

HOW TO REGISTER FOR ONLINE COURSES

Visit smolny.org and click Apply on the course page.



Create an account on the GHEA21 Course Portal.



Wait for the email containing your temporary password to access the GHEA21 Course Portal.



Log in to the system with the temporary password and your birthdate.



Set a new password.



Apply for courses through the portal.

Upload your Statement of interest and click Submit.



Check the status of your application under Registered Courses – Pending.



Your application will be under review for some time.



Once your application is approved, commit to the course.



You will receive a notification with instructions for accessing the course site on LMS Brightspace.

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Courses (2025-2026)

Course applications for spring semester courses will open in December 2025.




Analytic Philosophy and Pragmatism

Garris Rogonyan | S26 Wed




Civic Engagement in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes

Karine Clément | S26 Tue Fri




Civic Tech and Algorithms for Social Good

Maria Milosh | S26 Thu




Film Culture in Transatlantic Perspective

Jan Levchenko | S26 Tue, Thu



Historical Memory during the Russo-Ukrainian War

Yurii Latysh | S26 Mon Thu



Practical Data Science: Tools for Social Change

Anastasiia Kulakova | S26 Wed

See all courses →

Dates: January 27, 2026 – May 22, 2026

Schedule: Tue, 16:00 – 17:30 CET | 10:00 – 11:30 EDT; Fri, 17:50 – 19:10 CET | 11:50 – 13:10 EDT

Subject: SOC

Level: 100

Credits: 4 US / 8 ECTS

Max Enrollment: 22

Language of Instruction: English

Prerequisites: No


The course aims at providing tools for analyzing various types of civic engagement in different societies, as well as for engaging in individual or collective civic actions. Civic engagement is understood as a broad category embracing a wide range of different activities linked to a concern about a common: involvement in NGO's activities, social media activism, human rights advocacy, informal social support, information sharing, social movements, grassroots, social and political activism.

Guidelines for the Statement of Interest

Craft a reflective statement of purpose and interest in the Smolny Beyond Borders online course. The file should be saved with your name and course title as the file name. Your statement's clarity and substance will significantly influence our selection. Convey your motivations and interest in the course succinctly but thoroughly. Kindly write your statement in the course's Language of Instruction.

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1. Visit www.smolny.org.

2. Click on **Courses** in the top right corner or **See all courses** and select the course you are interested in.

3. Under the course description, click **Apply**.

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If this is your first visit to the GHEA21 Course Portal, you can start your registration here : https://connect.bard.edu/portal/GHEA21_anon

If you have filled out the registration form, you can log in here:
https://connect.bard.edu/account/login?r=https%3a%2f%2fconnect.bard.edu%2fportal%2fGHEA21_portal

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We use the GHEA21 portal for course registration. This is a new platform we have not used before, so you will need to create a new account to apply for a course, even if you have taken SBB courses in the past.

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About

Register for the GHEA21 Course Portal below.

Biographical

Legal First Name

Maria

Middle Name

Legal Last Name

Ivanova

Birthdate

January

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2003

Sex

Female

Nationality

Russia

Primary Citizenship

Russia

Secondary Citizenship (optional)

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City

Berlin

Region

Berlin

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10678

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Home/Cell Phone Type

Mobile Phone



GHEA21 Institution

Home Institution

Smolny Beyond Borders

Home Institution Student ID #

n/a

Field of Study

Philosophy

Are you currently enrolled in a certificate program?

No

If not, would you like to apply to a certificate program?

No

Privacy Statement

I hereby grant my voluntary and explicit consent to Bard College to manage my personal data provided in this application form for the purposes related to my current application, including for screening to ensure compliance with U.S. economic sanctions laws, to transfer my personal data to those parties who are directly involved in the selection of applications, and if accepted, to transfer my personal data to those parties who are directly involved in managing the program for which I am currently applying.

I acknowledge and accept that failure to provide the requested personal data may result in my application not being processed by Bard College.

☒ I have read and agree to the privacy statement

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- 1.To register for the **GHEA21 Course Portal**, please complete the form provided.
- 2.In the **Home Institution** field, select **Smolny Beyond Borders** from the drop-down menu.
- 3.In the **Home Institution Student ID#** field, enter **n/a**.
- 4.Put down any **field of study** you prefer.

- 5.Feel free to apply for a certificate program or indicate that you are already enrolled in one. You will see a list of **GHEA21 Certificate Programs** in the drop-down menu. If you wish to enroll in an SBB certificate program, you only need to apply for a course.

