

**I am a student at Bard Academy 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 Academy 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 Academy at Simon's Rock.

Over the summer of 2025, Bard Academy 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 earn your diploma and associate's degree on the new campus and to earn 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 school), 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 after break and take those classes here at Simon's Rock next semester.

What happens to me after summer 2025?

We honor your choice and commitment to enroll at Bard Academy at Simon's Rock, so you will be able to continue your course of study on the new campus, whether that's as a first-year college student or as a 10th grader. Among your options, you may also decide to transfer to another school. Whatever you decide, we're here to help you.

How do I ensure that I can continue my studies with Simon's Rock?

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

- Go to advisory each week to learn more and feel free to join one of the school's transition meetings. Topics include
 - Steps to continue my program as an Academy or College student
 - Steps to continue my studies at another school or university
 - Steps to continue my studies as an international student
 - *Let your advisor know any if there are any other topics you'd like us to discuss.*
- Meet with your advisor and think together about your plans.

But wait, I was planning to transfer at some point. What do I do now?

You can still move forward with your plans. Talk with a Dean if you have questions.

Dean of Studies Kristy McMorris	Academic Affairs
Associate Dean of Studies Kate Glavin	Win Commons
Associate Dean of Studies Ken Knox	Win Commons

You can reach all of the deans at deanofstudies@simons-rock.edu.

My family and I are looking at different options, but they require a transcript. How do I get a 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.

We're going to register for courses soon. What do I do?

Definitely register for spring courses after you return from break. Know that the spring semester and future semesters are in place for you to continue moving forward in your education.

Possible concerns you may have about the announcement

I feel worried about this change.

Please talk with your advisor. Talk with a Dean. Talk with your family. Talk to a Community Director. Connect with people so we can think through what you're feeling together. Whether your concerns have an immediate answer or not, don't sit with your worries alone. Let's think together about your options and what would be the best option for you.

Can I still earn my diploma?

Absolutely. There are clear pathways in place to earn your diploma on the new campus. The Academy catalog states that matriculated students earn their diploma after completing College Writing and Thinking in August following their matriculation. If you have questions about receiving your diploma, speak with a Dean.

Can I earn my Associate's degree?

Yes, you will be able to.

Could I earn my Bachelor's degree through Bard?

Yes, absolutely.

Do I have to repeat 9th grade or 10th grade?

Absolutely not. Every bit of the coursework that you've completed counts, and each of you has a place on the new campus to continue from where you are in Fall 2025.

But I'm a 10th grader. Will I be able to matriculate on time?

Absolutely. You will complete the steps to matriculation in the spring semester here at Simon's Rock, and as a matriculated student, you have the option to begin college on the new Massena campus.

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 secondary 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.