Communication Within the Curriculum (CWiC) Advisor Application Process
COLL-135 The Art of Speaking: CWiC Speaking Advisor Training
Spring 2018: 1:30-4:20 p.m. Tuesdays (ABCS & CWiC affiliated course)

CWiC Majors and More Dinner:
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Register here: https://www.college.upenn.edu/dinners

CWiC Advisor’s Job Description:
CWiC is Penn’s public speaking tutoring program. A CWiC Advisor is an undergraduate public speaking coach, an important resource for any Penn student who wants to be heard. To become an advisor, you must apply, interview, and be invited to enroll in our training seminar, COLL-135. After successfully completing the course, an advisor is expected to work for CWiC every fall and spring semester (with the exception of a semester abroad) until she/he graduates. Each semester an advisor coaches students enrolled in an affiliated course, co-teaches a workshop, and attends 4-5 meetings. Walk-in advising hours (Speaking Center) are optional. The advisor listens to peers’ speeches and helps peers revise their speeches. Advisors are expected to model respectful listening and engaging speaking habits. Advisors must be able to make CWiC a top priority, having plenty of availability to work with students. http://www.sas.upenn.edu/cwic/

Application Eligibility:
Only Penn undergraduates may apply. Seniors are not eligible. First, second, and third year students are encouraged to apply. If you enjoy listening to speeches and want to support your peers as they work to improve their speaking abilities, you should apply. You must also be interested in understanding your own strengths and weaknesses and interested in improving your communication skills.

Application Answers:
Q: Do I need experience in competitive speaking?
No. Although experience in competitive forms of speaking such as forensics and student congress may be helpful in some respects, such experience does not necessarily help one become an effective peer tutor and is not required or preferred. Former or current forensics competitors do not have an advantage when applying.

Q: Do I need to be an outstanding public speaker?
No. More important than your current speaking skill level is your desire to both be coached and to coach your peers. An important part of the course is giving and receiving constructive feedback. If you do not want to work to improve as a public speaker, then you should not apply. If you are committed to becoming a more engaging and creative public speaker, then you should apply.

Q: Do I need to be an outstanding listener?
Yes. Few of us are outstanding listeners, though, so you can strive to improve your abilities as an active listener. However, when you apply, you need to be a very attentive listener who won’t make excuses. If you need to be checking your phone, monitoring your Facebook page, etc. while in class or doing anything CWiC-related, then you should not waste your time by applying. If you value respectful listening as much (or more than) respectful speaking, then you should apply.

Application Instructions:
Because students who successfully complete the course then work as paid speaking advisors during subsequent semesters, interested students must complete an application for admission to the course, found on the web site (www.sas.upenn.edu/cwic/). If, after reviewing the web site, you have questions, contact Dr. Sue Weber, CWiC’s Associate Director, at weberes@sas.upenn.edu.

2017-18 Application Timeline:
  o Sun. Nov. 26th—Applications Due
  o Fri. Dec. 1st—Tues. Dec. 5th—(30 minute) CWiC Advisors interview invited candidates
  o Mon. Dec. 11th—CWiC invites selected students to register for the course (given a permit)
  o Mon. Jan. 1st—Deadline for course registration*