- 6.Submit the form to complete your registration.



Use the Latin alphabet when filling out the form.

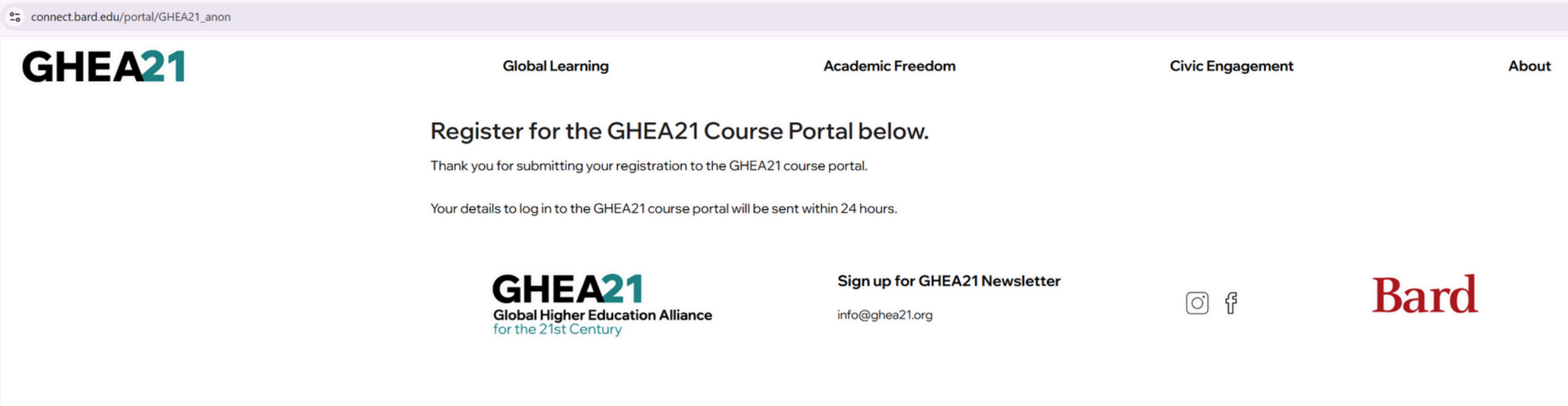


Please avoid using emails associated with Russian or Belarusian educational institutions.

Please enter physical addresses **outside Russia or Belarus**.

If you do not have such an address, enter the following address: Platanenstraße 24, 13156 Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

Please note that Bard College is declared an **undesirable** organization in Russia.



Once you submit the form, you will see this notification on your screen.

The same notification will also be sent to the email address you provided.

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Are you an enrolled student and have your Bard Email? Go to [Bard College Log in](#)

For security purposes, please enter your temporary PIN and your birthdate.

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Temporary PIN

Birthdate

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2.Click **LOGIN**.

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Set Password

To protect the security of your account, please specify a new password. The password must meet complexity requirements.

New Password

New Password
(again)

SET PASSWORD

✗ At least one letter

✗ At least one capital letter

✗ At least one number

✗ Be at least 12 characters

✗ New passwords must match

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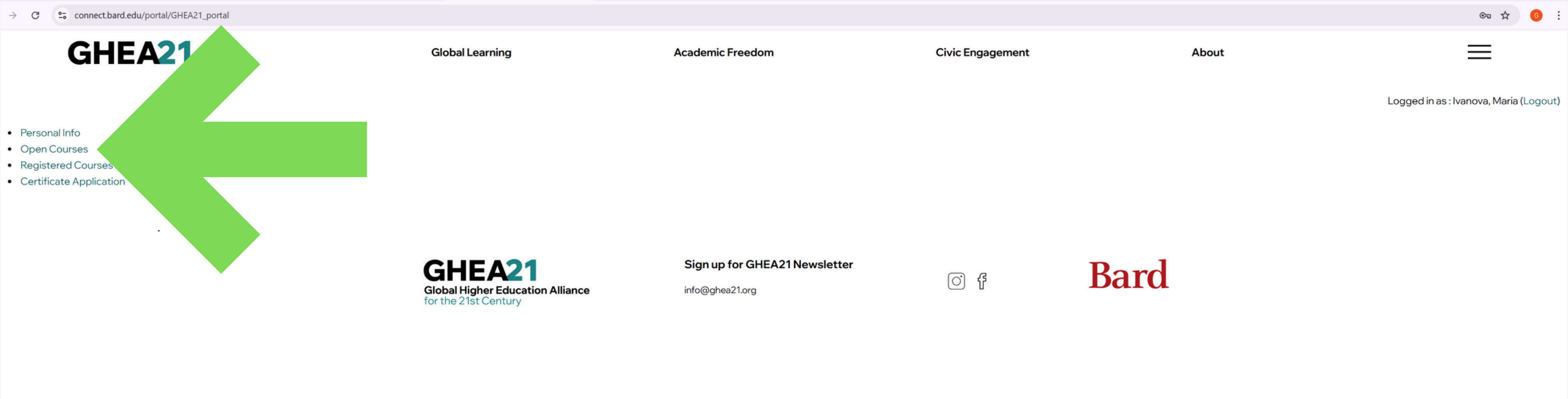
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Create a password, then click the **SET PASSWORD** button.



