

FAQs for moderating into the EUS program

What classes do I need to have taken to moderate into the EUS program?

For students moderating in **Spring 2017**, moderation requirements include EUS 101, EUS 102, and any one of the following three 200-level EUS cross-listed courses: a 200-level social studies division course (HIST, SOC, ANTH, etc.), a 200-level economics course (which requires ECON 100), OR a 200-level science division course in BIO, CHEM, PHYS, or EUS (science courses likely require specific 100-level prerequisites). In summary, EUS moderation requires three total courses, plus prerequisites.

What semester is it typical to moderate?

Moderation is completed in the spring of the sophomore year. Permission must be granted by the program to delay moderation to the fall of junior year. Transfer students typically moderate during their first or second semester of study at Bard—when they complete the regular EUS moderation requirements.

What papers are required?

Three papers are required for EUS students. The college requires two papers—Academic Past and Academic Future. The EUS program requires 1) the integration of your focus area discussion into the Academic Future paper and 2) the writing sample.

What is the purpose of the Focus Area discussion?

The ‘focus area discussion’ is the most important part of your EUS moderation. It details your vision and justification for your EUS focus area. There are eight suggested focus areas and the option to design your own. Read more about each focus area and related courses here: eus.bard.edu/FocusAreas. Integrate this discussion into your Academic Future paper.

What should the Focus Area discussion include?

The focus area discussion will include your list of completed and anticipated courses through graduation, especially those you anticipate serving as your focus area courses (a 200-level-or-higher course, two 300-level courses, and an empirical studies—or methods—course). Explain how these courses address a central question/problem. The focus area discussion will include a few sentences on potential Senior Projects related to your focus area, methods you might use to do the work, and potential internships/careers. Complete the EUS Requirements Checklist (found here: <http://eus.bard.edu/requirements/>) to plan your focus area courses. The Focus Area discussion should add 1-2 single-spaced pages to your Academic Future Paper.

What should the writing sample consist of?

The writing sample should be a superb 5-10 page research paper, revised from a previous assignment or written new, preferably related to your EUS focus area.

When are the papers due?

The due date for the Academic Past and Future papers is **Friday, March 17th**. Physical copies of your Academic Past and Future papers *and* your writing sample—are due at least 7 days before your board meeting. Deliver hard copies to the offices of all three board members.

Where do I bring the moderation papers?

A copy of the academic past/future papers must be turned in at the Registrar's Office (2nd Floor Ludlow). It would be wise to turn these in early to avoid the rush. Physical copies of all three papers (academic past/future, focus area, writing sample) must be dropped off at the offices of all three board members, at least 7 days before your board meeting.

How do I select a moderation board and who has to be on the moderation board?

Moderation boards are selected by students and their advisors. They must consist of three board members: your academic adviser (a member of the core EUS faculty), a second EUS faculty member, and one other faculty member from any department. One of these board members should be familiar with your intended focus area. You should discuss the composition of the board with your academic adviser. Politely ask faculty if they would serve on your moderation board by **March 17th, 2017**.

When and where do moderation boards take place?

Unlike most programs, EUS has not set aside specific dates and locations for moderations. This is because we are an interdisciplinary program spread across several disciplines and locations. However, it is customary to convene moderation board meetings during the week prior to completion days. This semester that means **May 8 to May 12, 2017**. It is up to you to 1) identify and assemble your board and 2) find a time when all of you can meet. Emails are messy and inefficient in this regard, so use the doodle scheduling tool (doodle.com) to find a time for you all to meet. Once you've identified a time when everyone can meet, confirm that time with everyone so they can get it on their calendar. Ask your main adviser if the meeting can happen in their office.

What can I expect during the board meeting?

The board meeting will include a discussion of your focus area courses and justifications, your writing sample, and a group advising session discussing past academic experiences, and goals for your time in the upper college. This includes discussion of possible electives, scheduling of courses, discussion of future summer and intersession opportunities (such as internships), and discussion of potential senior project paths.

What should I bring to the board meeting?

Please bring a completed EUS Requirements Checklist (which can be downloaded from: <http://eus.bard.edu/requirements/>). Fill this out with completed and anticipated courses to help you and your board members understand your progress and prospects toward graduation in EUS. You should also bring a copy of your writing sample, academic past paper, and academic future paper (which will include your focus area discussion). You should come prepared to discuss your three papers and come with questions about future courses, research opportunities, internships, senior project, etc.

What should I do after the board meeting?

If your board approves your moderation into EUS bring an updated EUS Requirements Checklist to EUS Executive Administrator Tom O'Dowd within 7 days.