BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON’S ROCK

THE EARLY COLLEGE MISSION

Bard College at Simon’s Rock offers bright, motivated adolescents a learning environment unlike any other—anywhere.

We are the only four-year college designed exclusively for talented students ready to begin their higher education early. We provide a rigorous, exciting education in a community of peers: students the same age who share an intense appetite for learning. Students learn under the guidance of dedicated faculty passionate about their own scholarship and that of their students. Whether drawn to the sciences, the arts or the humanities, our students approach life and learning with creativity, boldness and optimism. Students earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree after two years of study and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree after four. We emphasize critical inquiry, rigorous analysis, the development of original ideas and the cultivation of outstanding written, verbal and creative expression. The achievements of our alumni demonstrate that our program prepares students for success in a variety of professions.

SIMON’S ROCK AT A GLANCE

FOUNDED
1966

JOINED THE BARD COLLEGE SYSTEM
1979

LOCATION
Great Barrington, Massachusetts
- Named the number-one small town in America by Smithsonian Magazine
- One hour from Bard College at Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

SIZE OF CAMPUS
46 buildings on 275 acres

DEGREES OFFERED
Associate of Arts
Bachelor of Arts

ACCREDITATION
New England Association of Schools and Colleges

NUMBER OF MAJORS
41

MOST COMMON MAJORS
Biology, Creative Writing, Cross-Cultural Relations, Literary Studies, Music, Photography, Pre-Engineering, Psychology, Politics, Theater Performance

NUMBER OF STUDENTS
400

NUMBER OF US STATES REPRESENTED
45

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN US) REPRESENTED
27

PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME FACULTY HOLDING HIGHEST DEGREE IN THEIR FIELD
95

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
8:1

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
11

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID
85

NUMBER OF OTHER COLLEGES THAT DO WHAT WE DO
0
THE COMMUNITY
SAFE, SUPPORTIVE AND DIVERSE

Bard College at Simon’s Rock is dedicated to helping students find personal and academic success. While most students enjoy a greater degree of independence here than they would at home, they are surrounded by adults who know them as individuals, provide age-appropriate support and guidance and are invested in their personal growth. Professional Residence Directors live in and supervise the residence halls and are available to students through a 24-hour on-call schedule, along with Health Services, Security and senior leaders of the college. Each student is paired with an Academic Advisor with whom he/she meets weekly to discuss everything from coursework to campus life — and tutoring services are also available. In addition, parents are considered an essential part of each student’s support network and are contacted by appropriate college personnel as needed.

STUDENT BODY

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THE OPPORTUNITIES
SUPERIOR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

At Simon’s Rock, students learn from faculty and peers in an atmosphere of intense discussion and debate. In the most recent National Survey of Student Engagement, Simon’s Rock placed in the top 10% of all colleges and universities for level of academic challenge, student-faculty interaction and enriching educational experience. In 2014, The Princeton Review Best 377 Colleges ranked Simon’s Rock higher for academics than Princeton, Harvard and Yale.

We offer students the freedom to challenge themselves, go beyond standard offerings and design an education that meets or exceeds their highest ambitions. Simon’s Rock provides students with a rich and rewarding experience while they’re here and a host of opportunities to expand their education beyond the campus.

SIMON’S ROCK/COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING PROGRAM

The Simon’s Rock/Columbia University Engineering Program allows students to study for three years at Simon’s Rock and two years in the Engineering School at Columbia University in New York City. At the end, students receive a BA from Simon’s Rock and a BS from Columbia’s School of Engineering and Applied Science. Simon’s Rock offers a similar arrangement with the engineering school at Dartmouth College.
STUDY AWAY
While students study off campus through many programs, Simon’s Rock has developed articulated agreements with a number of institutions, including:

- Simon’s Rock Scholars at Lincoln College, Oxford University
- Simon’s Rock Scholars at St Catherine’s College, Oxford University
- Chinese Language Study at Qingdao University, Qingdao, China
- London Dramatic Academy, England
- University of Manchester – Centre for New Writing, Manchester, England
- Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, New York City
- International Center of Photography, New York City
- The Center for Cross-Cultural Study, Spain, Argentina, or Puerto Rico
- East Carolina University – Italy Intensives, Certaldo Alto, Italy
- National Theater Institute at the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center, Waterford, CT

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- SUNY Upstate Medical Center summer REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates)
- Medical Robotics Technology Symposium (three-day career workshop in medical technology)
- Students in the natural and social sciences have opportunities to conduct research in partnership with faculty scholars in their discipline; several students each year present and/or publish with faculty

INTENSIVE SENIOR THESIS

The thesis is a year-long, self-designed scholarly project that represents the culmination of a student’s work at Simon’s Rock. It is required of every student, not only those seeking to graduate with honors.