Once you log in, you can apply for courses.

Click **Open Courses** and select a course you want to apply for.

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Logged in as : Ivanova, Maria (Logout)

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Open Courses

Spring 2026 : Analytical Philosophy and Pragmatism (taught in Russian)

Spring 2026 : Artificial Intelligence in a Human World: Skills, Ethics & Impact

Spring 2026 : Beyond Bollywood: Cultural Identity in South Asian Cinema

Spring 2026 : Children's Rights

Spring 2026 : Cinema and Human Rights

Spring 2026 : Civic Engagement and Social Action

Spring 2026 : Civic Engagement in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes (SBB Section)

Spring 2026 : Civic Engagement in Repressive Contexts

Spring 2026 : Civic Tech and Algorithms for Social Good

Spring 2026 : Climate Change and Business

Spring 2026 : Climate Change and Natural Disasters

Spring 2026 : Climate Change Solutions

Spring 2026 : Communication Ethics

Spring 2026 : Creative Economies

Browse the course list and select the course you wish to apply for.

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Dates:

January 28 - May 19, 2026

Day/Time:

Wednesday 10:10 AM - 13:10 PM EST

Level:

400+

Certificate:

[Main Methods in Philosophy SBB](#)

Instructor:

[Garris Rogonyan](#), Smolny Beyond Borders

Language of Instruction:

Russian

The course introduces students to a relatively recent tradition of philosophy that is dominant in the English-speaking world and gaining popularity elsewhere. This tradition focuses on a radical criticism of historically established philosophical (metaphysical) concepts from the perspectives of logic, language, and function, as well as on elaborating formal principles in various fields of human activity. Students will learn why philosophy of language has become the methodological foundation of this philosophical tradition. The course will acquaint them both with the ideas of the recognized classics of analytic philosophy (G. Frege, B. Russell, L. Wittgenstein, J. Austin, and others) and with contemporary philosophers (W. V. O. Quine, H. Putnam, D. Davidson, M. Dummett, R. Brandom, and others), whose work is characterized by a synthesis of formal-logical analysis and American pragmatism.

Credits:

4 US / 8 ECTS

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Register for this course

☐ Yes

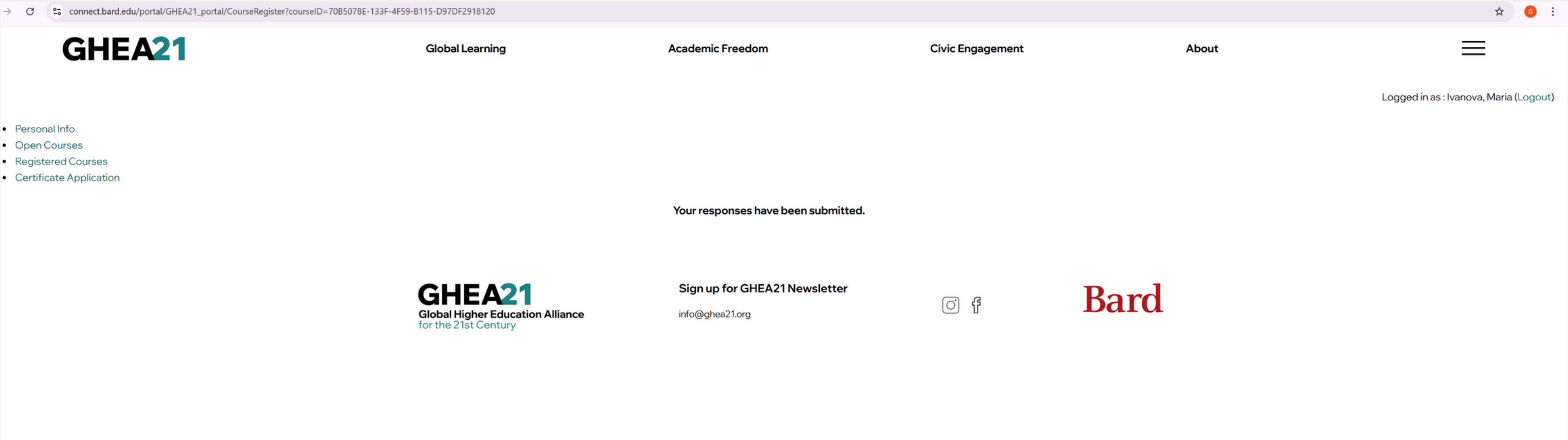
This course requires a statement of interest. Please upload one below.

