Waiting List
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do you rank your waiting list?
A: The Barnard waiting list is not ranked. All students who reply via our Waiting List Reply Form, indicating they would like to keep their name on the waiting list, will be reevaluated if we are in the position to admit students from the waiting list. Multiple factors are considered in our review of applicants on the waiting list.

Q: When will I hear if I am offered a spot?
A: We try and let candidates know as soon as possible, but since May 1st is the universal reply date for admitted students, we will need time to assess whether we have space available. You should not expect to hear whether you are offered a space until the second week of May at the earliest. We strongly recommend that you consider those colleges where you have an acceptance and, if applicable, deposit at another institution to ensure that you have a place for the fall should you not be admitted to Barnard.

Q: Is there anything I can do to help my candidacy at this point?
A: Let us know of your interest in being considered from our waiting list by completing our Waiting List Reply Form. If you wish to send supplemental information, send materials to the Office of Admissions, 111 Milbank Hall, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027 or to admissions@barnard.edu. Additional information is most effective when it offers a new and different perspective on your candidacy. Writing a letter should be considered an opportunity to expand on the paragraph you wrote in response to our supplement “A” question for why you are a good match for Barnard. Unfortunately, we do not offer interviews to candidates on the waiting list.

Q: If I am offered a space in the class, will financial aid still be available?
A: We recommend that you continue working with Financial Aid to ensure that your file is complete. For all students we consider from the waiting list, it is important to note that we are need aware in our review of candidates.

Q: Can I visit Barnard?
A: Those on the waiting list are welcome to visit campus during our regularly scheduled campus tours and information sessions. Please check our website for tour dates and times. Interviews are not available and we DO NOT recommend that you visit during our admitted student events.

Q: Should I pay a deposit to the school I would attend if I’m not offered a spot at Barnard?
A: We strongly recommend that you submit a deposit to an alternate school in case Barnard is not able to offer you a spot in our class. Deposits are usually non-refundable, so if Barnard does admit you at a later time, you would likely have to forfeit your deposit at the other school if you chose to attend Barnard.
Q: When will I find out if I am to be accepted from the waiting list?
A: Barnard makes every effort to notify candidates of a final decision as soon as possible. The earliest you would hear from Barnard would be early May and the latest would be early July. As other colleges make decisions to turn to their waiting lists, Barnard’s class may be impacted providing us the opportunity to consider ours.

Q: If I am selected from the waiting list and offered a space in the class, may I take a gap year?
A: If you are admitted from the waiting list and choose to attend Barnard, you will be expected to enroll for the term beginning in September 2017. You may not elect to take a gap year.