Self-Guided Walking Tours

Begin your tour at the Admission Office (Hopson Cottage) (34). Most main campus buildings are within a 15-minute walk. Feel free to drive to Montgomery Place and the northernmost and westernmost sites of the main campus.

Central Campus (blue)
The Fisher Studio Arts Building (63) includes large studios for painting and drawing, printmaking, cybergraphics, sculpture, and woodworking; individual studios; a welding shop, forge, and kiln; and an exhibition area. The Bertelsmann Campus Center (29) houses the Safety and Security Office and a student-run bookstore, post office, Down the Road Café, Weis Cinema, Multipurpose Room, lounge areas, meeting rooms for student clubs, and the Career Development, Student Activities, and Trustee Leader Scholar Program Offices. On the south quad are the Alumnae Houses (3) and Tenkewbury Hall (73); just a few of the 40+ residence halls on campus. Along Biltmore Avenue, you’ll find the Ottway Gatehouse for International Students (35), built in 1841; and the Community Garden (65). The road approaching the Visitors Center (54) passes farmland and orchards, while on the southern end is the Montgomery Place Campus (orange).

Montgomery Place Campus (orange)
The road approaching the Visitors Center (54) passes farmland and orchards, a prominent feature of the property since the early 1800s. From the center, which has a parking lot and public restrooms, a paved path leads to the main mansion and outdoor buildings. The Coach House (44), designed by renowned 19th-century architect A. J. Davis, originally contained stables, but later became an automobile garage. The upper-floor house, coach house, and their families. The Greenhouse (49) in continual operation since 1926 is currently being used by the Bard College Farm and the Horticulture Department. The Formal Gardens (48) feature manicured flower beds based on the original plans of Violante White Delafield, one of the last Montgomery Place heirs. The Ellipse Pool (45), developed in 1930–31, is an oval reflecting pond, surrounded by holly. The adjacent Rough Garden (51) has beautiful flora in a less-manicured layout, including many locust trees that are more than 150 years old. The Squash Court (52) currently houses the Bard Prison Initiative and has public restrooms on the first floor. The Mansion (50) was completed in 1805 as a federal-style structure. In the 1840s, Davis redesigned it in the classical revival style, with inspiration from Andrew Jackson Downing, a pioneer of American landscape architecture. Porch seating is accessible seasonally on the portico for public enjoyment.