Choose File

No file chosen

Submit

1. Select **Yes** to register for the course, then click **Choose File** to upload your statement of interest. Finally, click the Submit button.
2. Finally, click the Submit button.

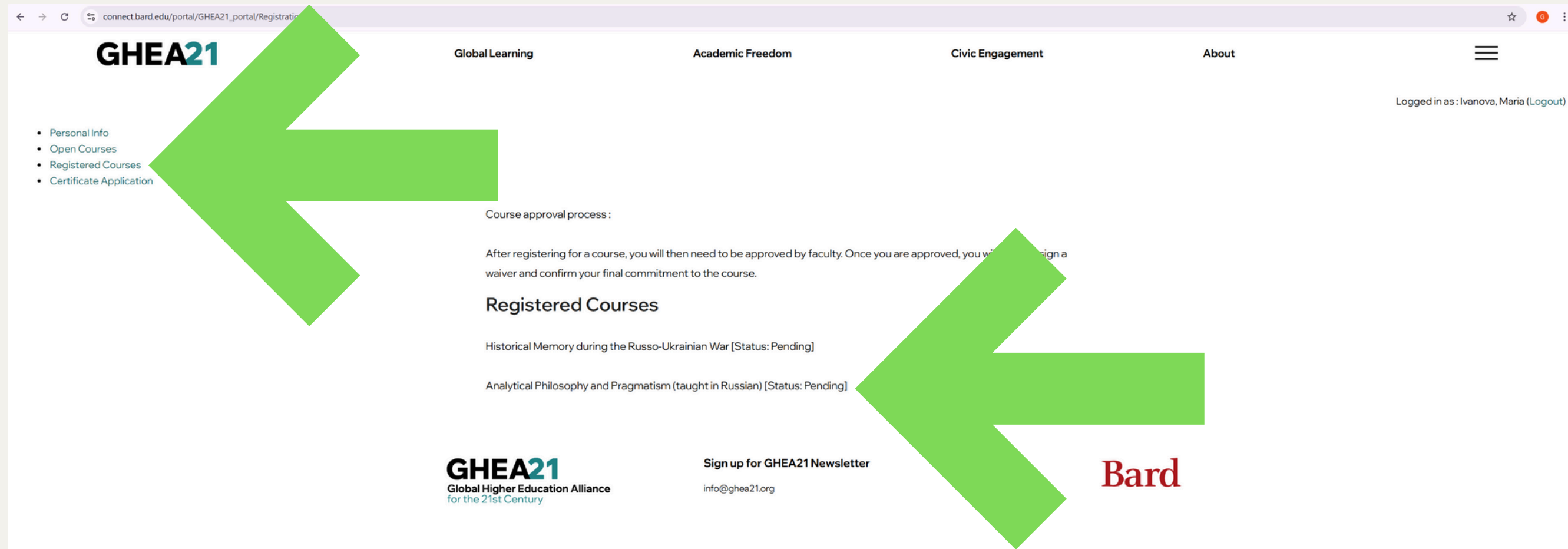


After submitting your application, you will see this message on the screen.

You can then click **Open Courses** again to apply for another SBB course from the list.



