

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE/ BARD COLLEGE **HARLEM CLEMENTE COURSE FOR THE HUMANITIES**



Clemente is based on the conviction that by studying the humanities, individuals who have been denied access to economic, cultural and social opportunities develop the critical, reflective, and creative skills that empower them to work effectively toward improving their own lives and those of their families and communities.

Mission

Clemente provides free, accredited college courses in the humanities to those marginalized by economic hardship and adverse circumstances. Using the Socratic method, the Clemente Course provides a rigorous education in literature, philosophy, American history, art history, and critical thinking and writing. The experience of Clemente students around the world has demonstrated that through the dialectics of learning, in a caring and respectful classroom, participants develop crucial tools to set in motion personal and societal change, and are empowered to participate more fully in civic life.

Goals

1. Access: To remove significant obstacles that impede access to higher education by providing tuition, books, childcare and transportation at no cost to qualified students;
2. Higher Education: To create a bridge to higher education by developing the skills, confidence and motivation necessary to succeed in that context;
3. Civic Engagement: To strengthen habits of reflection and critical thinking so that students are better able to control the direction of their lives and engage effectively in action to improve their communities;
4. Partnerships: To sustain courses at the local level by fostering partnerships with colleges and community organizations and developing collaborative resources to deliver the Clemente program to qualified individuals.

THE HARLEM CLEMENT COURSE FOR THE HUMANITIES **SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING TO** **ACCEPTED STUDENTS:**

1. High-quality, college-level instruction
2. Regular, intense and stimulating discussion of truly great works in art, literature, and philosophy, as well as foundational documents in U.S. history
3. Extensive instruction in critical reading and writing, including individualized tutoring at our Writing Center
4. Occasional outings to cultural and academic events
5. Advising on making the transition to college including information on colleges and scholarships
6. The opportunity, on completion of the course requirements specified above, to earn six hours of college credit from Bard College in New York
7. One-on-one academic advising and counseling as needed
8. All required texts
9. Childcare during class at the course location (if needed)
10. Transportation to and from class and class-related activities, as well as for your children if you must bring them to class with you (if critically needed to attend class)
11. A meal that we share together before each class

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Open to individuals over the age of 18 without a college degree. However, individuals with a college degree should inquire about our 2 credit Bridge-Program.

HOW DO I APPLY OR ACCESS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

- You may apply or access more information by visiting our website at harlemclemente.org or the Children's Village's website at childrensvillage.org/clemente. If you prefer to speak with us directly, please contact our Administrator, Pamela Vizcarra at (914) 720-5975; Director, David Kittay at (914)523-9394 or Children's Village Representative, Charles Davis at (212) 923-9009 ext. 7126. You may also e-mail us any questions you have to Harlemclemente1@gmail.com.

WHERE, WHAT TIME AND HOW LONG ARE THE CLASSES?

- We have classes at the Children's Village's offices in Harlem at 2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., 3rd Floor, New York NY 10027. This is an 8 month course. Classes begin the first Thursday in October and end the second week of May. You are expected to attend from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM every Tuesday and Thursday.

ARE THERE ANY BREAKS OR DAYS OFF?

- Yes, we close for Thanksgiving and two weeks in December.