

Student Services

Academic Resource Center

The center provides resources for all students who want to improve their study skills, or seek academic advice. The director is available to serve as a temporary academic adviser to any student, and can offer individual academic counseling sessions by appointment. The Student Academic Advisers (SAs) are part of the center's staff. The SAs live in the first-year residence halls and provide academic support to new students; they arrange study skills presentations to groups on such topics as time management, analytical reading, exam preparation and other skills that contribute to improving overall academic effectiveness. Assistance is also offered through the Academic Resource Center to students with disabilities and those who demonstrate a need for tutors, note takers, or adaptive technology. Additional information can be found on the Whitman College Web site at http://www.whitman.edu/academic_resources/.

Disability Policy

Whitman College is committed to providing students with disabilities fair and equal access to its programs. Once a student with a disability has been admitted to the college, he or she will have equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all the college's programs and activities. Whenever a student with a documented disability needs modification of academic requirements, facilities, services or procedures, the college will make every reasonable effort to meet the student's needs. **Students requesting academic accommodations for a documented disability should discuss their needs with the Associate Dean of Students, Clare Carson, 310 Memorial.** For complete policy go to http://www.whitman.edu/academic_resources or <http://www.whitman.edu/righttoknow>.

Welty Center-Counseling

Professionally-trained counselors are available to provide personal and psychological counseling to students at no charge. Counselors assist individuals and groups with personal

and academic concerns, career choices, interpersonal relationships, and other areas of concern or interest. A consulting psychiatrist is available to students one day per week. The Counseling Center offers a variety of personal growth opportunities, including workshops and programs on listening and communication skills, stress management, and assertiveness training. Whitman's professionally-supervised peer counseling program and the Stuart Religious Counselor provide additional counseling resources. All counseling is confidential.

Welty Center-Health Services

The medical director and the director of the Health Center are responsible for the health service. The on-campus Health Center, with a 12-bed capacity, is staffed by nurses around the clock. During the academic year, the Health Center serves as an outpatient facility for the management of minor injuries and illnesses, and it offers inpatient care for health-related conditions not requiring hospitalization. Illness prevention and health education are emphasized.

The Health Center physician maintains regularly scheduled hours on campus Monday-Friday mornings. The physician will arrange for hospitalization of students when necessary and refer to outside resources as indicated. Limited post-operative care may be provided at the Health Center. The director of the Student Health Center, who is a family nurse practitioner, is also available to see students on an appointment basis. Full-time students may see the nurse practitioner without charge, as well. **All full-time students may access Health Center resources and may see the Health Center physician without charge.** If a student wishes to consult a private physician, the Health Center staff may recommend competent local specialists when requested to do so. Whenever a student is treated away from the Health Center, the expenses incurred will be the student's responsibility. A dietician is available on a **limited** basis for consultations at no charge to students—students must call well ahead of time to make an appointment. A physical therapist and a massage therapist are also available on an appointment basis; there is a charge for their services.

Anonymous HIV testing is available at no cost. The cost of other tests and services must be assumed by the student. Some medicines, bandages, and the loan of crutches, etc., may be provided free of charge. A pharmacy service is available. Allergy antigen regimes prescribed by home physicians may be continued at the Health Center at a nominal cost. The college charges for physical examinations for outside agencies, employment, matriculation, or other educational institutions.

Students must submit a Medical Report Form with indicated tests and immunizations before registration can be finalized at the college. Registration for classes cannot be completed until Health Center clearance has been obtained.

Accident and Health Insurance

It is mandatory for all students to have health and accident insurance. For those who do not already have medical insurance, Whitman College offers a group medical-surgical hospital plan to students at a reasonable cost. International students must have either the Whitman College student insurance plan or an equivalent U.S. policy.

Each year the fee for the college insurance policy will be included on the student bill. If the student has other health and accident insurance, proof of insurance must be provided to the Health Center in order to receive a waiver of the college insurance policy (this must be done each year the student is enrolled). This proof of insurance must be received by the end of the third week of each academic year, at which point the insurance fee will be removed from the student bill. The insurance carrier and the insurance policy number will become a part of each student's permanent health record.

It is the student's responsibility to understand his or her insurance plan and know how to access coverage. We advise that each student carry a personal insurance card at all times.

If hospitalization or outside medical services are needed, the Health Center will assist the student in locating suitable medical treat-

ment. The cost for such service, however, must be assumed by the student.

The college provides "secondary" accident insurance for **varsity** athletes who sustain injuries directly related to their sport. This coverage applies only to intercollegiate athletics, not club sports or intramural activities. As a secondary insurance, the coverage will pay the balance due after the students' primary personal insurance has paid.