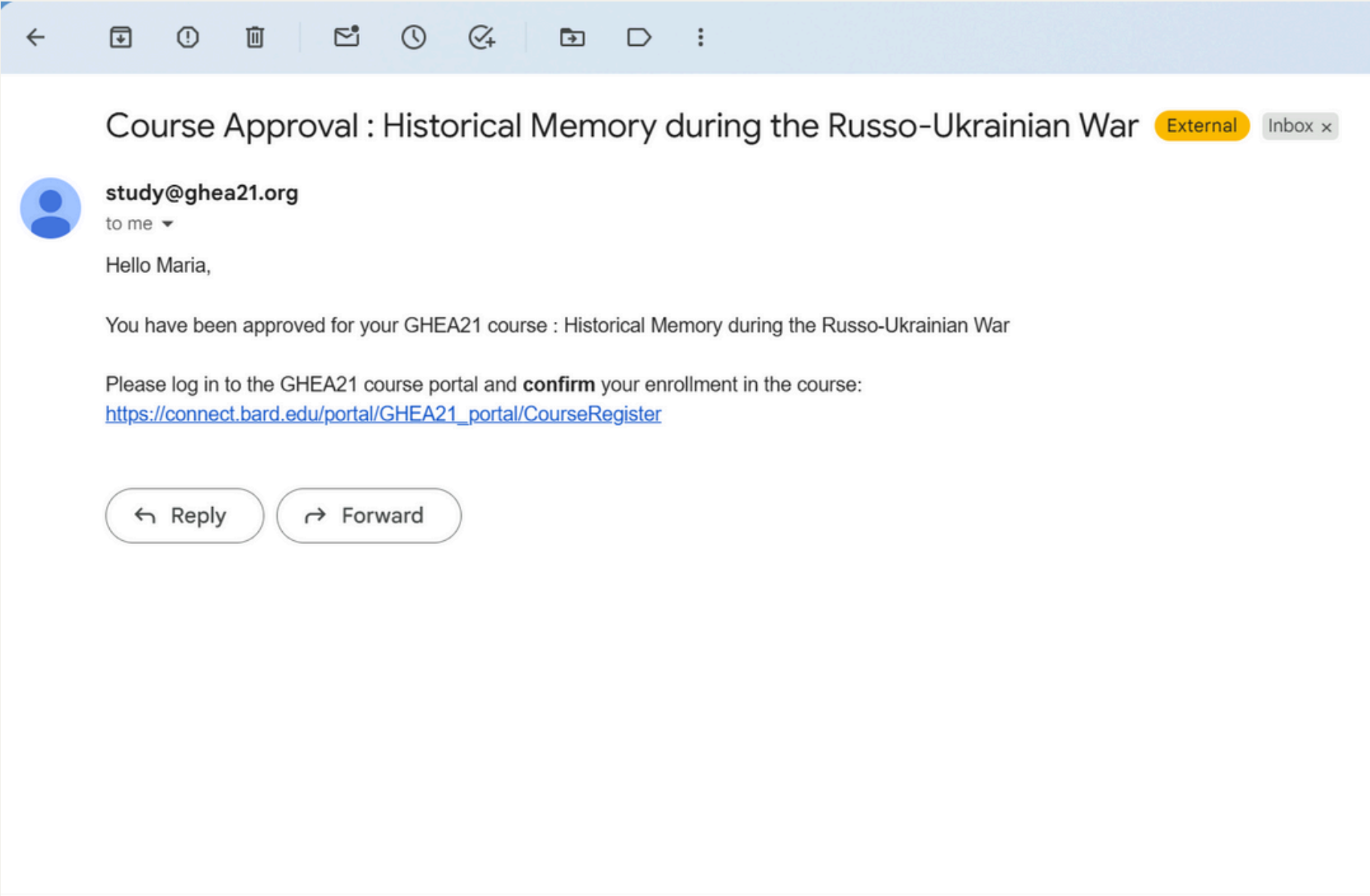
We recommend submitting **no more than four applications**, as four courses is the maximum course load allowed. Please note that GHEA21 courses (those not offered by SBB faculty) are available only to students who have previously taken and successfully completed at least one SBB course.



After submitting your course applications, you can go to **Registered Courses** to view the list of courses you have applied for.

