

BARD CEP 3+2 REQUIREMENTS

BARD STUDENTS EARN BA+MS IN 5 YEARS

ABOUT THE BARD CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY 3+2 PROGRAM

The Bard Center for Environmental Policy (CEP) offers masters of science degrees in environmental policy or climate science and policy. Qualified Bard undergraduates have the opportunity to combine their bachelor degree studies with the CEP graduate curriculum to earn both a BA and MS degree in five years—only one additional year of school.

Bard CEP's graduate programs combine an intensive course of study with practical training in preparation for environmental careers in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector. The programs' emphasis on methods of critical inquiry and practical knowledge of the legal, political, socioeconomic, cultural, and ethical forces that influence environmental policy complement the Bard undergraduate focus on engaged learning and civic participation.

Successful 3+2 students matriculate into CEP from all undergraduate majors and are encouraged to begin learning more about the planning and application process as early as possible. Contact CEP today to learn more at cep@bard.edu.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BARD CEP 3+2 STUDENTS

Bard undergraduates who pursue the 3+2 option gain unique advantages that advance their career opportunities:

- Earn BA + MS for nearly the same price as Bard BA degree
- Gain advanced professional experience through extended 4-6 month internship as required by CEP
- Extend professional network to increase career placement opportunities
- Higher earning potential compared to peers with bachelor's degree

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Interested Bard undergraduates should plan to apply to CEP their their junior year. By the end of their third year at Bard, students must complete the following requirements:

- Earned 96 undergraduate credits (64 of which must be in-residence on Bard College's main campus)
- Met all College distribution requirements
- Successfully moderated into a program of study
- Met all undergraduate program requirements
- Earned a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.3 or higher
- Completed all CEP prerequisites:
 - 2 science courses, statistics, algebra
- Received approval from their undergraduate program advisor *and* Dean of Studies

Having a master's degree at 23 years old was very helpful in finding a job immediately after graduation. The interdisciplinary background provided by both Bard College and the Center for Environmental Policy has been critical in my career success. —Natalie Narotzky, BA/MS '12

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR 3+2 STUDENTS

Prior to applying, interested undergraduates should schedule meetings with the following campus personnel to assess candidacy for 3+2 program:

- Undergraduate program advisor
- CEP Admissions Office
- Dean of Studies

To apply, students must:

- Complete CEP's online application
- Meet all previously listed requirements
- Submit a personal statement, writing sample, official Bard transcript, and a resume
- Request three letters of recommendation (two from academic references and one professional from a job or internship)
- Submit approval form to Dean of Studies Office
- Submit a FAFSA if requesting financial aid
- Complete an Admissions Interview with Bard CEP Graduate Admissions Committee