Intercultural Center

Fostering diversity, inclusion, and respect for all in the Whitman Community is one of the goals of the Intercultural Center. The Center works to strengthen Whitman's intercultural community and ensure a positive Whitman experience for those from historically under-represented backgrounds. The Center also seeks to enrich the experience of the entire student body and community by providing opportunities to engage and educate the campus as a whole on issues related to diversity. Working together with a variety of campus constituencies, the Intercultural Center facilitates and encourages ongoing dialogue on issues of diversity between students, staff, and faculty.

The Intercultural Center team provides academic and social support for multicultural and international students. The international/multicultural student orientation, mentoring, individual counseling and advising sessions are a few of the opportunities available to assist students with their transition to Whitman College and Walla Walla. The Center also helps bring diverse perspectives and experiences to the campus by sponsoring various speakers and events; it houses a collection of books and videos related to diversity and multicultural issues; and provides information about internship and scholarship opportunities. Additionally, translation services for more than 30 languages can be accessed through the Center's language bank.

Student interns are an integral part of the Intercultural Center team. They assist with the many programs and events sponsored by the Intercultural Center and help to promote diversity and multiculturalism in the Whitman

community and at large. Throughout the year, the Center sponsors workshops, speakers, programs and cultural events that are free and open to the whole community.

The student-led diversity organizations are among the most active clubs on campus. They provide leadership opportunities for students and promote diversity/multiculturalism by sponsoring speakers, discussion panels, musical events, dances, festivals and dinners. In addition to the multi-ethnic interest house (MECCA), there are 12 active diversity groups: American Indian Association; Asian Cultural Association; Black Student Union (BSU); Club Latino; Coalition against Homophobia; Feminists Advocating Change and Empowerment (FACE); Hui Aloha; International Students and Friends Club (ISFC); Desi Student Association; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ); Shalom; and Vietnamese Club.

The Career Center

The Career Center assists students throughout their years at Whitman in the various stages of their career development, including local on-campus and off-campus employment, preparation for summer jobs, internships, and full-time employment. The services offered include:

- assessing students' skills, interests, and abilities through individual advising and interest inventories;
- working with students to explore career options which are appropriate to their interests and/or major;
- assisting students in accessing experiences in which they can gain knowledge of and exposure to possible career options through summer jobs or internships, local work opportunities or volunteer experiences; and
- preparing students to organize and conduct a job or graduate school search.

Through using the reference materials in the Career Center's Career Resource Library, accessing the Center's homepage, and utilizing the alumni database (Career Consultant Network), students can gather information about various career fields, find information about internship and full-time work opportunities, and learn about career-related activities in which

they may participate. In addition, students may attend a graduate school fair and a career and internship fair where they may make contact with employers from various fields.

The Career Center coordinates the "Alumni Career Series" program, which provides students the opportunity to interact with persons who are accomplished in their chosen career fields. The guests who come to campus for this program span a broad range of careers and share with students their insights about their chosen career areas.

Additional information on the Career Center can be found on the Internet at http://www.whitman.edu/career_center.

Reid Campus Center

The Reid Campus Center serves as a community center for all members of the college—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. To support the residential nature of the Whitman campus, the Reid Campus Center meets many day-to-day needs through an organization of professional staff, student employees, student volunteers, and committees.

The Reid Campus Center sponsors numerous programs including weekly musical performances in the Coffeehouse, arts and crafts workshops, and a late-night Saturday series.

Resources in the Reid Campus Center include the Bookstore, the Student Activities Office, the Post Office, the Conferences and Events Office, the Outdoor Program, the Whitman Café, the Center for Community Service, the Career Center, and the Intercultural Center. Other facilities and services include a student group resource room, student work rooms, a darkroom, a copy center, meeting-and-dining rooms, a lounge, an art gallery, an automatic teller, vending machines, refrigerator rentals, campus lost-and-found, sign-ups for the chartered holiday bus service, bulletin boards for advertising and notices, outdoor equipment rental, and the bicycle repair shop. The Reid Campus Center houses the Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC), the *Pioneer* newspaper, the *blue moon* (literary journal), and KWCW-FM student-operated radio station.

Student Activities

The Outdoor Program

The Outdoor Program (OP) is an outdoor recreation cooperative sponsored by both the college and the Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC). The main function of the OP is to assist people in their outdoor pursuits. The primary goal is to manage risks so as to offer safe and rewarding recreational experiences in addition to providing quality rental equipment in the fields of hiking, backpacking, climbing, flatwater and whitewater kayaking, rafting, canoeing, fishing, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and telemark skiing. Activities cater to novice, beginner, and intermediate skill levels. On campus the OP is active in organizing visiting speakers, slide shows, instructional seminars, classes, and films. The annual Teton Gravity Research ski film and the Banff Mountain Film Festival are examples of some of the presentations available. The OP also oversees the Sherwood climbing facilities and the first-year pre-orientation "Scrambles" wilderness trip program. Outdoor Program activities are open to anyone at anytime.

