

**I am a student at Bard College at Simon's Rock.  
What does this announcement mean for me?  
Some Questions You May Have  
November 19, 2024**

**I heard the announcement, but can you say more about what's happening?**

The calendar for academic year 2024-2025 at Bard College at Simon's Rock will continue to proceed as planned. There are a few weeks left in the fall semester, and the spring semester will begin in January and end in May on the campus of Bard College at Simon's Rock. The course guide, courses, and locations that you have received in the current course guide are in effect for next semester. All school operations at Bard College at Simon's Rock will continue through spring semester 2025.

Over the summer of 2025, Bard College at Simon's Rock will move to a new campus which is a 4-minute drive from the main campus of Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson (Bard Annandale). Residential students will have housing, and all students will have regular shuttle access throughout the day to classes and resources on both campuses and in the surrounding area. As a Simon's Rock student, you have automatic eligibility to enroll for a bachelor's degree at Bard Annandale.

Note: Throughout this information, you will see that you have options for next school year (the new campus or another university), and we are to help you consider your options so that you can take the steps you need to continue your education.

**Where is Bard Annandale? Where is the new campus?**

Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson (town) is located in upstate New York in Annandale-on-Hudson between the town of Red Hook and the city of Kingston, New York. Annandale-on-Hudson is approximately 2+ hours north of New York City with easy access to the city by train. The new Massena campus in Barrytown, New York, is a four-minute drive from the main campus and has dedicated classrooms, offices, residential facilities, dining facilities, and other amenities and resources.

**What happens to me in spring 2025?**

Definitely register for classes tomorrow and after break and continue to earn credits towards your degree here on the campus of Bard College at Simon's Rock.

**What happens to me after summer 2025?**

We honor your choice and commitment to enroll at Bard College at Simon's Rock, so you will be able to continue your course of study on the new campus. Among your options, you may also decide to transfer to another university. Whatever you decide, we're here to help you.

## How do I ensure that I can continue my studies through Bard?

Please connect with the Dean of Studies Office to support your continued studies through Simon's Rock or at another institution.

There are many ways that you can connect with the Dean of Studies Office.

- Come to one or more of our meetings. Topics include
  - Steps to continue my program through Bard
  - Steps to continue my studies at another university
  - Steps to continue my studies as an international student
  - Steps to start thesis through Bard
  - *Let us know any other topics you'd like us to discuss.* Email us at [deanofstudies@simons-rock.edu](mailto:deanofstudies@simons-rock.edu).
- Meet with us individually during our office hours or by appointment.
- Fill out this form now and/or in the future so we can help you with your educational plans.  
[QR code: Form]
- Any combination of the above or all of the above.

### Upcoming meetings

Steps to continue my studies through Bard: Days and Times

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 11:00-11:30 am

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 3:00-3:30 pm

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 1:00-1:30 pm

Steps to continue my studies at another university: Days and Times

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 3:00-3:30 pm

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 11:00-11:30 am

Friday, December 6, 2024 at 1:00-1:30 pm

Look out for additional meeting announcements.

**Deans of Studies Office Hours** (This document has clickable links - use the QR code to access if you're holding a paper version.)

Kristy McMorris (Academic Affairs)

[Mondays 1:30-3:00 pm](#)

Kate Glavin (Win Commons, Library)

[Mondays 10:00-12:00 pm](#)

Ken Knox (Win Commons, Library)

[Tuesday 9:00-10:00 am & Thursday  
2:00-3:00 pm](#)

Connect with us during those times or by appointment via email at [deanofstudies@simons-rock.edu](mailto:deanofstudies@simons-rock.edu).

### **But wait, I'm planning to transfer this year (or I'm thinking about transferring). What now?**

You still can. You have time now and throughout the Spring semester to create and carry out a transfer plan as most deadlines are ahead of us. Please come to one of our "Steps to continue my studies at another university" meetings. We can work with you as you connect with other schools.

### **How do I get my transcript?**

You can get official transcripts through Parchment which is reachable through a search of the website or even google. (Google search: Simon's Rock transcript). You can get an unofficial transcript through Banner Self Service.

Please note that normal processing times for ordering and sending a transcript is at least 2-3 business days, not including weekends.

### **Course registration starts tomorrow. I already have my courses picked out for next semester. What do I do?**

Definitely register for Spring courses. Complete the priority registration form and turn it in to your advisor today or tomorrow. Complete the regular registration form either before or after break. Know that the Spring semester and future semesters are in place for you to continue making academic progress towards your degrees.

## **Possible concerns you may have about the announcement**

### **Can I complete my degree through Bard?**

Absolutely. There are clear pathways in place to complete your undergraduate studies through Bard. We will work together so that your degree plan is tailored to your interests and needs.

### **Do I have to start over as a college student?**

Absolutely not. A primary academic pathway available to all Simon's Rock students will be through Bard. Each of you has a place there in Fall 2025.

### **Can I still earn my Associate's degree?**

Yes, you will be able to.

### **But I'm a sophomore. I was planning to moderate next semester. What do I do now?**

Don't change your moderation plans. You'll be able to work with your faculty here and with faculty at Annandale to ensure a seamless academic transition to the new campus, and the Dean of Studies Office will help you with connecting with faculty here and at Bard Annandale.

### **But I'm a senior. Will my degree still count?**

Yes! As an accredited school, the work that you have completed at Simon's Rock will always be recognized through your transcript and academic record.

### **But I'm planning to start thesis next year. Am I going to be able to start thesis next year?**

Yes! We will work with you to transition your thesis plans to complete the degree program that you have moderated into, and the Dean of Studies Office will help you with connecting with faculty here and at Bard Annandale.

### **But I'm a first-year student. I just got here. What am I supposed to do?**

While we can't tell you what you're *supposed* to do, you have an undergraduate home through Bard, and we hope that you'll continue your studies through Bard.

### **What if I'm a day student?**

We understand that moving to a new campus will impact you and your families in particular ways, and we expect that you and your family will find the best option for your continued education. Whatever you decide, we're here to support you with your next steps for continuing your education on the new campus or at another university in Massachusetts or elsewhere.

**Does it look bad on me if my school changes its address?**

Absolutely not! As a Simon's Rock student, you go to an accredited school, and thus, it is recognized nationally and internationally. If you continue your studies through Bard, you will continue to go to an accredited school.

**But will other schools accept me when the school is no longer at this address?**

Yes. You have options, and our job is to help you.

Whatever you decide for your studies, we're here to support you with your next steps. Let's connect.