Key Information regarding Degree/Commencement completion

Graduation/Degree Audit: all degree requirements must be met to obtain a diploma

- No fewer than 124 combined credits completed: a total of Whitman, transfer, AP, and IB credits
- 54 institutional (Whitman courses) credits completed
- 44 institutional credits earned in regularly-graded courses (no P-D-F, CR/NC)
- 2.00 minimum GPA for institutional (Whitman) and combined credits.
- Commencement participation –**REQUIRED!** If all degree requirements will not be completed prior to Commencement, must have at least 116 credits completed by the end of spring term or have petitioned the Board of Review for approval to participate
- General Studies Encounters completed
- Distribution completed (Note: Neither AP or IB courses, nor P-D-F graded courses, can count toward Distribution)
- No more than **8** credits from one department used to fulfill Humanities and Fine Arts
- Major requirements met and Major GPA **2.00** minimum. Each part of a combined major must also have a minimum **2.00** GPA for each area of the major
- Senior assessment in major study passed or passed with distinction
- No more than 1/3 credits for any major are transfer credits (unless published department limit is lower)
- No incomplete or deferred grades outstanding
- In residence during the last two semesters or have Board of Review residency waiver approved
- Minor requirements met (2.00 GPA, all transfer courses approved, and all credit and course requirements met), or minor will be removed.

Honors in Course: determined after final senior grades have been filed

summa cum laude

- Minimum 3.90 or better combined GPA
- no course grades of failure
- no fewer than 60 credits completed at Whitman
- in residence at Whitman the last 4 semesters or a total of 6 semesters

magna cum laude

- Minimum 3.80 or better combined GPA
- no course grades of failure
- no fewer than 60 credits completed at Whitman
- in residence at Whitman the last 4 semesters or a total of 6 semesters

cum laude

- Minimum 3.65 or better combined GPA
- no fewer than 60 credits completed at Whitman
- in residence at Whitman the last 4 semesters or a total of 6 semesters

Honors in Major Study

- Applied for candidacy within first 6 weeks of the 2-semester period in which the student is eligible
- At time of application, completed at least 87 credits and 2 semesters at Whitman
- Minimum major GPA of 3.50 and cumulative GPA of 3.30, after completing all degree requirements
- Passed with Distinction the Senior Assessment in Major Study
- A- or better grade in Honors Thesis Course (498) for a thesis, project, or performance.
- Acceptable Thesis/Research Project/Recording filed in Penrose Library by Reading Day, or for December finishers, the last day of fall classes. Contact the library for questions about library filing requirements.