Another important function of the Outdoor Program is to teach outdoor skills, both elementary and advanced, in such areas as wilderness safety, first aid, kayaking, climbing, skiing, canoeing, mountaineering, and outdoor leadership. The program is a resource for those interested in planning their own trips, exploring the outdoor surroundings of Walla Walla, purchasing equipment, or obtaining instruction. Magazines, books, videos, equipment catalogs, buyers' guides, maps, literature on recreational programs, and travelogues are on file at the program office.

The Outdoor Program is a non-club. There are no dues; anyone, regardless of ability or skill level, may participate. Through the Outdoor Program, all students interested in non-competitive, non-motorized pursuits may share adventures.

Campus Activities Board

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is a group of students and staff members dedicated to bringing a balanced program of events to the campus. CAB assists with advice and ideas for events, co-sponsorship, and event plan-

ning. CAB maintains a considerable resource library of artists and booking agents. It is also responsible for producing several events each year (i.e. great drive-in movie, semi-formal dance and casino). To join please contact the Student Activities office at 522-4436 or e-mail cab@lists.whitman.edu.

Center for Community Service

The Center for Community Service (CCS) serves students interested in community service by acting as a volunteer clearinghouse and liaison between the community and Whitman College. It is a central coordinating office for on- and off-campus volunteer efforts. The CCS attempts to promote citizenship and public service as an integral part of education and of life. The CCS also provides the Whitman community with opportunities to begin volunteering through Volunteer Fairs, student-led community partnerships like Whitman Mentors, the Story Time Project, and group activities such as Make A Difference Day, Service Saturdays, and Alternative Spring Breaks. It is the intent of the CCS to educate the Whitman community regarding the importance of community service and to create opportunities for students to have meaningful learning experiences in service. The CCS also works with the Community Service House, an interest house designed for students interested in pursuing community service individually, and to promote a service ethic on the campus as a whole.

Intercollegiate and Intramural Athletics

Whitman College affirms the classical ideal that physical fitness complements intellectual development. Whitman's programs of sport studies, recreation and athletics are designed to contribute to the liberal education of our students as they engage their minds and bodies in vigorous fitness and wellness activity.

Whitman supports athletics for two reasons: 1) as they train and strive to excel, student-athletes complement and strengthen the education they are pursuing; and 2) athletics contributes

in unique ways to campus life and fosters a strong sense of community.

To achieve these ends, the college provides the resources to enable teams and individuals to compete effectively with conference opponents, and to enable those individuals and teams who qualify to compete at regional and national levels.

The athletics program at Whitman College is designed to:

- support the overall institutional mission of the college;
- be consistent with the principles of fair play and amateur athletics, as defined by NCAA legislation;
- be supportive of the overall academic success of student-athletes;
- be supportive of the overall health and welfare of student-athletes;
- be committed to the principle of equal access to athletic opportunities by men and women.

Whitman holds membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (Division III) and the Northwest Conference (NWC). The college fields men's and women's teams in basketball, skiing, swimming, tennis, soccer, cross country, and golf. Women compete in volleyball, and men in baseball. The NCAA III does not permit athletic scholarships.

Department of sport studies, recreation and athletics staff members supervise intramural programs; about 70 percent of Whitman students take part in such intramural sports as flag football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball, and ultimate frisbee. The college also sponsors several club sports programs, including rugby, lacrosse, softball, ultimate frisbee, and cycling.

Sherwood Center, the athletic complex, underwent major renovation in 1997 and in 2004. It features a 1,400 seat gymnasium, racquetball and squash courts, dance studio and indoor and outdoor climbing walls.

The college has four indoor tennis courts in the Bratton Tennis Center as well as four lighted outdoor courts.

Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, the newest athletic facility, features a 30-meter swimming pool and a 10,000-square-foot fitness center.

Baseball games take place at 3,000-seat Borleske Stadium. The golf team practices at 18-hole Memorial Golf Course. Skiers train for Alpine and Nordic events at two excellent ski areas within an hour of the campus. The new Whitman athletic fields host the men's and women's soccer teams in addition to a variety of club and intramural competitions.

Cocurricular Activities

Cocurricular activities augment classroom experiences, often providing students the chance to apply some portion of their theoretical studies to practical, realistic work and laboratory situations. The college encourages students to create new activities that enhance the life of the campus.

