



Athena Center for Leadership Studies

BARNARD COLLEGE

ATHENA SCHOLAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Many Scholars will find it difficult to complete their Athena electives through their major – which is in many ways the point. *We want you to take courses that will get you thinking about women and leadership through **many disciplines**, not simply what you are already studying.*

In order to complete the Scholars Program, students must complete:

- Five courses
 - Three electives
 - Women and Leadership
 - Senior Seminar
- Six leadership labs (students who joined the Scholars program prior to Fall 2017 only need to complete 3 leadership labs).
- Practicum

Additionally, all scholars are required to fill out the end of year **Scholar Survey**. You will be emailed a link to the survey at the end of the Spring semester; you will have a month to complete it.

Please make an appointment with Administrative Director of Student Programs, Sarit Abramowicz (sabramow@barnard.edu) if you have concerns about meeting deadlines. Our goal is to keep you on track.

Electives

All Athena electives are cross-listed, making the availability of the course dependent on the home department. We do not control, nor do we have any power or authority over, other departments' course offerings. Also, your Scholar status does not confer you any priority with another department in regards to instructor permission.

- Students choose three elective courses from Athena's multi-disciplinary course offerings. Electives expose students to the interdisciplinary nature of leadership, the history and culture of women and leadership within society and organizations, and leadership skills. Elective courses may also be counted as credit toward one's major. For the complete list of the approved courses, see the [Barnard course catalog](#).



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- Every time you take an Athena elective, you must complete an [Elective Course Reflection](#). The purpose of this reflection is to make you think more about the theoretical connections between leadership theory and practice. You must submit the reflection at the end of the semester of when the class was taken. The course will not count as an elective until the reflection is turned in. Fall course reflections are due by January 10th. Spring course reflections are due by June 10th. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- You cannot P/D/F an Athena Elective, and you must receive a C or above for it to count.
- To fulfill one elective requirement, students may identify a non-approved course that fulfills the outlined learning objectives and petition the Director of Student Programs for approval using the appropriate form. You have two options for requesting approval for a course not listed on the [Athena Approved Electives list](#). If you would like to request approval for a non-approved elective prior to taking the course, please submit the [Elective Approval Request Form](#) within the first two weeks of the semester. Otherwise, please submit the [Special Dispensation Form](#) after completing the course, no later than January 10th for the Fall Semester and June 10th for the Spring. There is no guarantee the course will be approved in either case.
- Petitions for special dispensation can be submitted up until first semester Senior Year.

Leadership Labs

The Athena Center's Leadership Labs are free, one-time, targeted workshops taught by leading experts that will sharpen your skills and hone your passions. Based on the [Athena CORE 10](#), a unique set of competencies specifically developed for women leaders, these interactive workshops help you improve your leadership skills through hands-on practice.

- Students must complete six workshops of their choosing. (Please note: Students who joined the Scholars program prior to Fall 2017 only need to complete three leadership lab workshops.)
- Scholars must attend the full length of the lab
- Scholars must complete the lab evaluation in order for it to count towards their Program requirements

Click [here](#) to see a list of the labs offered this semester.



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Practicum

Practicums are pre-professional experiences that teach you about career fields, allow you to observe leadership styles, and gain transferable skills. Practicums can be completed through internships, lab research, and shadowing. Whatever you choose, it should be something related to your career goals and the hope is you take advantage of this opportunity to do something you would not already be doing.

- For the semester, practicum experiences must be a minimum of 15 hours a week, for the summer, it must be a minimum of 35 hours a week
- All Scholars should check their practicum placement with Sarit first
- All Scholars completing their practicum are enrolled in the program on CourseWorks and must complete weekly challenges.
- Must be completed by summer before senior year. Will not be able to enroll in Senior Seminar if not completed.