As an arrival city, postmigrant metropolis, and home to prominent research and activist institutions, Berlin is the perfect place to study the complexities of migration. Faculty with expertise in both European and Middle Eastern studies offer experimental and civically engaged courses that encourage work directly in the city and move beyond traditional knowledge formats to include creative and collaborative products by students. The Migration Perspectives program is committed to practice-based learning and offers students the opportunity to pursue internships in the field of migration, refugee support, and human rights. Students will also benefit from Bard College's Berlin strong civic engagement projects, including a public program of events and workshops, and from learning jointly with its diverse student body, 10 percent of whom are displaced students.

Courses on Migration
Related courses offered in 2018–2019

- Lexicon of Forced Migration: Core course
- Berlin Internship Seminar: Working Cultures, Urban Cultures
- The Middle East in Berlin
- Urban Sounds and Migration
- Global Citizenship
- Legal and Illegal Migration in Germany Since World War II
- Writer/Artists/Activistas! blended class offered w/ Kiron Open Higher Education providing access to refugee students
- Critical Human Rights and Humanitarian Advocacy/ Scholars At Risk
- Social Justice and Urban Spaces
- Imagined Geographies-Redefining Nationhood through Artistic Practice
- Migration, Gender and Nationalism
- Social Change and the German Public Sphere (in German)

Annual Public Conference in May on forced migration, held jointly with local partners including the Centre Marc Bloch at Humboldt University and the Centre for Contemporary History and the Institute for English and American Studies at the University of Potsdam. Roster of public lectures, panels, and media coverage:


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Student Initiatives and Opportunities to Engage

The Civic Engagement Initiative at BCB assists students in finding interesting volunteer positions. From helping in refugee camps or teaching English to event assistance or projects with seniors – there are many options.

Refugee Camp "Wackenbergstraße"
Refugee Organ"ation ‘Wedding Hilft’
Refugee Camp Mühlenstraße
“Refugee Academy”
Das Pestalozzi-Fröbel-Haus
Café Ohne Grenzen at JUP Youth Club
Café der Begegnung
“Serve the City”
Refugee Camp “Elisabeth-Aue”

Regional Refugee Networks
Tandem-Partnerships

Program in International Education and Social Change has awarded 30 full four-year scholarships to Syrian, Iraqi, Afghan, Palestinian, and Greek students unable to study in their home countries. Bard College Berlin is a private institution acting in the public good with an interest in serving the needs of students who face displacement, forced migration, and economic or political insecurity. BCB has been one of the most proactive German higher education institutions providing access to education for this community.


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