

COURSE SEQUENCE AND SELECTION GUIDE

ARTS DEPARTMENT

BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE QUEENS

The Arts Department offers students a range of courses in Music, Theater and Visual Arts.

WHY TAKE COURSES IN THE ARTS?

Artists create and perform in order to examine, understand, interpret and celebrate the world around them. Studying the arts gives students the opportunity to explore hands-on, the worlds of imagination, creation and expression. With the integration of history and analysis, students are exposed to diverse cultures and experiences. Involvement in the arts has proven to enhance performance in all subjects.

NY STATE REGENTS DIPLOMA AND BARD A.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Two credits in the arts are required for the Regents Diploma. In general, completing three semesters of music, theater and/or visual arts will satisfy the requirement. In addition, students are required to take three arts credits in the college program.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Music	Theater	Visual Arts
Concert Choir Jazz Ensemble Chamber Orchestra Music Fundamentals Piano Workshop Music Composition	Theater I Scene Study I Scene Study II	Visual Arts I Visual Arts II

➤ Students may also earn Art credits by taking Creative Writing in the Literature Department.

COLLEGE PROGRAM – MUSIC

Performing Ensembles	General Courses
Concert Choir Jazz Ensemble* Chamber Orchestra*	Music Composition Great Operas** Music History** Music Appreciation**

*Audition and approval of instructor required.

**Can also satisfy the Humanities requirement for the A.A. instead.

Students interested in studying music further or pursuing a career in music should consider the following:

1. Taking as many music courses as possible during their time at BHSEC. All music courses offered at BHSEC are valuable. The variety of courses offered help provide students with a broad overview, while developing specific skills.
2. Participation in NYSSMA (New York Schools of Music Association). NYSSMA holds an annual festival in which students perform for adjudicators and receive a rating with written feedback based on their performance.

3. Private Instruction. Students interested in a music career are strongly encouraged to study an instrument outside of school.
4. Participation in summer programs and festivals.

COLLEGE PROGRAM - THEATER

Theater Performance	Theater Making	Theater History/Literature
Theater Practicum Method Acting* Mask and Mime*	Playwriting * Directing*	Greek Drama** Introduction to Film** Kurosawa: From Fiction to Film** Japanese Theater** Great Operas***

*Prerequisites or permission of instructor required.

**Meets the Humanities requirement for the A.A. degree.

***Meets either the Humanities or Arts requirement.

Students interested in studying theater further or pursuing a career in theater should consider the following:

1. Taking all courses from the Theater Performance category, at least one course from the Theater Making category, and at least one from the Theater History/Literature category. Concert Choir is also recommended.
2. Participate in at least two semesters of extracurricular activities such as stage crew, production staff (lighting, sound, stage management) and/or performing in the Spring One Act Play Festival.

COLLEGE PROGRAM – VISUAL ARTS

Fine Arts	Arts and Culture/Design Courses from other departments that are also recommended
International Arts & Crafts* Intro to Design* Printmaking	Latin American Literature** Ars Poetica** Internet & Society** Documentary Film** Intro to Computing*** Object-Oriented Programming***

*Prerequisite of two High School classes in the visual arts program.

** Meets the Humanities requirement for the A.A. degree.

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Students interested in studying visual arts further or pursuing a career in visual arts should consider the following:

1. Taking as many arts classes as possible. The elective courses listed are recommended for those interested in design, art history, culture or issues that can be advocated through the arts.
2. The school offers a Mural Clubs, Arts & Crafts Club and the opportunity for you to create your own club! Participating in free art programs offered by NYC museums is highly recommended as an extracurricular activity. Some suggested programs include the MoMA, Nogucci, Art & Design Museum, and The Metropolitan Museum.

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