Musically-inclined students perform with the College Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Chorale, Renaissance Consort, and, by audition, the Walla Walla Symphony Orchestra; still others perform in solo or small group recitals. Students need not major in theatre to perform or work backstage at Whitman's Harper Joy Theatre, nor must they major in English to submit items for publication in *blue moon*, the Whitman literary magazine. There are opportunities for work, including some paid employment, on the *Pioneer*, the student weekly newspaper. Students enthused about performing plays, poetry, and prose, engaging in political argument, and in speaking in general may join Whitman's outstanding speech and debate program, which has been ranked among the best in the nation.

Student Organizations

Most groups and organizations are student-run; nearly all involve students in planning and carrying out their programs. The largest of the self-governing groups is the Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC), of

which every student is a member. ASWC conducts its affairs through an elected Executive Council, Student Senate, and appointed House of Club Representatives. In addition to planning all-campus social activities and programs, ASWC is responsible for oversight and budget allocations for the *Pioneer* weekly newspaper, radio station KWCW-FM, and other special events.

Among honorary and service organizations on campus are Phi Beta Kappa academic honorary and Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honorary. Other groups focus on specific interests such as sports, recreation, health, music, leadership, women's programs, and religious interests.

Many student organizations maintain home pages on the Internet at http://www.whitman.edu/index/student_orgs.html or http://www.whitman.edu/student_activities/directory/index.html.

Greek Life

Whitman's fraternities and sororities provide a comprehensive program for student involvement, growth, and friendship. Within each Greek organization, members find academic assistance, personal support, community service, alumni connections, and social opportunities.

All seven Greek organizations at Whitman have well-established scholarship programs, incorporating one-on-one tutoring, study tables, and seminars. Whitman's Greek groups are actively involved in local and national community service efforts, supporting such organizations as the American Cancer Society, Aid to the Blind, Special Olympics, Children's Home Society, and Court Appointed Special Advocates. As each self-governed Greek group makes decisions, ranging from creating budgets to implementing social policies, the Greek system is an excellent vehicle for learning and displaying leadership skills.

The three national sororities reside in Prentiss Hall, where each group maintains its own section, complete with a chapter room and a lounge. Each of the four fraternities has a house on the edge of campus, where members reside.

Code of Conduct

All persons associated with the college share in the common responsibility to create

a climate conducive to the pursuit of learning and free inquiry. The college regards students as maturing individuals with a large measure of personal freedom; at the same time, it expects them to accept responsibility for their actions. While Whitman does not attempt to impose a uniform moral standard, it does expect students to conduct themselves honorably and in ways which reflect respect for the rights of the other members of the community. In some instances, the diversity inherent in group living requires some concessions of individual freedoms.

General Policies

The Student Life Committee, with a membership of six students, three faculty members, and three administrators, reviews all out-of-class student matters and recommends policies. This committee has provided the framework within which living groups have studied and created rules and regulations. Among the general policies stated by the committee are these: 1) students are held individually responsible for maintaining standards of conduct that meet the requirements of decency, the rights of others, the behavior patterns of a democratic society, and the particular needs of the Whitman community; 2) social regulations of whatever origin should ensure adequate consideration for the rights of individual students to privacy and the preservation of individual dignity and comfort, and an atmosphere consistent with, and in furtherance of, the basic educational purpose of the college; 3) all members of the community have the responsibility for adherence to local, state, and federal laws; and 4) residence hall staff members are available to mediate disputes and enforce residence hall regulations.

The Dean of Students Office, through the powers delegated to it by the president and faculty of Whitman College, may make such requirements explicit with specific regulations to whatever extent is considered necessary. The college also reserves the right to change its regulations affecting the student body at any time; such changes apply to all students, including prospective students, those currently enrolled, and former students returning to college.

Students and their parents should realize

that the college does not act *in loco parentis*. Even though regulations exist in order to assure that all members of the college community may participate in their academic pursuits with a minimum amount of hindrance, the college does not control students' lives. In all of its interactions with the college, students are assumed to be responsible for themselves. While striving to maintain as secure an environment as possible, the college cannot guarantee the safety of its students.

Regulations

Each living group is responsible for adequate guarantees of the primary use of residence halls and fraternity houses for study and sleeping, and of the fundamental right of each resident to reasonable privacy.

The Board of Trustees has approved several policies—including policies on alcohol use, drug use, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment—intended to ensure that Whitman College remains an environment based on consideration and respect for the rights of others and designed to support the college's academic mission. These policies are available in the *Whitman College Student Handbook*, which is published annually.

Student Right to Know Information

Whitman College has included information that you need to know concerning the campus and its policies at <http://www.whitman.edu/righttoknow>. This information includes institutional information, alcohol policies, graduation rates, FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), services available to students with disabilities, institutional security policies and crime statistics and other information that you might find helpful. A printed copy of this information is available upon request from Donna Cummins at the Dean of Student's office, Memorial Building 302.