Map Legend
1. Achebe House (offices)
2. Albee (classrooms, offices, Difference and Media Project/Multicultural Affairs)
4. Anna Jones Memorial Garden
5. Andamond Hotel (Publications and Public Relations Offices)
6. Anne Cox Chambers Alumnae Center (Development and Alumnae Affairs Offices) and Bard MAT
7. Aspinwall (classrooms and faculty offices)
8. Bard College Stores
9. Bard College Field Station
10. Bard Hall (recital space)
11. Bennington House (Center for Civic Engagement, Central European Studies)
12. Bistro (classrooms, offices)
13. Buildings and Grounds/Physical Plant (Financial Aid Office, Student Accounts, Shipping and Receiving)
14. Cattlemans (Central Services)
15. Center for Curatorial Studies (CCS Bard) and Hessel Museum of Art
16. Chapel of the Holy Innocents
17. Community Garden
18. Coach House
19. Crane Village (residence halls: Bartlett, Cruger, Keen North, Keen South, Maple, Mulberry, Oberholzer, Sawkill, Spence, Stephens, Sycamore)
20. David Rose Science Laboratories
21. Feltier House (residence hall)
22. Fisher Annex (MFA Program offices)
23. Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building and Auditorium (Olin Hall)
24. F.W. Olin Language Center
25. Gabrielle Reem and Herbert J. Kayden Center for Science and Computation (Reemick Laboratories, Bilti Auditorium)
26. Gehagan House (Title IX/Gender Equity, International Student and Scholar Services)
27. Grey Stone Cottage (offices)
28. Hegeman Hall (classrooms, faculty offices, Bard Center for Environmental Policy, MFA in Sustainability Office)
29. Heiwa and Elizabeth C. "Lulu" Bertelsmann Campus Center (bookstore, post office, Down the Road Café, Weis Cinema, and Career Development, Student Activities, and Trustee Leader Scholar Program Offices)
30. Henderson Computer Resource Center
31. Henderson Technology Laboratories (Annex)
32. Hirsch Hall (residence hall)
33. Hillside
gin (classrooms, offices, Bard Center for Environmental Policy, MFA in Sustainability Office)
34. Hixon Hall
35. Hope College (Admission Office)
36. Jim and Mary Ottaway Gatehouse for International Study (ILE)
37. Kline Commons (Dining Facility, Green Onions Grower)
38. László B. Bitó ’60 Conservatory Building
39. Libraries (Hoffman, Kellogg, Stevenson)
40. Lorenzo Ferrari Soccer and Lacrosse Complex
41. Ludlow (administrative offices, Registrar’s Office, Human Resources, Institute for Writing and Thinking)
42. McCarthy House (Harrah Art Center, Human Rights Project)
43. Milton and Sally Avery Arts Center, Jim Ottaway Film Center (Film and Electronic Arts), Center for Moving Image Arts, Edith C. Blum Institute (Music Program, Bard College Conservatorium of Music)
44. Montgomery Place Campus
45. Coach House
46. Ellipse Pool
47. Farmhouse (private)
48. Farmstand
49. Formal Gardens
50. Greenhouse
51. Mansion
52. Rough Garden
53. Squash Court (Bard Prison Initiative offices and public restrooms)
54. Squash Court (private)
55. Music Practice Rooms
56. New Alumnae House
57. Nursery School (Abigail Lundquist Botstein Nursery School, Bard Community Children’s Center)
58. Old Gym (Safety and Security Office, student activity spaces)
59. parlament of vanity by Olafur Eliasson
60. President’s House
61. Preston Hall (classrooms, offices)
62. Reenick Commons (residence halls, Center for Spiritual Life; Brown, McCausland, Reenick Commons A–L)
63. Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Spohr Theater, LUMA Theater (Theater and Performance Program, Dance Program)
64. Robbins House (residence hall, Student Health and Counseling Services)
65. Sands House (residence hall)
66. Shaffer House (Class of 1946 Arts Program)
67. Shea House (Residence Life)
68. Sheffey Hall (Center for Student Life and Advising)
69. South Hall (classrooms, offices)
70. South Hall (residence hall)
71. Stevenson Athletic Center
72. Stone Row (classrooms, offices, Learning Commons; North Hoffman, South Hoffman, McKivitter, Potter)
73. Tewksbury Hall (residence hall)
74. Tremont Hall (residence hall)
75. Ward Manor (residence hall, Manor House Café, Bard Music Festival Office)
76. Ward Manor Gatehouse (Center for Civic Engagement)
77. Warden’s Hall (faculty and program offices, residence) Fairbairn, Hopson, Sycamore
78. Wilson House (John Cage Trust)
79. Woods Studio (Photography Program)
The Bard College campus is a fusion of three historic Hudson River
properties called an American treasure for its beauty and architectural and
horticultural significance. Janet Montgomery, widow of Revolutionary
War soldier and statesman John Montgomery, purchased 20 acres in 1798
and built a federal-style mansion on the property. She also established
a coach house, farmhouse, and Alpine-style Swiss cottage. Much of the
extension), and Montgomery Place. Blithewood, the site of the Bards’
original home, was gifted to the College in 1951 and now houses the
Civic Engagement
Many student initiated, including teaching science in local schools,
working with local middle and high school students, contributing to the sustainable food movement through the
Bard College Farm, and working with local middle and high school
students, regardless of major, an understanding of the impact of science
and mathematics on everyday life, and the knowledge to become
constructive participants in the debate over such crucial global
problems as climate change and disease control. Students teach in
international schools, participate in environmental conservation projects,
and conduct research on the impact of development on local communities.

Senior Project
Students complete a capstone project that demonstrates their academic
growth and independent research skills. The Senior Project is a
semester-long, independent study that allows students to explore a
research topic in depth. Students work closely with a faculty member
and present their findings in a public presentation or exhibition.

Model UN
Bard students participate in Model UN conferences, where they
represent countries and develop policies to address global issues.
The Model UN program provides a unique opportunity for students
to develop leadership skills, public speaking abilities, and a
deeper understanding of international affairs.

Academic Programs
Bard offers undergraduate programs in the Arts, Sciences, and
Education. The curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking,
creative expression, and a deep understanding of the human experience.

Joint-Degree Programs / Professional Preparation
Bard College offers joint-degree programs with Columbia University,
Dartmouth College, and Duke University, as well as professional
preparation programs in education, public health, and other fields.

Admission
Bard College is committed to conserving Montgomery Place’s historic
character and beauty, and to preserving the College’s unique
environmental and educational programs. The College is dedicated to
providing a world-class education to talented students from all walks of
life, regardless of their financial background.

Welcome to Bard College
"Sustaining Life and Culture in a Changing World"—This is Bard’s
mission statement, and it reflects the College’s commitment to
environmental stewardship, social justice, and global citizenship.
Bard College is proud to be a leader in sustainability and community
engagement, and to provide a transformative education that prepares
students for a lifetime of learning and leadership.

Jill Christensen
President