Dual-Degree Options
Law, Business, Teaching, and 3+2 Program
Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Overview
The Bard Center for Environmental Policy (Bard CEP) dual-degree programs give students the opportunity to combine innovative MS degrees in environmental policy or climate science and policy with leading programs in environmental law, teaching, and business. Applicants must apply to, and be accepted by, both Bard CEP and the complementary program. Bard CEP also offers the 3+2 program, an accelerated path to an MS degree for undergraduate students.

Dual-Degree Programs
Master of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching (MS/MAT)
The dual degree in environmental policy or climate science and policy and teacher training is for motivated students seeking both advanced knowledge in environmental policy and professional certification in secondary education to teach literature, math, biology, or history in grades 7–12. Students must complete all MAT degree requirements and most Bard CEP degree requirements, including the first year of Bard CEP course work, the Master's Project Proposal, and Master's Project and Seminar. The Bard CEP internship is fulfilled through student-teaching experience in MAT. Faculty from both programs serve as advisers for the thesis. Candidates for the MS/MAT degree may pursue a two-year or three-year option and must apply separately to both programs. GRE scores and transcripts can be shared among departments.

MS/MAT Program sequence
Two-year option:
Year 1: First-year MS course work at Bard CEP
Year 2: MAT classes (full-time, beginning in June), and completion of Bard CEP Master's Project Proposal and Master's Project and Seminar (12 credits)
*Students may complete their project over the summer after their second year

Master of Science and Master of Business Administration in Sustainability (MS/MBA)
The MS/MBA dual degree is for students developing environmentally and socially conscious careers that combine the skills needed in both policy and business. Students complete their first year at Bard CEP before beginning the MBA program. The internship component of the Bard CEP curriculum is fulfilled through the two-semester NYCLab consulting class in the MBA program. During the third and final year, dual MS/MBA students are enrolled in both programs, working on a combined Master's Project and Capstone Project while completing their degree requirements.

MS/MBA Program sequence
Year 1: First-year MS course work at Bard CEP
Year 2: First-year MBA courses, including NYCLab
Year 3: Second-year MBA courses and completion of Bard CEP Master's Project Proposal and Master's Project* and Seminar (12 credits)
*The Bard CEP Master's Project and MBA Capstone Project may be completed as one project

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The opportunity to combine graduate study—master of science in environmental policy and master of arts in teaching—has uniquely prepared me for a career in science education. Bard CEP’s rigorous course work has provided me with a breadth and depth of knowledge and the tools to critically analyze environment problems. These skills enable me to teach not only high school biology in New York City, but also to develop my own environmental courses to share these skills with my students.
Master of Science and Juris Doctor with Pace Law School (MS/JD)

This program, which combines Bard CEP’s innovative graduate curriculum with one of the nation’s top environmental law programs, offers students the opportunity to complete, in an accelerated period, a master of science degree at Bard College and a doctorate in jurisprudence with a certificate in environmental law at Pace Law School.

Students in the MS/JD program must earn a total of 134 credits: 88 credits from Pace Law School and 46 credits from Bard. Ten credits from Bard can be applied to Pace Law School. The Pace–Bard program also requires at least four years in residence, with two-and-a-half years at Pace and one-and-a-half years at Bard. Students must complete an internship that fulfills the degree requirements of both schools; two summer internship/externship experiences in the Pace law program normally satisfy the Bard CEP internship requirement.

MS/JD Program sequence

Year 1: First-year MS course work at Bard CEP
Year 2: Pace Law School first-year course work
          Summer: Pace internship or externship
Year 3: Pace Law School second-year course work
          Summer: Pace internship or externship
Year 4: Completion of classes at Pace and second-year Bard CEP courses, including the Bard CEP Master’s Project Proposal, Master’s Project and Seminar, and Topics in Environmental Policy (14 credits)

3+2 Program for Undergraduates

Bard CEP offers qualified undergraduates an unrivaled opportunity to earn an accelerated MS degree by pursuing their junior year at Bard. Eligible sophomores apply to Bard CEP and spend their junior year completing the first-year course sequence in one of the MS degree programs. Students return to their home institution to complete their undergraduate degree requirements during their senior year, graduate, and then move directly into Bard CEP’s internship requirement. They complete the degree by finishing the normal second-year degree requirements. Students interested in this option should contact Bard CEP admissions early in their undergraduate careers for guidance on how to increase their eligibility and success in this advanced academic program.

3+2 Program for Bard Students

Bard College undergraduates seeking an advanced degree in environmental or climate science and policy apply in their junior year and proceed directly from three years of undergraduate study to one of the two-year MS degree programs. Bard 3+2 graduates receive their BA and MS degrees from Bard College in just five years with the senior project being fulfilled through the Bard CEP Master’s Project. To qualify, Bard students must have earned 96 undergraduate credits, 64 of which must be from the undergraduate college in Annandale (students who have studied abroad will be considered on a case-by-case basis); met all distribution requirements, successfully moderated into a program of study, and met all program requirements (except Senior Project) or else have written approval from the undergraduate adviser and the relevant program directors to substitute requirements with course work completed in the fourth and fifth years of study; and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher. Permission from the dean of studies is also required.

Contact Information for Dual-Degree Partner Schools

Bard Master of Arts in Teaching Program  
www.bard.edu/mat | mat@bard.edu | 845-758-7145

Bard MBA in Sustainability  
www.bard.edu/mba | mba@bard.edu | 845-758-7073

Pace Law School  
www.pace.edu/school-of-law | admissions@law.pace.edu | 914-422-4210

3+2 Program  
www.bard.edu/cep | cep@bard.edu | 845-758-7071

Bard CEP Admission Deadlines

Early Deadline: January 15, 2014
Regular Deadline: March 15, 2014
Final Deadline: May 15, 2014

We hold open houses every fall and spring in Annandale and New York City as well as online information sessions throughout the year. Contact us today to learn more.