

## **Bard College Berlin: New Name**

ECLA of Bard has now become **Bard College Berlin, A Liberal Arts University**. The change of name signals the institutional affiliation to Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. Bard College Berlin is a German university recognized by the Senate of Berlin, with a faculty active in teaching and research and trained at the most renowned universities in Europe and the US.

“The experience of professors and students attests that undergraduate education is most effectively pursued in small group seminar formats, and with a faculty-student ratio that allows close academic advising and guidance of independent work,” observes Thomas Rommel, Provost of Bard College Berlin. “This structure characterizes the best of American liberal arts higher education, and was first developed in Germany as the pedagogical format of the research university. Bard College Berlin seeks to bring this approach back to the German context, combining excellence in teaching with links to innovation in scholarship and intellectual life.”

Bard College Berlin offers an intensive program in intellectual history together with the opportunity to specialize in a specific discipline of the humanities or social sciences. It provides one-year programs for high school and university graduates, as well as an introductory program preparing students for the challenges of university study. All programs are offered wholly in English. Numerous opportunities for study abroad during the bachelor degree, in the United States, Asia and also elsewhere in Europe, make Bard College Berlin particularly attractive for students wishing to add an international dimension to their undergraduate experience.

The President of Bard College at Annandale-on-Hudson, Leon Botstein, remarked on Bard’s alliance with Bard College Berlin: “A successful liberal arts university, attracting students from all over the world, is an immense addition to the cultural and educational landscape of Berlin, not to mention a new departure for cooperation and development between institutions of higher education dedicated to excellence and social engagement around the world.”

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