



## Graduate and Professional School Advising

### **Advising from the Faculty**

For suggestions or questions about graduate programs, advanced degrees, or the top schools for a particular field, please schedule an appointment with your academic adviser and faculty.

### Health Professions Advising

- **[Lisa Kooperman](#), PreProfessional Health Career Adviser**
- Meet with Lisa once a semester to talk about your goals and learn about recommended coursework, timelines and experiential learning opportunities.
- Join the [PreHealth Advising Google Classroom](#) and the [Bardians in Healthcare Career Network](#)
- Visit the [Health Professions Advising](#) website for more information

### Law & Law School Advising

- **Bard Pre-Law Adviser, [Rachel Cavell](#), Faculty Associate**
- Contact Rachel to be put on the Pre-Law Google Classroom email listserv to receive information about law/legal-related panels, programs, and opportunities.

### General Graduate School Information

- **Bard Career Development (CDO) Support:** CDO staff can talk to students about their career interests and goals. CDO acts as a resource center to direct students to appropriate websites and individuals who can answer questions about graduate schools.
- **Graduate School Assessment: [Graduate Record Exam \(GRE\)](#)**
  - [Free Practice Tests from ETS](#)
  - [Official GRE Mentor Prep Course](#)
  - [GRE Registration](#)
  - [Khan Academy® Instructional Videos: Free Preparation for the GRE Quantitative Reasoning Measure](#)
  - [Math Review: The GRE Quantitative Reasoning Measure](#)
  - [GRE Math Conventions](#)
  - [ETS Issue Essay Topic Pool](#)

### Free Resources from Commercial Test Prep Companies

- [Magoosh Free Practice Test](#)
- [Manhattan Prep: Powered by Kaplan Free Practice Test](#)
- [Free Magoosh GRE Vocabulary Flashcards](#)
- [Princeton Review Free Practice Test](#)
- [Kaplan Free Practice Test](#)
- **Transcripts:** Transcripts may be requested from the [Bard Registrar's Office](#)/845-758-7458
- **Recommendation Letters:** Most graduate programs ask for three or more recommendations. Once you decide which professors to ask, preferably ones in your desired field or a closely related discipline, make an appointment with them or drop by during office hours. **Be prepared to explain why you want to do graduate work and something about your career goals.** - Be sure to provide the faculty member with all appropriate deadlines and forms. Please be mindful of allowing enough lead-time for each professor to meet the deadlines comfortably. **Please give the professors at least 3 weeks to write the recommendation letter.**
- **Personal Statement:** Give yourself time to write drafts of your personal statement to share highlights of who you are and what has inspired you to apply to graduate school in the specific field.



## **General Graduate School Information**

### **Web Links**

The following websites are useful for researching schools, and providing general information about graduate and professional programs:

- [Bard Graduate Programs](#) offer specialized courses of study in the studio and performing arts, the cultural history of the material world, the curating of the contemporary visual arts, environmental policy and education, sustainable business, economic theory and policy, and discipline-based teaching for secondary schools.
- [GradSchools.com](#) offers a database of graduate programs searchable by subject and region, and offers excellent advice on the application process.
- [The Law School Admission Council \(LSAC\)](#), "is a nonprofit corporation whose goal is to provide the highest quality admission-related services for legal education institutions and their applicants throughout the world." LSAC administers the LSAT, hosts free Law Forums annually across the country for students interested in going to law school, and offers many more services. Test dates for the LSAT are posted at this site.
- [MBA.com](#) has resources to compare MBA programs and links to register to GMAT
- [Peterson's](#) offers a comprehensive searchable database of graduate programs.
- [Princeton Review](#) has a Tuition Cost Calculator, an Advanced Grad School Search option, a GRE Discussion Board, and a Grad School Newsletter.
- [Statementofpurpose.com](#) provides sample essays, FAQ's, writing tips and numerous links.
- [U.S. News & World Report](#) provides rankings of graduate programs.

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