BARNARD SUMMER IN NEW YORK CITY

WELCOME CLASS OF 2017

Newsletter
Congratulations on your acceptance to Barnard’s Pre-College Program, henceforth known as PCP! Now you can begin your path to college on our exciting campus in New York City! Whether you are immersing yourself into life as a college student in our Summer in the City program, sampling a course during our Liberal Arts Intensive, focusing on performance and theory during Dance in the City, honing your leadership skills with the Young Women’s Leadership Institute, diving into the sciences, or building your brand with Entrepreneurs-in-Training, Barnard is the place to be this summer.

In addition, the Beyond the Gates and Leadership in Action programs will help you to begin thinking about your future plans as you visit professional and community service organizations and attend on-campus seminars. Most importantly, are you ready to take a bite out of the Big Apple? Five boroughs with 150 museums and countless world-famous attractions are yours to discover this summer.

This newsletter contains information you need to know prior to coming to Barnard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Ann T. Dachs, Director
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Important Reminder

Make sure you return the following items by June 2, 2017:

- Tuition Balance (online by CC or check)
- Accepted Students Forms (PDF packet available for download on the website – please email, fax, or mail to return)
- Emergency Card (online survey)
- Columbia Health & Immunization Record (available for download on the website – please fax or mail to return – NO EMAIL
- Housing Application (online survey)
- Gym Membership Payment (optional add-on on Confirmation of Acceptance link – for 4-week students only)
About Barnard College

Barnard College is a highly selective liberal arts college for women, in partnership with Columbia University. Located in an international city, Barnard offers an education enriched immeasurably by the vast social and cultural resources of New York and the academic resources of Columbia, located just across the street. Barnard’s Pre-College Program is in its 32nd year. In the program’s first summer, it enrolled 53 students. This summer we expect over 350 students to participate in our four-week session, one-week intensive, dance session, Young Women’s Leadership Institute, and entrepreneurial boot camp. About 15% of our students commute from within New York City and surrounding states. Last summer’s program included students from 34 states and 24 foreign countries who were a diverse group of world travelers, dancers, activists, writers, and more.
Residents

Program residents live on the Barnard campus in Sulzberger Hall, a modern air-conditioned facility equipped with high-speed internet connections. You will find that your residence hall is not only a place to sleep, but also a place to study, have conversations with friends, enjoy late-night snacks, and do your laundry! A dynamic staff of student affairs professionals and undergraduate resident assistants manage the residential area. They are committed to helping you have a fabulous summer. The resident assistants are supervised by graduate students who live in a residence hall and help to foster a community atmosphere through social and educational programs.

Your responses to the Housing Application will guide us in making room assignments. We will make every effort to match you with a roommate who shares your interests. Morningside Heights, the neighborhood in which Barnard is located, is among the safest in Manhattan based on New York City Police Department statistics. All residence halls maintain a well-developed security system with 24-hour desk coverage. All residents must present appropriate identification in order to gain entry into the residence halls.

Commuters

Commuters have access to the same services and facilities as program residents, including the option (space permitting) to stay overnight in Sulzberger Hall, weekday lunches in the dining hall, and attend any of our evening and weekend excursions.

Students with Disabilities

PCP works with self-identified students (via the Emergency Card) with disabilities by providing assistance and resources. For more information, please contact pcp@barnard.edu.

Health Services

All students are required to arrive with health insurance coverage, including basic benefits, which can be used for emergency and major medical coverage for hospitalization. Please indicate your specific health insurance coverage on the Emergency Card. Urgent medical conditions can be attended to at Columbia University Health Services while the student is attending PCP. All chronic health conditions will be deferred to the home health care provider.
What to bring:

Living on campus? Below is a list of things that you might want to bring along with you to Barnard. Keep in mind that most items can be bought near campus, and certainly in NYC.

