to ensure fast delivery. If you have questions regarding this or living on campus, please contact the Office of Residence Life directly at reslife@bard.edu or 845-758-7455. It is traditional for transfer students to be housed in doubles. Once you are assigned a room, the Office of Residence Life will be in contact via Bard e-mail regarding your placement and the contact information for your new roommate.

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All students who live on campus are required to be on the meal plan. All meal plans are of equal cost, although there are a number of options regarding how your meals are distributed. On-campus students are assigned the base meal plan and are allowed to make changes within the first two weeks of the semester. We encourage you to visit the Chartwells website (www.dineoncampus.com/bard) to familiarize yourself with the different options available. Off-campus students can opt to have a Commuter Plan added to their account by contacting the Bursar's Office.

If you plan to live off campus, your Bard e-mail address will allow you access to the College's Classifieds (inside.bard.edu/classifieds). There you will find a Housing Board, which may assist you in finding residence in the area. The College does not screen postings, so make sure to do your research before signing a lease. If you do not have a car, you may want to consider how close your potential residence is to campus or the Bard shuttle route (www.bard.edu/campus/transportation). Helpful information for students planning to live off campus can be accessed online at: inside.bard.edu/dosa/offcampus/resources.

All students are allowed to have cars, although many find that biking is the best way to navigate campus. If you plan to bring a car, you must register it with the Office of Safety and Security when you arrive on Wednesday, August 27. The \$100 registration fee goes toward the Bard Office of Sustainability's efforts to make our campus more sustainable.

Finally, please take a moment to visit www.bard.edu/admission/accepted/forms and print out, complete, and send in any Matriculation Forms that have not already been submitted. All incoming students must also be registered with our Emergency Notification System (inside.bard.edu/emergency). Your Bard ID and password grant you access. All Matriculation Forms and emergency contact information must be filled out and returned prior to your arrival at Bard.

We look forward to seeing you at the end of August.

Sincerely,
Bethany Nohlgren
Dean of Students
Center for Student Life and Advising

Bard Good Things to Know Before Arriving at Bard

Hello and Welcome to Bard College!

All of us in the Center for Student Life and Advising are excited that you will be joining us this August. In preparation for your arrival, we have compiled answers to some of the most commonly asked questions we receive from incoming students and their families. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to give us a call at 845-758-7454. We can also be reached via e-mail at transfer@bard.edu.

Traveling and Arrival

Students are expected to arrive **Wednesday, August 27, 2014**. Information about where to go once you arrive on campus will be sent to you in late July via your Bard e-mail account. Through the years we've discovered that many GPS systems have a hard time finding the campus. We suggest that you use the following address: 1 North Ravine Road, Red Hook, NY, 12571.

If you are not planning to drive to Bard, the following information may be helpful.

Flying:

Albany International Airport (www.albanyairport.com)

Located 60 miles north of Bard, Albany International Airport is the most convenient airport for travel to the College. You may rent a car at the airport or you can take an Amtrak train from Albany to Rhinecliff. From the station it's a 10-minute taxi ride to campus.

Stewart International Airport (www.panynj.gov/airports/stewart.html)

Stewart is 50 miles south of campus in Newburgh, New York, but there is no train connection and the number of carriers is limited.

JFK, LaGuardia, Newark

The major New York City airports all have public transportation into New York City (bus, taxi, and subway for JFK) and to both train stations: Grand Central Terminal (Metro-North Railroad) and Penn Station (Amtrak). The following websites may be helpful when making your travel arrangements:

John F. Kennedy International Airport: www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html

LaGuardia Airport: www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html

Newark Liberty International Airport: www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html

NYC Bus and Subway System: www.mta.info/nyct

Grand Central: www.grandcentralterminal.com

Penn Station: www.infofornyc.com/travel/penn_station_new_york.html

Train:

Amtrak (www.amtrak.com)

Amtrak runs directly from Penn Station. The closest stop to Bard is Rhinecliff, which is 10 minutes away.

Amtrak is more expensive than Metro-North but the Rhinecliff station is much closer to campus than Metro-North's nearest stop.

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Metro-North (www.mta.info/mnr)

Metro-North stops at Poughkeepsie, which is 45 minutes south of the campus. What you save in train costs, you lose on the cost of the longer taxi ride. Bard will be running regular shuttles from the Poughkeepsie and Rhinecliff train stations on August 27. You do not need to make a reservation for the shuttle service.