THE OUTCOMES

PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS
Young people who are excited by the prospect of leaving home to start college at 16 (or younger) are already on the road to initiative, independence and accomplishment. Simon’s Rock meets them at their intellectual level, and challenges them to aim even higher. Simon’s Rock alumni are innovators and game changers. They make their mark in finance, the arts, literature, politics, academia and science — often while still in their 20s. Our alumni are Fulbright Fellows, Teach for America corps members and Rhodes Scholars. They are activists, educators, performers, entrepreneurs, authors and diplomats, as well as engineers, doctors, lawyers and bankers. Early college has given them a head start on finding and pursuing their passions.

GRADUATION RATES

- More than 80% of our students earn their BA within four to six years, compared to 59% nationally
- Approximately 50% of AA graduates continue on to complete their BA at Simon’s Rock, while the balance transfer to nationally ranked US colleges or universities

TOP 20 TRANSFER SCHOOLS OF RECENT AA GRADUATES

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TOP 20 MAJORS OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biology
- Communications/Media/Journalism
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- English Literature
- Environmental Studies
- Global and International Studies
- History
- Mathematics
- Performing Arts
- Philosophy
- Political Studies
- Pre-Medical studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Studio Arts
- World Languages

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Simon’s Rock ranks 13th among all US colleges/universities in percentage of alumni who complete their PhD
- In a survey of recent Simon’s Rock graduates, 78% continue on to graduate study

Simon’s Rock alumni recently went on to earn advanced degrees at the following top-ranked graduate schools:

- Boston University
- Columbia University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- London School of Economics
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- The New School
- New York University
- Oxford University
- Queen’s University
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Iowa
- University of Michigan
- University of San Francisco
- University of Texas-Austin
- University of Toronto
- University of Washington
- Washington University
- Yale University

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Forbes* magazine included four Simon’s Rock alumni in each of its first two annual “30 Under 30” lists of the most creative minds in 15 fields; *Forbes* describes its picks as young people who “represent the entrepreneurial, creative and intellectual best of their generation” and “aren’t waiting to reinvent the world”
- Seven Fulbright Fellows since 2010
- One Rhodes Scholar

ALUMNI TOP FIELDS OF PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Arts and Entertainment
- Computing/IT/Engineering
- Education
- Environment
- Finance/Business/Banking
- Government/Nonprofit/Social Services
- Health Services
- Law
- Publishing

NOTABLE SIMON’S ROCK ALUMNI

- Doug Ahlers, builder of first commercial website; director of Broadmoor Project at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government
- Henry Alford, author; *New York Times* columnist
- Loren AliKhan, attorney; Deputy Solicitor General of Washington, DC; one of *Forbes*’s “30 Under 30”
- Joel and Ethan Coen, Oscar Award-winning filmmakers
- Jennifer Fan, founder of Arabalet Capital LLC Hedge Fund; one of *Forbes*’s “30 under 30”
- Ronan Farrow, former US State Department official; Rhodes Scholar; star of MSNBC’s Ronan Farrow Daily
- Nita Ing, chair of Continental Holdings Corporation and Continental Engineering Co. Ltd.; director of Taiwan Synthetic Rubber Corporation; one of five founding shareholders in Taiwan High Speed Rail BOT; advisor to former Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian
- Mark Leiter, Chief Strategy Officer at Nielsen Company; founding chair of Demand Institute
- Jessica Mah, founder and CEO of inDinero.com; one of *Forbes*’s “30 Under 30”
- Raj Mukherji, deputy mayor of Jersey City, NJ; internet and public affairs entrepreneur
- Dean Olsher, journalist for NPR
- Eli Pariser, former MoveOn.org executive director; CEO of Upworthy

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