

Clarification of the Process for Approving GHEA21 (formerly OSUN) Courses

This proposal aims to establish a procedure for approving GHEA21 (formerly OSUN) courses. Since the advent of OSUN, the approval process for these courses has gone through various iterations, which has led to confusion and discontinuities as members of the various committees at Bard have rotated. Our goal is to establish a regular, transparent and rigorous approval process, to ensure all courses available to our students meet our standards and contribute to our curriculum in intentional ways.

Two committees oversee GHEA21 course selection:

- **GHEA21 Certificate Steering Committees.** The GHEA21 curriculum is developed around the academic certificates (Civic Engagement, Human Rights, Democracy, Global Humanities, Global Studies, Sustainability and Climate Solutions, Technology and Society). Each certificate is led by a steering committee, which includes faculty from partner institutions and at least one faculty member from Bard College in the appropriate fields.
- **GHEA21 FEOC.** The GHEA21 Faculty Exchange and Oversight Committee (FEOC) oversees GHEA21 activities and initiatives to ensure they meet Bard academic and quality standards. Current FEOC members: Jonathan Becker (chair), Swapan Jain, Tom Keenan, Gideon Lester, Michelle Murray, Stephen Tremiane (ex officio), Daniel Calingaert (ex officio).

Proposed Approval Process

1. **Online courses offered by Bard College to the network.** These courses are offered by Bard (or Bard-approved) faculty and are transcribed by Bard.
 - Faculty interested in teaching an online course for the network must apply through the GHEA21 application process, and obtain permission from the relevant program, division, and the Dean of the College to offer an online course.
 - The appropriate GHEA21 certificate steering committee reviews course proposals and selects the appropriate courses to be taught the following semester, pending approval from the Curriculum Committee.
 - All selected courses taught by Annandale faculty go through the regular Annandale course approval process and must be approved by the Program, Division and Curriculum Committee. Distribution area and program credit is determined through the regular course approval process.
2. **Online courses offered by partner institutions.** These courses are offered by partner institutions and are open to Bard students for transfer credit, analogous to courses taken during a study away experience.
 - Courses offered by partner institutions go through the regular course approval process at the home institution. All instructors must submit a proposal through the GHEA21 application process and be selected by the appropriate GHEA21 steering committee. Each steering committee includes at least one Bard faculty member.

- The GHEA21 FEOC reviews all of the selected online courses being offered by partner institutions, identifies concerning overlaps with the Bard curriculum, and discusses any questions about distribution area with the division chairs and program directors.
- The final course list is sent to the Curriculum Committee for final approval.

3. Registration process

- All students who wish to take a GHEA21 course should discuss their plans with their academic advisor who will ensure that taking the course adds to the student's academic experience and allows them to remain on track with their program of study at the College.
- Students must submit a brief petition to the designated faculty/staff member (right now, Michelle Murray) explaining the academic, intellectual, and/or their personal rationale for taking the course and how it fits into their program of study. No student will be approved to take a GHEA21 course without the consent of their advisor.

Appendix 1: GHEA21 Steering Committees

- **Civic Engagement:** Jonathan Becker (Bard, co-lead), Erin Cannan (Bard, co-lead), Gorkem Atsungur (AUCA), Medet Tiulegenov (AUCA), Lina Kassem (Parami), Faiza zu Lynar (BCB), Kseniya Shtalenkova (EHU), Sabina Wien (AUBG), Syed Hashemi (BRAC), Samia Huq (BRAC).
- **Human Rights:** Kerry Bystrom (BCB, lead), Tom Keenan (Bard), Ziad Abu Rish (Bard), Kanykei Kasybekova (AUCA), Danya Jaber (AQB), Denis Skopin (Smolny Beyond Borders), Haroun Rahimi (AUAF), Liudmila Ulyashyna (EHU), Natalie Zahringer (Wits), Juliana Cesario (CEU).
- **Climate Change and Sustainability:** Eban Goodstein (Bard, lead), Begaiym Esenkulova (AUCA), Saad Ameerh (AQB), Dale Mineshima-Lowe (Parami), Israel Waichman (BCB), Maryann Tebben (Simon's Rock), Jennifer Browdy (Simon's Rock), Daniel Adsett (AUBG), Sebastian Groh (BRAC).
- **Global Studies:** Nassim Abi Ghanem (BCB, co-lead), Michelle Murray (Bard, co-lead), Gorkem Atsungur (AUCA), Amneh Badran (AQB), Jacqueline Armijo (AUAF), Siarhei Liubimau (EHU), Sebastián Bitar (UniAndes), Chiahao Hsu (NSYSU), Erzsebet Strausz (CEU), Ilya Levine (AUBG), Natalie Zahringer (Wits).
- **Global Humanities:** Karen Barkey (Bard), Roger Berkowitz (Bard), Christopher Baker (AUCA), Ibrahim Marazka (AQB), Catherine Toal (BCB), Aimee Michel (Simon's Rock), Will Buckingham (Parami), Chris Henderson (AUAF), Maria Laktionkina (EHU), Simeon Simeonov (AUBG), Andrea Lozano (UniAndes), Ana Filipa Prata (UniAndes), Samia Huq (BRAC), Mahruba Mowtushi (BRAC).

Appendix 2: Faculty Exchange and Oversight Committees

- **Al-Quds Bard College:** Tom Keenan (chair; sabbatical), Anne Chen, Kerri Ann Norton, Dina Ramadan, Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins.
- **American University of Afghanistan:** Dan Terris (chair), Jonathan Becker, Lauren Curtis, Elena Kim, Mary Krembs, Maria Sonevsky.
- **American University of Central Asia:** Jonathan Becker (chair), Elena Kim, Sarah Dunphy-Lelii, Robert McGrail, Masha Shpolberg (sabbatical), Olga Voronina (sabbatical).
- **Bard College Berlin:** Kerry Bystrom (chair), Sven Anderson, Jonathan Becker, Roger Berkowitz, Jonathan Rosenberg, Taun Toay, Thomas Wild.
- **Bard High School Early College:** Dumaine Williams (chair), Jonathan Becker, Betsy Clifton, Bill Hinrichs, Brooke Jude, Dinaw Mengestu, John Weinstein, Ruth Zisman (ex officio).
- **Bard Prison Initiative:** Megan Callaghan (chair), Jonathan Becker, Daniel Berthold, Susan Merriam, Melanie Nicholson, Lauren Rose, Elizabeth Todd.
- **Clemente Course in the Humanities:** Marina van Zuylen (chair), Christian Crouch, Susan Merriam, Jonathan Becker.
- **Hubs for Connected Learning Initiatives/Parami University:** Stephen Tremaine (chair); Jonathan Becker, Kerry Bystrom (sabbatical), Frank Corliss, Sanjay DeSilva, Laura Kunreuther (sabbatical), Robert Todd, Stephen Tremaine, Kyaw Moe Tun (ex officio), Phil Enns (ex officio), Rebecca Granato (ex officio).
- **Smolny Beyond Borders:** Olga Voronina (chair; sabbatical Fall 2025), Victor Apryshchenko, Jonathan Becker, Sean McMeekin, Sima Mitchell, Japheth Wood.
- **GHEA21:** Jonathan Becker (chair), Swapan Jain, Tom Keenan, Gideon Lester, Michelle Murray, Stephen Tremaine (ex officio), Daniel Calingaert (ex officio).