For additional information regarding travel to campus please visit our website at:
www.bard.edu/admission/discover/visiting.

Bard Basics

Mailing Address

Each student is given a unique mailbox number upon arrival. Student mail should be addressed as follows:

Student Name

Bard College

PO Box 5000 – MSC (insert box number here)

Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000

Packages received before the arrival date will be stored. Our shipping department will be open on August 27 for people to pick up their packages. Please mail packages so that they arrive no earlier than August 15, 2014.

Packages can be sent to the following address:

Student Name – “Incoming Transfer Student”

Bard College

30 Campus Road

Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000

Phones

We do not have phones in individual residence hall rooms. All residence halls have phones in the hallway for emergency use, local calls, or calling-card calls. Calling cards can be purchased in the campus bookstore.

Most students have cell phones. Check with your cellular provider to find out about availability of service in the Hudson Valley. On campus, many students use Verizon or AT&T, which have offices in nearby Kingston. AT&T also offers a special discount to Bard students.

Verizon Wireless 1200 Ulster Ave., Kingston, NY 12401, 845-853-7351

AT&T 1137 Ulster Ave., Kingston, NY 12401, 845-336-0710, college code: 2529324

Banking

Throughout the semester, there will be shuttles to Red Hook, where you can open a local bank account. There is an ATM on campus, owned by Key Bank, which is located in the Bertelsmann Campus Center. It charges a service fee for all other banks. Area banking options include:

Bank of America, 1343 Ulster Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401, 845-336-8819

Key Bank, Campus Center ATM and 28 West Market St., Red Hook, NY 12571, 845-758-2311

M&T Bank, 7280 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571, 845-758-8811

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, 7472 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571, 845-336-4444

Rhinebeck Bank, 7350 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571, 845-758-1500

Ulster Savings Bank, 7296 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571, 845-758-4020

Renters' Insurance

All students are encouraged to obtain renters' insurance if they live on campus. While the College does not endorse any specific company, many students have utilized National Student Services: www.nssi.com.

Meal Plan

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Bookstore

The campus bookstore is owned by Barnes and Noble. Declining balance accounts can be set up through our Student Accounts Office on arrival day; students can then use their school ID card to purchase items in the bookstore. Families might also choose to purchase a Barnes and Noble reloadable gift card. The bookstore accepts all major credit cards and cash.

Family Visits and Guests

Students are encouraged to invite their families to visit campus at any time. Students are allowed to have overnight guests as long as they have discussed it with their roommate(s). All guests must be registered with the Safety and Security Office, where they will receive a guest pass for the entirety of their stay. Advance notice is not necessary; just bring your guest and their ID to the Security Office.

Save the Date! Bard hosts a Family Weekend every year that features academic and social events for the whole family. This year, Family Weekend will be held October 24–26. Local accommodations fill up quickly, so it's best to make reservations as soon as possible. For more information on area lodging, see www.bard.edu/visiting/accommodations.

Course Registration

For their first semester, students meet with an academic adviser and register for courses during Matriculation Days: Thursday, August 28, and Friday, August 29. During this time they will have the opportunity to meet with and talk to faculty about specific courses and registration procedures. After the fall semester, students participate in online registration. Classes for the fall semester begin Monday, September 1.

Transportation

Cars: All students are allowed to bring cars to campus; however, Bard encourages biking and alternative methods of travel as a part of the College's commitment to sustainability. An annual \$100 vehicle registration fee goes toward the Green Fund, which supports campus sustainability projects and scholarships. Students are allowed to park in designated student parking lots only. Bard has partnered with Zipcar to bring self-service, on-demand car sharing to campus. Visit www.zipcar.com/bard to learn more about the program and to sign up.

Shuttles: During the semester, there is a free shuttle that travels through Tivoli, Red Hook, and Bard's campus. There are also free shuttles that run to local grocery stores, the mall, and, on weekends, to the local train stations. During breaks and at the end of the semester, there are shuttles from campus to NYC/Albany airports for a \$30 fee. Students make their own arrangements to get to the Poughkeepsie or Rhinecliff train stations and then they can take the free shuttle back to campus. For more information about shuttles, please go to: www.bard.edu/campus/transportation.