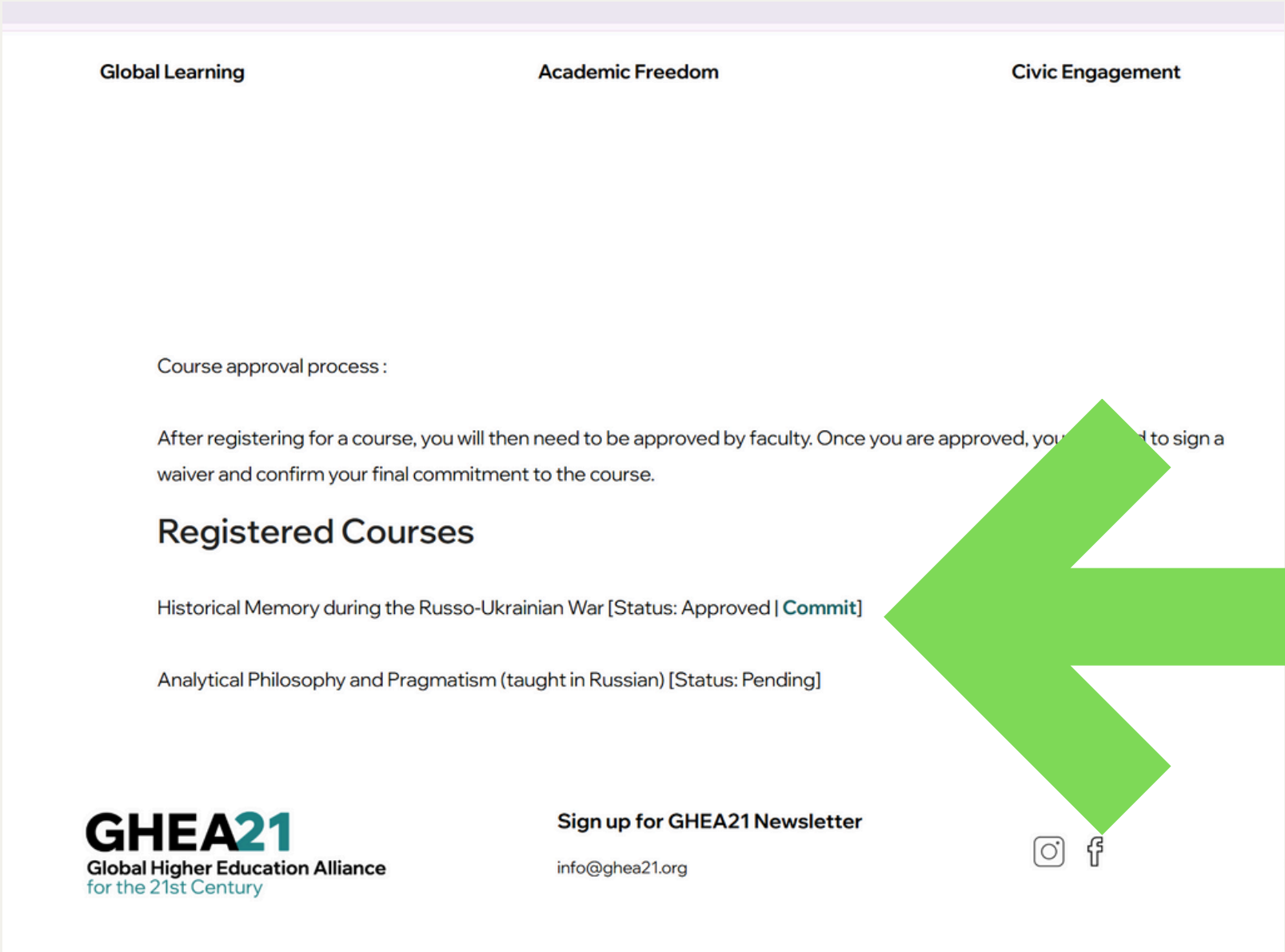


Status: Pending means that your application is currently under review.



After the review, you will receive a notification of your application status from study@ghea21.org.

The course status in the system will update accordingly.



Click **Commit**.

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6A79439C-E57D-4FEA-826F-0AB1EA8923D1 : Historical Memory during the Russo-Ukrainian War

Course Commitment

☒ I commit to this course

To facilitate the award of transfer credit relating to the GHEA21 course(s) for which I am registered, I understand and agree that by checking the Box below, and by signing this Application, I hereby request and consent to the issuance, following the completion of my GHEA21 course(s), by the Bard College Registrar or the registrar of whichever institution offered the GHEA21 course(s), of an official transcript to the Registrar or GHEA21 Administrator at the GHEA21 member institution where I am currently enrolled, as identified above. I understand that this consent may be withdrawn by me at any time by notifying the Bard College Registrar at registrar@bard.edu or GHEA21 at study@ghea21.org.

☒ I agree

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