- Blanket, comforter, towels, twin XL sheets, pillow
- Book bag & key ring
- Clothes hangers
- Desk supplies: highlighters, notebooks, paper, stapler, etc.
- First aid kit, sewing kit
- Laundry detergent
- Personal care products, flip flops for the shower
- Calling card and/or cell phone
- Computer, flash-drive, printer, surge protector (all optional)

- Clothing:
  - classroom and campus: casual but appropriate for an academic setting
  - off campus for professional events: business casual
  - off campus for fun: NYC is a walking city! Bring comfortable shoes and a sweater for when it gets chilly at night!

What NOT to bring:

- Candles
- Halogen Lamps
- Extra Furniture
- Hot plate, open coil heater, toaster oven
- Microwave Oven
- Refrigerator
- Wall Mirror
- Wastepaper basket
- Telephone, answering machine, or modem
- Your entire wardrobe

Student Services
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Books & Library Access

Students have reading privileges in the Columbia University library. Books, course materials and supplies can be purchased when you arrive on campus. You should be prepared to purchase your books by the first day of class. Expect to spend as much as $75 on books and course packets for each class. Please note that some classes may not require any textbooks, while others may require more than one. Information regarding course material for your specific class will be sent to you at a later date.
Dining on Campus

Students are provided with three meals a day, Monday through Friday and brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. When you arrive on campus, we will also provide you with a directory of local restaurants that offer a range of dining options. If you require a kosher meal plan, please add the Kosher Meal Plan to your online registration. Note that there is an additional charge for residents who request kosher meals.

Gym Access

For a small fee, students enrolled in the 4-week program can purchase a membership to the Dodge Fitness Center at Columbia. Please add the membership to your online registration.

Computer Access

Students will have access to campus computer labs and printers. Students who wish to work in their rooms may want to bring laptops with them. You can learn about system requirements at https://barnard.edu/bcit

Computer labs are free and available to all students.
Evening and Weekend Activities

In addition to the academic opportunities you will have this summer, you will get to experience the wonders of New York City. With the help of our Trip Coordinator, you may have the opportunity to experience a range of exciting events, which may include:

- the bliss of Central Park;
- walking tours of NYC's neighborhoods;
- museum trips;
- site visits to major NYC tourist attractions;
- shopping and tours of SoHo and the Village;
- the excitement of being part of a live talk-show studio audience;
- the hysterical local comedy scene;
- a taste of some of Manhattan's finest cuisine;
- the lights and thrill of live Broadway theater, and a chance to meet the stars!

Mail

All students will be able to receive letters and packages through the US mail. Note that mail is not delivered on Saturday or Sunday. The College will also not accept delivery of mail or packages until Opening Day, June 25th.

Managing Your Money

We strongly advise students not to carry a large amount of cash. Since it is difficult to cash checks in New York City, we urge students to use traveler's checks, an ATM or debit cards whenever possible. The banks conveniently accessible to the Barnard campus are Chase Manhattan, CitiBank, and TD Bank; they are part of the New York Cash Exchange (NYCE), CIRRUS, PLUS and other networks. Students will need to bring two forms of identification in order to cash checks at these banks. Students can cash traveler's checks of up to $50 on campus. This service is provided by the Bursar's Office between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays only. Traveler's checks must be made payable to Barnard College. The Barnard College Bursar and the Pre-College Programs Office will not cash personal checks. Although many extracurricular events have little or no cost, all students should plan to have extra spending money for such things as travel within the city, weekend meals, some extracurricular activities, laundry, and incidentals. In addition, students may want to purchase a weekly ($32) or monthly ($121) Metrocard to be used during their time in New York. We recommend a minimum weekly budget of about $100, but this may vary by student.
You’re in!!! What’s next?

Students are assigned to their classes on a first come first served basis when deposits are received. Course enrollments are limited to maximize student participation and interaction with faculty. All students will receive a welcome letter from their professor(s).

Please check your email often for updates. We will email pre-summer publications and summer information in early June, along with other important announcements.