



## Graduate and Professional School Advising

### Advising from the Faculty

- For suggestions or questions about graduate programs, advanced degrees, or the top schools for a particular field, please schedule an appointment with your academic adviser and faculty.

### Health Professions Advising

#### Pre-med & health pathways:

- Health Professions Adviser, Lisa Kooperman [lkooperman@bard.edu](mailto:lkooperman@bard.edu)
- Meet with the Health Professions adviser once a semester to talk about your goals and learn about recommended coursework, timelines, and experiential learning opportunities.
- Attend the Pre-Med & Health Overview each semester led by CDO.
- Contact Professor Frank Scalzo or Lisa Kooperman if you wish to be included on the Bard Health & Science Advising email listserv to learn about health and science-related programming and research, internship, and full-time opportunities.

### Law & Law School Advising

#### Pre-Law:

- Bard Pre-Law Adviser, Rachel Cavell, Faculty Associate, [rcavell@bard.edu](mailto:rcavell@bard.edu)**
- Contact Rachel to be put on the Pre-Law Google Classroom email listserv to receive information about law/legal-related panels, programs, and opportunities.
- Peter Rosenblum, Professor of International Law and Human Rights, [prosenbl@bard.edu](mailto:prosenbl@bard.edu)
- Roger Berkowitz, Associate Professor of Political Studies and Human Rights and Pre-law Adviser, [berkowitz@bard.edu](mailto:berkowitz@bard.edu)

### General Graduate School Information

- Bard Career Development (CDO) Support:** CDO staff can talk to students about their career interests and goals. CDO acts as a resource center to direct students to appropriate websites and individuals who can answer questions.
- Graduate School Assessment:** At times, Kaplan sponsors free practice tests and information sessions on preparing for tests and applying to schools. [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)  
Kaplan also offers paid prep programs.
- Transcripts:** Transcripts may be requested from the Bard Registrar's Office. Please telephone them for more information at 845-758-7458 or visit: <http://www.bard.edu/registrar/transcripts/>
- Recommendation Letters:** Most graduate programs ask for three or more recommendations. Once you decide which professors to ask, preferably ones in your desired field or a closely related discipline, make an appointment with them or drop by during office hours. **Be prepared to explain why you want to do graduate work and something about your career goals.** - Be sure to provide the faculty member with all appropriate deadlines and forms. Please be mindful of allowing enough lead time for each professor to meet the deadlines comfortably. **Please give the professors at least 3 weeks to write the recommendation letter.**
- Personal Statement:** Give yourself time to write drafts of your personal statement to share highlights of who you are and what has inspired you to apply to graduate school in the specific field. Purdue OWL has a great resource to get you started:  
[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job\\_search\\_writing/preparing\\_an\\_application/writing\\_the\\_personal\\_statement/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/preparing_an_application/writing_the_personal_statement/index.html)

# **General Graduate School Information**

## **Web Links**

The following websites are useful for researching schools, and providing general information about graduate and professional programs:

GradSchools.org offers a database of graduate programs searchable by subject and region and offers excellent advice on the application process. [www.GradSchools.com](http://www.GradSchools.com)

Search graduate schools and find out information about tuition cost calculators and graduate school newsletters. [www.PrincetonReview.com](http://www.PrincetonReview.com)

A comprehensive searchable database of graduate programs. [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

U.S. News & World Report provides rankings of graduate programs. [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)

Resources to compare MBA programs and links to register for GMAT - <http://www.mba.com/us>

Bard Graduate Programs offer specialized courses of study in the studio and performing arts, the cultural history of the material world, the curating of the contemporary visual arts, environmental policy and education, sustainable business, economic theory and policy, and discipline-based teaching for secondary schools. <http://www.bard.edu/graduate/>

Information about GRE assessments - all pertinent information regarding the GRE's. [www.GRE.org](http://www.GRE.org)

The Law School Admission Council (LSAC), "is a nonprofit corporation whose goal is to provide the highest quality admission-related services for legal education institutions and their applicants throughout the world." LSAC administers the LSAT, hosts free Law Forums annually across the country for students interested in going to law school, and offers many more services. Test dates for the LSAT are posted at this site. [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org),

The association for American Medical Colleges has helpful information and links to register for MCAT <https://students-residents.aamc.org>

Looking for samples of personal statements and essays, FAQs, writing tips, and numerous links. [www.StatementofPurpose.com](http://www.StatementofPurpose.com)