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

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

**Cafeteria opening hours** (unless otherwise specified)
Breakfast 08:00-09:00
Lunch 12:30-14:00
Dinner 18:00-19:30
Brunch (weekend) 10:00-14:00

**Saturday, August 9**
(all day) Student Arrival
08:30 Cafeteria opens
13:30 - 16:30 Trip for pictures, cell phones
*Meet Aya in the Cafeteria.*

**Sunday, August 10**
12:00 – 12:30 **Cafeteria Orientation**
*Meet Stefan in the Cafeteria.*
14:00 - 15:00 **Residential Life Orientation**
*Meet Zoltan in the Kuckhoffstrasse 24 common room.*
16:00 - 17:00 SPOK (fitness center) Orientation
*At 15:40 meet outside of Kuckhoffstrasse 24 to walk to the fitness center or meet at the SPOK entrance at 16:00.*
Monday, August 11
09:00 - 09:30  **Safety Orientation**
  *Meet Lars in the Kuckhoffstrasse 24 common room.*
10:00 - 10:45  **Welcome Session**
  *P98a Lecture Hall*
11:00 - 12:30  **L&T Session**
  *See your group assignment for location.*
14:00 - 15:30  **L&T Session**
16:00 - 18:30  **Anmeldung—Registration of Residence**
  *Meet Katharina and Anke in the P98a Lecture Hall.*
18:30 - 21:00  **Welcome Dinner**
  *Cafeteria*

Tuesday, August 12
09:00 - 10:30  **L&T Session**
10:45 - 12:15  **L&T Session**
14:00 - 18:00  **Health Insurance Sessions**
  *P24 Conference Room*
  14:00 Surnames A
  14:15 Surnames B
  14:30 Surnames C-D
  14:45 Surnames E-Fi
  15:00 Surnames Fl-G
  15:15 Surnames H
  15:30 Surnames I-J
  15:45 Surnames K
  16:00 Surnames L
  16:15 Surnames Mak-Mar
  16:30 Surnames Mat-Mos
  16:45 Surnames N-P
  17:00 Surnames R
  17:15 Surnames S-T
  17:30 Surnames V-W
  17:45 Surnames X-Z
14:00 - 16:00  Trip into town for cell phones, photos, etc.  
    *Meet Aya outside of Kuckhoffstrasse 24.*

16:00 - 18:00  Trip into town for cell phones, photos, etc.  
    *Meet Anke outside of Kuckhoffstrasse 24.*

19:30 - 21:30  **Film Screening: Being John Malkovich**  
    P98a Lecture Hall

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**Wednesday, August 13**

09:00 - 10:30  **L&T Session**

10:45 - 12:45  **L&T Session**

14:30 - 15:00  **Health Information Session**  
    *Meet Anke in the P98a Lecture Hall.*

15:00 - 16:30  **Trip into town for Transit Passes**  
    *You will leave the P98a Lecture Hall with your group to go to either Alexanderplatz, Friedrichstrasse, or Potsdamer Platz.*

16:30 - 18:30  **Tours of Berlin**  
    *After you get your transit passes, Matthias, Agata, and David will lead tours.*

19:30  **Dinner in Cafeteria (served later than usual)**

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**Thursday, August 14**

09:00 - 10:30  **L&T Session**

10:45 - 12:15  **Special Session: Susanna Forrest**

14:00 - 15:30  **L&T Session**

16:00 - 18:30  **Trip into town for cell phones, etc.**  
    *Meet Anke in the Kuckhoffstrasse 24 common room.*
Friday, August 15
09:00 - 10:30  L&T Session
10:45 - 12:15  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

Saturday, August 16
14:00 - 15:30  Walking Tour of Prenzlauer Berg
Meet Bill in front of Prater Garten, Kastanienalle 7-9.
(Take the M1 to the Eberswalderstrasse stop. Prater Garten is a few steps from the tram stop.)

Sunday, August 17
13:30 - 17:00  Trip to the Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer and to the Mauerpark Flohmarkt
Meet Aya in the Cafeteria at 13:00.

Monday, August 18
09:00 - 10:30  L&T Session
10:45 - 12:15  L&T Session
14:00 - 15:30  L&T Session
16:00 - 18:00  Visa/Residence Permit Session

Required of all non-EU citizens
Meet Katharina and Anke in the P98a Lecture Hall.
Tuesday, August 19
09:00 - 10:30  L&T Session
10:45 - 12:15  L&T Session
14:00 - 15:30  L&T Session
19:30 - 21:00  Film Screening: *Bladerunner*  
P98a Lecture Hall

Wednesday, August 20
09:00 - 10:30  L&T Session
10:45 - 12:45  L&T Session

Thursday, August 21
09:00 - 10:30  L&T Session
10:45 - 12:15  L&T Session
14:00 - 15:30  L&T Session

Friday, August 22
09:00 - 10:30  L&T Session
10:45 - 17:00  Trip to Hamburger Bahnhof  
*Meet in the Cafeteria to pick up packed lunches.*
17:00 - 18:00  Student Performance  
*Garden outside the Cafeteria (weather permitting) or in the Factory*
Saturday, August 23
10:00 - 18:00 Trip to Liepnitzsee

Meet in the Cafeteria to pick up packed lunches.

Sunday, August 24
No events scheduled

Monday, August 25
09:00 - 10:30 L&T Session
10:45 - 12:15 Special Session: Katy Derbyshire and Felicitas Hoppe
14:00 - 15:30 L&T Session
17:00 - 18:00 Academic Orientation

P98a Lecture Hall. Read the Student Handbook prior to this session.

Tues, August 26
09:00 - 10:30 L&T Session
10:45 - 12:15 L&T Session
14:00 - 15:30 L&T Session

Wed, August 27
09:00 - 10:30 L&T Session
10:45 - 12:45 L&T Session
17:00 - 20:00 Final Performance and Dinner

Meet in the Cafeteria.
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