Chapter IV

The Admission of Students

Section 1. Admission Policy

A. Admission to Whitman College shall be on a selective basis.

B. The case of every applicant will be given careful individual attention.

1. His or her credentials shall be evaluated in comparison with those of the total group of applicants and the approval of his or her application shall be based upon the comparative indication of probable success in college.

2. The kinds of high school courses taken, the quality of work done, and the quality of aptitude test scores shall be important criteria in making estimates of probable success.

3. So also shall be extracurricular records, known interests and ambitions, and other evidence of ability and intelligence.

Section 2. The Admission Committee

A. The Admission Committee shall establish the procedures of admissions. The Committee shall have the authority to select and admit students in accordance with the established procedures of admissions.

B. The Committee shall consist of the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, the Director of Admission, other admission officers as deemed necessary, the Associate Dean of Students, three faculty members appointed by the President, and two student representatives.

Section 3. Academic Entrance Requirements for Undergraduate Standing

A. Candidates for admission without collegiate experience shall be required to present:

1. Official transcript of high school record.

2. Record of scores made on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test administered by the College Entrance Examination Board, the American College Test administered by the American College Testing Program, or the Washington Pre-College Test administered by the Pre-College Testing Service.

B. Candidates for admission on transfer from collegiate institutions shall be required to present:

1. Official transcript of high school record, issued by the preparatory school.

2. Official transcript of college record/s from the institution/s which the applicant has attended.
3. Record of scores made on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the American College Test, or the Washington Pre-College Test for all candidates who apply for admission on transfer from other collegiate institutions who would have fewer than four semesters or equivalent of college work on record by the time they would be ready to enter Whitman.

Section 4. Post-graduate Students

A. Whitman College may admit as post-graduate students those who hold a Bachelor's Degree and wish to pursue a limited program of study which will meet special needs.

B. Permission for post-graduate students to enroll in the College may be granted by the Admission Committee with the concurrence of the faculty concerned. (Ch. V, Art. II, Sec. 2.)

Section 5. Auditors

A person may be admitted to the College as an auditor with the permission of the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid. Admission of an auditor to a class is dependent upon approval of the instructor. (See Ch. V, Art. II, Sec. 3.)

Section 6. Special Students

The Admission Committee may admit as special students applicants who wish to take courses at Whitman College but who do not intend to pursue a degree program, and, in exceptional cases, applicants who wish to pursue a degree program but for personal reasons can do so only at a slower than normal pace. If a special student wishes to become a regular student (Ch. V, Art. II, Sec. 1), he or she must apply to the Admission Committee in the usual way; however, the applicant may be given preferential treatment on the basis of his or her previous work at Whitman College. (Ch. V, Art. II, Sec. 2.)

Section 7. Conditional Admission

The Committee on Admission and Financial Aid may admit on a conditional basis those candidates who do not meet traditional admission expectations, but who, in the estimation of the Committee on Admission and Financial Aid, should have an opportunity to attend Whitman.

A. Students admitted on a conditional basis would be eligible for scholarship assistance and would live in a college residence hall if appropriate.

B. The Committee on Admission and Financial Aid would establish the conditions for admission and continued attendance at Whitman.

1. These conditions would normally include the requirement that the student enroll in and complete a minimum of twelve credit hours (including General Studies, when appropriate) and earn a minimum 2.000 cumulative grade point average during each semester they are on the conditional admission status.
2. These conditions may be instituted for a period of one or two semesters.

3. Upon satisfactory completion of the conditional period, the student may apply for regular student status.

4. It is presumed that the Committee on Admission and Financial Aid will grant regular student status to those who meet their conditional requirements.

C. Attendance at Whitman will be terminated for students who do not meet their conditional requirements in any one semester.

D. Students admitted under this status will not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics.