

Student Handbook

<p>Welcome to Bard!</p> <hr/>	
<p>Student Government Constitution of Bard College</p> <p>Student Government Constitution of Bard College By-Laws of the Student Government Constitution of Bard College</p> <hr/>	<p>Free Speech Policy</p> <p>Speech and expression, for the purposes of this policy, are understood to include speaking and writing, visual and auditory representations, and postings in online forums and social media.</p> <p>The freedom to communicate, speak, inquire, question, and express oneself is a core value of Bard College as an academic and a civic institution. The College’s commitment to this value expresses, most importantly, its belief in the equality and dignity of all those who make up our community. It is a constitutive feature of our life together. It is how we can make intellectual discoveries, challenge intolerance, express our values, protest injustice, come to shared understandings, and demarcate essential differences.</p>
<p>Academic and Campus Life Calendar, 2024–2025</p> <p>2024–2025 Academic and Campus Life Calendar</p> <hr/>	<p>Bard values the ability to address one another as equals, as colleagues and peers, and to treat each other as fellow creators of the space we inhabit together.</p> <p>At Bard we are committed to listening and to respecting the rights of others to address us in turn, even or especially on matters of the most serious disagreement.</p>
<p>Religious Services and Holiday Calendar, 2024–2025</p>	<p>Speech or expressive conduct that employs force or the threat of force is prohibited, as is speech or expressive conduct that constitutes harassment, coercion, incitement to imminent violence, defamation of individuals, invasions of protected rights to privacy or</p>

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confidentiality, the destruction of property or documents, and any threatening or egregiously physical harm.

Such speech or expressive conduct may, in addition to violating this Free Speech Policy, violate another Bard College policy, such as the Gender-Based Misconduct Policy or the Harassment, Discrimination and Stalking Policy.

Further, while protest and dissent may accompany the pursuit of knowledge and community life, deliberate conduct that egregiously interferes with or prevents another's speech or expression (via physical or visual obstruction, for instance) particularly in the regular academic and intellectual pursuits of the College, is prohibited.

Free speech can involve advocating ideas and using expressions that are marginal, unpopular, controversial, untrue, subversive, or offensive. Likewise it can involve challenging and opposing those ideas and expressions. While not necessarily constituting a violation of this or other Bard College policies, speech or expression that is disrespectful, intolerant, bigoted, or hateful is to be condemned. The College and members of the community may voice their rejection of such expressions through private or public condemnation, the organization of forums, and calls for more speech and open debate. However, such condemnation is subject to this and other applicable Bard College policies and should not violate them.

Violations of this Policy

Violations of this policy will be resolved through the disciplinary procedures outlined in the [Discipline or Dismissal of Students](#) and [Student Judiciary Board](#) sections of the Student Handbook and in the [Constitution of the Bard College Student Association](#). Violations of this policy are also subject to the same sanctions as discussed in the Student

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Handbook Sanctions section. Students may file
complaints regarding incidents of this policy, in writing,
with the Chair of the Student Judicial Board or the Dean
of Students.

As stated above, speech or expressive conduct that
violates this policy may also violate other Bard College
policies. Such incidents will be evaluated on a case by
case basis. Should speech or expressive conduct violate
more than one policy, Bard College may choose to
consolidate the alleged violations (regardless of
originating policy) and resolve them using only one
disciplinary process. In that case, Bard College will select
the disciplinary process to be utilized from among the
disciplinary processes outlined in the violated policies; in
certain cases, such as if speech or expressive conduct
violates this policy and also constitutes sexual
harassment as defined in Title IX, a particular disciplinary
process may be required to be used. Possible sanctions,
however, will be governed by the originating policy for the
violation regardless of the disciplinary process chosen.
Alternatively, Bard College may choose to divide the
allegations based on the governing policy and address
each policy's violations separately and pursuant to the
process outlined by that particular policy. In that case, the
student may be subject to different disciplinary processes
simultaneously.

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Bard has a long

history of

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