LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM 2015

August 8-26

Bard College Berlin
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From the Student Handbook (p. 6):

The Language and Thinking Program takes place in the three weeks prior to the beginning of the BA. All Bard College Berlin BA first-year students, Bard College first years attending Bard College Berlin, and Academy Year students are required to attend and pass the Language and Thinking Program in order to register officially as students of Bard College Berlin. The expectations regarding attendance and preparation in the Language and Thinking Program are identical to those during semester time. Attendance is required at all sessions of the program, and assignments must be completed according to the deadlines and specifications set by the instructors. Non-attendance at a session, failure to participate adequately, or failure to complete assignments will be reported to the Dean and may result in a student being asked to leave the program. Students who do not complete the Language and Thinking program are given the opportunity to re-enroll the following year.
Welcome to the Language and Thinking Program at Bard College Berlin! The next three weeks will be filled with exploration, both in the classroom and throughout the city of Berlin. Everyday in class we’ll read, discuss, and write, while throughout the program we’ll get to know Berlin and help you to adjust to life at Bard College Berlin.

In the following pages you’ll find the complete schedule of activities as well as your group assignments. All L&T Sessions are required. In addition, other required activities are in bold. Tours, social activities, and other outings are strongly encouraged!

If you have any questions, the faculty and staff are here to help.
LANGUAGE AND THINKING SCHEDULE

Cafeteria opening hours (unless otherwise specified)
Breakfast 8:00-9:00
Lunch 12:15-14:00
Dinner 18:30-20:00
Brunch (weekend) 10:00-12:00

Activities in Bold typeface are required of all students.
Activities in regular typeface are optional and encouraged.

Saturday, August 8

8:00-20:00 Student Arrivals
Meet the Residential Life team at Waldstraße 15.

10:00-12:00 Brunch (Cafeteria)
18:30-20:00 Dinner (Cafeteria)

Sunday, August 9

10:00-12:00 Brunch (Cafeteria)

15:00-16:00 Photo Session
Your picture will be taken for your student ID. Meet Inasa and Jimena in the Kuckhoffstraße 24 common room.

16:00-17:00 SPOK (fitness center) Orientation (K24)
At 16:00 meet outside of Kuckhoffstraße 24 to walk to the fitness center.
Monday, August 10

**Bring a pen, passport, and proof of health insurance (if not buying German insurance)**

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<td>Welcome Dinner (Cafeteria)</td>
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**Group A**

9:30-10:30 Health Insurance (P24)
10:30-11:30 Registration (Lecture Hall)
11:45-13:00 Residential Life&Safety Orientation (K24)
13:30-14:30 Photos and Transit Passes (meet Jimena at Cafeteria)

**Group B**

9:30-10:30 Registration (Lecture Hall)
10:30-11:30 Health Insurance (P24)
11:45-13:00 Residential Life&Safety Orientation (K24)
13:30-14:30 Photos and Transit Passes (meet Jimena at Cafeteria)

**Group C**

9:45-11:00 Residential Life&Safety Orientation (K24)
11:30-12:30 Registration (Lecture Hall)
14:30 Photos and Transit Passes (meet Osman at Lecture Hall)
15:30 Photos and Transit Passes (meet Bisera at P24)

**Group D**

9:45-11:00 Residential Life&Safety Orientation (K24)
11:30-12:30 Registration (Lecture Hall)
14:30 Photos and Transit Passes (meet Sopo at P24)

**Group E**

9:45-11:00 Residential Life&Safety Orientation (K24)
11:30-12:30 Registration (Lecture Hall)
14:30 Photos and Transit Passes (meet Bisera at P24)
Tuesday, August 11

9:15-10:45  L&T Session
See your group assignment for location.

11:00-12:30  L&T Session

14:00-15:30  L&T Session

Wednesday, August 12

9:15-10:45  L&T Session

11:00-12:30  L&T Session

14:00-15:30  L&T Session

19:30-21:30  Film Screening: *Being John Malkovich* (Jonze 1999)
(Lecture Hall)

Thursday, August 13

9:15-10:45  L&T Session

11:00-12:30  L&T Session

14:00-15:30  L&T Session

Friday, August 14

9:15-10:45  L&T Session

11:00-12:30  L&T Session

14:00-15:30  L&T Session

17:00-18:00  Student Performance

*Garden outside the Cafeteria (weather permitting) or in the Factory*

20:00-23:00  Freiluftkino Night: *Birdman* (Iñárritu 2014)

*Watch a film at one of Berlin’s open-air theaters. Meet outside of Kuckhoffstraße 24 at 20:00 to travel to the Freilichtbühne in the Volkspark Friedrichshain. Tickets provided. Bring money for refreshments if you like.*
Saturday, August 15

14:00-16:00   Tour of the Holocaust Memorial with Irit Dekel
Sign up required. Participants will receive a map via email. Meet at the corner of Hannah-Arendt-Straße and Cora-Berliner-Straße.

14:00-16:00   Tour of the Altes Museum with Geoff Lehman
Sign up required. Participants will receive a map via email. Meet outside the Neues Museum.

Sunday, August 16

13:30-17:00   Trip to the Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer and to the Mauerpark Flohmarkt with Florian Becker
Sign up required. Participants will receive a map via email. Meet at the corner of Bernauer Straße and Brunnenstraße.

16:00-17:00   Tour of the GDR Exhibit at the Kulturbrauerei
Sign up required. Participants will receive a map via email. Meet in front of the Kulturbrauerei, Knaackstraße 97.

Mon, August 17

9:00-19:00   Excursion Day!
Each group will hold some or all L&T sessions somewhere in Berlin, followed by dinner in town. Groups will determine the exact times and locations.

Tues, August 18

9:15-10:45   L&T Session
11:00-12:30  L&T Session
14:00-15:30  L&T Session
19:30-21:00  Film Screening: Blade Runner (Scott 1982)
(Lecture Hall)
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<td><em>Meet in the Cafeteria to pick up packed lunches.</em></td>
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Mon, August 24
9:15-10:45  L&T Session
11:00-12:30 L&T Special Session with Claire Wigfall
14:00-15:30 L&T Session

Tues, August 25
9:15-10:45  L&T Session
Get to know a faculty member who will visit your group.
11:00-12:30 L&T Session
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14:00-15:30 L&T Session

Wed, August 26
9:15-10:45  L&T Session
11:00-13:00 L&T Session
17:00-18:00 Final Group Video Presentation
Meet in the Cafeteria.
Useful contacts

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