

Information about the Barnard Speaking Fellows

One of the requirements of this course is working with a Barnard Speaking Fellow. Speaking Fellows are undergraduate Barnard students who teach students how to craft, prepare, and deliver presentations and participate in class discussions. After completing a one-semester training course in the theory and practice of public speaking, they are attached to speaking-intensive courses across the disciplines, and help students build stronger, more nuanced arguments through reflective, critical thinking and collegial support. Speaking Fellows do not grade your presentations or public speaking skills. They help you figure out what it is you want to say and how to say it most clearly and effectively, giving you the support to become more comfortable and confident in your speaking abilities.

Your participation in Speaking Fellows workshop(s) is a requirement of this course. At the beginning of the semester, a Speaking Fellow will visit your course to go over which type(s) of workshops will be required and when in the semester they will be scheduled. Sign-ups will take place in class, 1-2 weeks before the first set of workshops begin. Preparation instructions, if any, will come from the Head Fellow of your course at this time. Workshop locations, as well as the contact information of the Speaking Fellow running each workshop, will be indicated on the sign-up sheet. Please make a note of when and where your workshop will take place, and record your Speaking Fellow's email and phone number when you sign up in case you need to contact her.

Sessions begin promptly, so please arrive on time, if not a few minutes early. **Please keep in mind our program-wide attendance policy:** Because workshops are experiential and based on the group dynamic, if you are late to your workshop, you will not be allowed to participate, and may not be able to reschedule. If you have an emergency and cannot attend your workshop last-minute, please call the Program Coordinator at [212-854-8941](tel:212-854-8941).

The Head Speaking Fellow for your course is [**insert Head Fellow's name, email address, and phone number**]. Please contact her if you have questions about the Speaking Fellows working with your course. If you have other questions about the Speaking Program, please contact DaMonique Ballou (dballou@barnard.edu; [212-854-8941](tel:212-854-8941)), the Program Coordinator. For more detailed information about our philosophy, program policies and procedures, and FAQs, please see our website: www.barnard.edu/speaking.