Computers/Computer Labs

Bard has more than 250 public access computers available for use on campus. These computers are located in the Bertelsmann Campus Center, Stevenson Library, Henderson Computer Resources Center, and Henderson Technology Laboratories. Many students choose to bring a computer to campus. All residence hall rooms have either WiFi or an Ethernet port. Given their portability, unmonitored laptops are easy targets for theft; students are encouraged to register laptops with homeowners/renters insurance, and are advised not to leave laptops unattended. The College does not recommend any one computer type or brand. Both PCs and Macs are supported. However, students interested in the Film and Electronic Arts Program tend to use Macs for their editing capability.

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Intersession Use of Residence Halls

During intersession, Upper College residence halls are typically used for conferences and groups, Citizen Science faculty, Bard student athletes, and other students in need of on-campus accommodations. Generally, students will not be allowed to remain in their rooms over intersession. Students will be notified in advance of the plans for use of their rooms.

Pets

Fish and small caged animals are the only pets that may be approved to live in a residence hall room. A student who wishes to keep a pet must obtain written authorization from the Office of Residence Life (mail to: reslife@bard.edu).

Laundry Facilities

Most residence halls are equipped with coin-operated washers and dryers. If there is no laundry facility in a residence, one is available within a short walking distance. Bard also has a partnership with a local dry cleaning service, Classic Cleaners. Students can pay by the pound or they may pre-pay for the semester. Classic Cleaners will be on campus August 27, and students can sign up for their service.

What to Bring (and what not to bring!)

When considering how to best equip your residence hall room, we encourage you to consider purchasing products (lighting, computers, stereos, TVs, etc.) that have earned the EPA's ENERGY STAR label. A room outfitted with these energy-efficient products can save about \$130 per year on energy costs, reduce pollution, and help protect the environment.

The following items are suggested: bedspread, blankets, extra long-sized twin sheets (39x80 inches), mattress pad, towels, toiletries, shower shoes, pillows, flashlight, clothes hangers, laundry detergent and basket, first aid kit (including insect repellent), wattage adapter (for international students), personal computer, surge protectors, power strips, wastebasket, desk lamp*, radio, bicycle, and bicycle lock. If you plan to bring a laptop computer, we suggest you also bring a laptop desk lock.

The following items may be used in residence hall rooms: alarm clock, electric fan, hair dryer, computer, radio, CD player, television (rooms do not have cable access), study lamp, and small refrigerator (no more than 3 cubic feet). The College works with a refrigerator rental company that will deliver and pick up for you. See the flyer in this mailing for more information.

The following items may be used in the designated kitchen areas only: coffeemaker, clothes iron, popcorn maker, toaster oven, and hot pot. Only UL-approved appliances may be used.

The following items are *not* allowed in any residence hall: extension cords, routers, exposed coil heaters of any kind, heating pads, microwave ovens, halogen lamps**, portable heaters, and subwoofers. Candles and incense are strictly prohibited. Removing, replacing, or altering furniture or equipment provided by Bard is not permitted.

Try to coordinate with your roommate(s) and share appliances when possible. Besides saving energy and money, you'll have less to move at the end of the year. Remember, simple changes made by many people can multiply into a huge difference for our environment.

* ENERGY STAR–labeled light bulbs and lamps are available at the Bard Bookstore, so you can easily buy these products when you arrive. A compact fluorescent light bulb should last you for your four years at Bard. To find out more about purchasing ENERGY STAR products, visit the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov.

** Aside from being a fire hazard, halogen lamps use five times more energy than fluorescent lamps.

New-Student Website

For more helpful information, please visit our new-student website at:
www.bard.edu/newstudents/transfer/checklist

Office of Residence Life and Housing

845-758-7455
reslife@bard.edu

Center for Student Life and Advising

845-758-7454
transfer@bard.edu

Bard 2014 Incoming Transfer Summer Checklist

Fill out and return the following forms:

All forms can be found online at www.bard.edu/admission/accepted/forms.

Medical forms include:

- Medical History
- Physical Examination and Record of Immunization
- Meningitis Response
- Student Health and Counseling Authorization

Other forms include:

- Bard Housing Profile
- Athletics and Recreation Profile (if applicable)
- Disability Registration (if applicable)

e2Campus Registration

See enclosed instructions on how to register for the Bard College emergency alert system. The information is also available online at www.bard.edu/newstudents/transfer/checklist.

