

Grading Policy, Citizen Science 2016

(academic year 2015-2016)

Students are required to take Citizen Science in the intersession between Fall and Spring semester of their first academic year at Bard College. Any request for deferral is considered on a case-by-case basis made to the Executive Committee, after consideration by a Citizen Science advisory committee. Students granted a deferral must make up the program in the subsequent year. No exemptions to the program are granted.

The grading scheme for the Citizen Science program in 2016 is Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, and is marked S and U on an official student transcript. **Students failing to satisfactorily complete the program will be required to repeat the program the following year.** Satisfactory completion of the program is graded by, and at the discretion of, the individual faculty member. All students are evaluated on their attendance, completion of assignments, and in class participation. It is recognized that forms of student engagement vary widely, and faculty recognize many forms of participation and engagement in evaluating this component of student performance (i.e. some students are more outspoken in class than others). Criteria sheets are completed by all faculty members at the end of Citizen Science and submitted electronically through the Bard Information Portal (BIP).

Students are expected to attend all class sessions including the opening events of the program, Civic Engagement, and any additional events required by either the faculty or the program, such as the evening speaker series or film screenings. Faculty provide clear communication to students failing to make satisfactory progress in any of the areas outlined above. In addition, the faculty will submit the names of students who accrue absences to the program director. Names of students who are failing to meet faculty expectations with regard to the completion of assignments or appropriate engagement in the classroom will similarly be forwarded to the program director. As appropriate, the program director may send a warning email to the student regarding their progress. Continued failure to meet the expectations of the faculty and the program will result in a meeting with the dean and/or director to discuss this pattern, and to resolve any issues that the student may be having. Faculty are requested to use their best judgment in a case-by-case basis for each student when evaluating the satisfactory completion of the course based on attendance, engagement, and completion of assignments. All work associated with the program must be completed by the end of the final class session. Incompletes are not granted for Citizen Science.