

# **COURSE SEQUENCE AND SELECTION GUIDE**

## **DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURES**

### **BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE QUEENS**

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The Department of Literatures offers students at BHSEC a wide range of courses in the fields of English, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, Media Studies, and Cultural Studies.

#### **WHY TAKE LITERATURE COURSES?**

Literary study involves appreciation of aesthetics, exploration of historical contexts and cultural perspectives, and investigation into theories of narrative, poetics, and rhetoric. It is among the most elastic of disciplines, reaching into many adjacent areas of thought, while also offering tightly focused methods of inquiry and analysis. Students of literature are constantly challenged to grow as writers, as critical thinkers, and as thoughtful participants in a culture increasingly organized around the production and exchange of information in the form of texts – capacities that will be highly useful in later study, in a wide range of careers, and in civic life.

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

Two core courses are required in the high school program. In the college program, all students take a sequence of four required interdisciplinary seminars and at least four semesters of Humanities courses selected from a wide range of elective offerings in literatures and social studies, and history of art, film, or music.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

- Literature of the Americas in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- World Literature in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

*After completing these courses students must pass the corresponding Regents Examination.*

#### **COLLEGE PROGRAM**

- Year I Seminar
- Year II Seminar
- Four semesters of Humanities and/or Social Studies elective courses

#### **COLLEGE ELECTIVE COURSES**

The Department of Literatures encourages broad reading across genres, geographical regions, and historical periods. We offer a range of courses in the Western canon, in non-canonical or experimental movements and genres, and in non-Western traditions. We also offer several options in Film and Media studies, and we recommend at least one Creative Writing course for students considering a major in literary studies. The following courses satisfy the Humanities requirement:

African Literature*	Central Asian film and literature
Arabic Literature*	Asian American film and literature
Childhood in Literature	Japanese Literature*
The Thousand and One Nights	Modern Japanese Fiction*
Introduction to Film**	Japanese Theater*
Introduction to Cultural Studies	Kurosawa: From Fiction to Film**
Poetry & Revolution	Russian Literature*

Classes above marked with an asterisk (\*) may be used to meet the Language and Culture requirement. Classes marked with two asterisks (\*\*) may be used to meet the Arts requirement.