Send a finalized transcript to the Registrar's Office

Transcripts from your previous institution(s), which include final grades, should be sent as soon as possible to Registrar Peter Gadsby, Office of the Registrar, 30 Campus Road, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000.

Log in and begin using your new Bard College e-mail account

The College expects all students to check their Bard e-mail account regularly. All forthcoming correspondence regarding arrival, housing, and registration will be sent to your Bard e-mail address. During the school year, official messages and notifications are often sent via e-mail. You may forward your Bard College e-mail to another host if you would like. Instructions can be found at: inside.bard.edu/bits/email.

Complete the Mathematics Placement Diagnostic

See enclosed instructions, or visit math.bard.edu/placement.

Complete the Bard College Sustainability Pledge

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SustainBard2014 to fill out our sustainability pledge. All students who complete the form by July 15 will be entered into a raffle. Great prizes! We promise!

Have questions? We'd love to hear from you!

E-mail Bethany Nohlgren, Dean of Students, at transfer@bard.edu, or call 845-758-7454.

Bard Math Placement Diagnostic

Dear Students,

Welcome to Bard College! As part of our quantitative requirements, all incoming students are required to complete Bard's online Math Placement Diagnostic. This diagnostic helps us to assess which math and science courses would be most appropriate for you to take at Bard.

The diagnostic is available online at the following web page: math.bard.edu/placement.

The diagnostic will be available until **August 25, 2014**. Please be sure to complete it before you arrive at Bard. If you have any questions about the diagnostic, please contact me at mbelk@bard.edu.

Thank you,

Maria Belk
Director of Quantitative Literacy
Bard Academic Resources Center

Bard Emergency Notification System

All incoming students are required to register for:

e2campus

Bard College's Emergency Notification System

How? It's easy:

1. Go to inside.bard.edu/emergency.
2. Log on using your Bard e-mail account and password.
3. Fill in your contact information, click "Create Account," and wait for the confirmation message to be sent to your cell phone or e-mail account.
4. Once you have entered the confirmation number online, you are done!
5. You may also register an additional cell phone number and e-mail address (parents, family, etc.).

Having Trouble Signing Up?

Please contact the Dean of Student Affairs Office by e-mail at dosa@bard.edu or call us at 845-758-7454.

Bard Bard College Calendar 2014–15

Fall 2014

Wednesday, August 27	Transfer students arrive Check-in and financial clearance for transfer students (10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Reem Kayden Center for Science and Computation)
Wednesday, August 27 – Friday, August 29	Academic orientation, advising, and registration for transfer students
Saturday, August 30	Arrival date for all returning students
Monday, September 1	First day of classes; drop/add period begins
Wednesday, September 17	Drop/add period ends at 5 p.m. Pass/fail grading option deadline
Monday, October 13 – Tuesday, October 14	Fall break (residence halls remain open with limited dining options available)
Friday, October 24	Mid-term grades and criteria sheets due Moderation papers due
Friday, October 24 – Sunday, October 26	Family Weekend
Friday, November 21	Last day to withdraw from a class
Thursday, November 27 – Sunday, November 30	Thanksgiving recess (classes end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26; residence halls remain open with limited dining options available)
Wednesday, December 10	Advising Day
Thursday, December 11	Registration for spring classes opens
Monday, December 15 – Friday, December 19	Completion Days
Friday, December 19	Last day of classes
Saturday, December 20	Housing closes at 3 p.m.

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Saturday, January 24	Arrival date for all returning students
Monday, January 26	First day of classes; drop/add period begins
Wednesday, February 11	Drop/add period ends at 5 p.m. Pass/fail grading option deadline
Friday, March 13	Moderation papers due
Saturday, March 14 – Sunday, March 22	Spring recess (residence halls remain open with limited dining options available)
Monday, March 23	Mid-term grades and criteria sheets due
Monday, April 27 – Tuesday, April 28	Advising Days
Tuesday, April 28	Last day to withdraw from a class
Thursday, May 7	Registration for fall classes opens
Wednesday, May 13 – Tuesday, May 19	Completion Days
Tuesday, May 19	Last day of classes
Wednesday, May 20	Housing closes at 3 p.m.

For the official Academic Calendar, please see www.bard.edu/academics/calendar.