

# Charges

Tuition pays for considerably less than the true cost of a Whitman education, with the remainder provided by income from the college's endowment and by gifts from alumni and other friends of the college. In effect, then, these revenue sources provide a partial scholarship to all students, regardless of whether they receive financial aid.

Whitman reserves the right to adjust its charges, though charges effective at the beginning of a semester will not be changed during that semester.

## Summary of Charges

Charges for a two-semester year at Whitman, for a student living in a residence hall, are:

Tuition .....	\$51,370
ASWC (student association).....	\$394
Board (Meal Plan A) .....	\$7,274
Room (standard rate) .....	\$5,844
Books and supplies (estimated) .....	\$1,400

Additional course fees, the cost of private music lessons, and personal expenses will vary from student to student. At Whitman and in the Walla Walla community, costs of social, recreational, and extracurricular activities tend to be relatively modest. The inclusive budget — that is, a typical budget for a student taking advantage of all customary types of college activity — is about \$66,282 a year.

## Payment of Charges

Charges are due and payable prior to the beginning of each semester; mid-August for the fall semester and early January for the spring semester. Charges must be paid in full or arrangements completed for a deferred payment plan before students may officially enroll in classes at the college.

**Full Payment:** All charges, net of financial aid, must be paid by cash or check to the Business Office. An online electronic payment option is available for credit card or electronic checks. Please see the Business Office Student Accounts website, [www.whitman.edu/content/business\\_office/stuacct](http://www.whitman.edu/content/business_office/stuacct), for current information.

**Deferred payment plan:** You may choose the deferred payment plan if you maintain a good payment history with the college. Each semester you may defer your tuition, room, and board charges, making four deferred payments. There is a \$25 per semester set-up fee. All unpaid balances, covered by the deferred payment agreements, will be assessed finance charges equivalent to 7 percent per year. Failure to make deferred payments on a timely basis may result in the loss of the opportunity to establish a payment plan in future semesters. For more information, contact the Business Office — Student Accounts.

**Student Account:** Whitman College issues email notices monthly on the charges and credits to the student's account. All unpaid balances will be assessed finance charges equivalent to 1 percent per month. It is the student's responsibility to be knowledgeable about and to remain current in payment for charges to his or her account. Enrollment in classes may be denied for failure to keep current on college or Greek organization accounts.

Transcripts for academic work done at Whitman will not be provided if there is an account balance owed to the college or a Greek organization. Whitman College uses a collection agency to collect delinquent accounts and these costs may be added to the debt at the time it is referred to the collection agency. When appropriate, information concerning such past due accounts will be provided to credit bureaus.

## Tuition

Regular full tuition charges will be applied to all students unless they are auditing classes or have been granted special student status by the Dean of Students. Tuition charges include benefits such as access to the Health Center and other student programs but does not include course fees or other class specific charges as indicated elsewhere.

Full tuition (per semester): .....	\$25,685
Special tuition (per credit, up to 8 credits per semester): .....	\$2,140
<i>Note:</i> This does not provide for regular student programs, course fees, etc. (see “Special students” and “Nondegree-seeking students” under <i>Classification of Students</i> ).	
Auditor’s tuition; per credit: .....	\$1,070

## Course Fees

Charges for fee courses may be redetermined in the fall due to the uncertainty of costs at the time the catalog is published. The following fees are estimated:

Art 101, 102, 201, 202, 221, 222, 301, 302, 321, 322, 498: .....	variable depending on medium (see <i>Courses of Instruction, Art</i> )
Art 103, 108, 111, 167, 267, 367: .....	\$120
Art 104, 114, 125, 225, 325: .....	\$175
Art 105, 106, 107, 109, 113, 130, 160, 170, 230, 260, 270, 330, 360, 370: .....	\$150
Art 115, 215, 315, 480, 490: .....	\$100
Art 123, 223, 323: .....	\$200
Art 180, 280, 380: .....	\$125
Biology 212*: .....	maximum \$85
Biology 256: .....	maximum \$75
Biology laboratories*(exception of Biology 212, 256): .....	maximum \$30
Chemistry 102*: .....	\$40
Chemistry 135*: .....	\$35
Chemistry 140*: .....	\$30
Chemistry 251*, 252*: .....	\$20
Chemistry laboratories* (exception of Chemistry 102, 135, 140, 251, 252): .....	maximum \$20
Geology 110, 111, 120, 121, 125, 126, 270*: .....	maximum \$20
Geology 158, 358, per semester: .....	maximum \$75
Geology 258, 480: .....	variable depending on location, scholarships possibly available
Geology 340: .....	maximum \$40 unless field trip is outside of the Pacific Northwest
Geology 405: .....	maximum \$30
Geology 415: .....	\$50
Music 163, 164, 263, 264, 363, 364, 463, 464 (see <i>Applied Music Fees</i> below)	
Music 241, 242: .....	\$25
Music 373, 374, 375, 376, 473, 474, 475, 476: .....	\$800
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 112, 114, 212, 214, 312, 314, per semester: .....	\$315
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 115, per semester: .....	\$340
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 117, 217, per semester: .....	\$100
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 127, 142, 338, per semester: .....	\$75
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 137, 237, 265 per semester: .....	\$140
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 138, 238, per semester: .....	\$170
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 140, per semester: .....	\$185
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 200, 308, 390, 395 per semester: .....	\$35
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 226, per semester: .....	\$500

Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 242, per semester: .....	\$650
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 244, per semester: .....	\$300
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 248, per semester: .....	\$190
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 250, per semester: .....	\$200
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 267, per semester: .....	\$25
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 332 per semester: .....	\$480
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 334 per semester: .....	\$1,500
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 342 per semester: .....	variable depending on location
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 350, per semester:.....	\$TBD
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 380, per semester: .....	Fall \$1,200; Spring \$290
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 387, per semester: .....	\$595

\*possible additional fee of \$10-\$200 for replacement of damaged materials and/or equipment

### **Applied Music Fees**

The fee for a weekly 30 minute lesson is \$400 per semester; weekly 60 minute lessons are \$800 per semester.

The applied music fee pertains to all students taking private lessons. In addition, for students paying less than the full college semester tuition rate there will be an additional special tuition charge on a per credit basis.

No applied music lessons are given on college holidays and during recesses, and no makeup schedules are provided for lesson schedules which include holidays and recesses. The only acceptable reason for lesson cancellation is illness; in such cases the instructor makes up half of the lessons missed without additional charge.

### **Resident Meal Plans**

Whitman College partners with Bon Appétit to oversee campus food service. Dining rooms are gathering places. Breaking bread together helps to create a sense of community and comfort. Bon Appétit’s kitchen philosophy is simple. Food is cooked from scratch using fresh, authentic ingredients in their simplest, most natural form. Freezers are small, and deliveries of fresh produce and whole foods are big. Local and seasonal products are purchased to bring food alive with flavor and nutrition.

Students living on campus at Whitman are required to purchase a meal plan (see exceptions below in the “More about Meal Plans and Flex Dollars” section). Students living off campus are not required to have a meal plan but can add Flex Dollars for both convenience and savings. Students living on campus are assigned Meal Plan A before the start of each semester but can change to Meal Plan B online using my.Whitman.edu during the first week of each semester. All charges will appear on a student’s Whitman College student account statement.

Whitman dining operates on a declining balance system where costs are determined by the actual food students purchase and consume, not on a per-meal basis.

#### **Meal Plan A**

**\$3,637 cost per semester (Purchasing power \$2,047 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I’ll eat a small breakfast and lunch. Plus a big dinner.

This plan is the minimum meal plan which meets the college’s residential meal plan requirement. This plan is designed to provide enough flex dollars to pay for approximately 15 meals per week, enough to meet an average student’s needs.

#### **Meal Plan B**

**\$3,937 cost per semester (Purchasing power \$2,547 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I'll eat three big meals each day. Plus, I like snacks for extra fuel, and an occasional coffee drink at the espresso bar.

This plan provides additional purchasing power which students can use in a number of different ways: purchasing additional meals, purchasing bigger meals or adding in between-meal snacks and beverages.

## Understanding Meal Plan Costs

The cost of a meal plan supports dining services in two ways. One portion supports Whitman's building maintenance and equipment as well as Bon Appétit's administrative costs. Students spend the remaining portion as Flex Dollars, which cover the cost of food, food preparation and other service costs.

## Which meal plan is right for me?

When determining which meal plan is the best fit, students should take multiple things into account as there are many individual factors which help determine their choice. Eating habits are important but also the size of meals, snacks, how many meals they will typically eat per week and if they plan to go off campus for weekends or the shorter academic breaks. The majority of students will find that **Meal Plan A** will provide enough purchasing power to meet their needs. The list below will help students determine if they should select **Meal Plan B**.

Do you?

- Plan on rarely missing a meal on campus during the typical week?
- Have a hearty appetite?
- Have increased caloric needs due to significant exercise, sports or metabolism?
- Plan to stay on campus through October Break or Thanksgiving Break when meals are served?
- Tend to snack between meals or late at night?
- Enjoy espresso drinks on a daily basis?
- Expect to stock up at the market for trips away from campus?
- Tend to seek out more expensive dishes such as wild Pacific salmon & sushi?
- Have specific food preferences which will make the cost of each meal higher?

## my.Whitman.edu – Checking Meal Plans and Flex Point Balances

The current Flex Dollar balance is available on the display after each point of sale transaction, online at my.Whitman.edu and on smartphones. The CafeBonApp can also be used to preorder & pay for some espresso & food items.

## Adding Flex Dollars for Students Living On or Off Campus

Both students living off campus as well as students living on campus with a meal plan have the option of adding Flex Dollars to their card. Flex Dollars always save the 8.9% Washington State sales tax compared to cash, credit or student charges. Flex Dollars may be purchased by students at: *my.Whitman.edu* in \$50 increments which are charged to your student account.

## More about Meal Plans and Flex Dollars

- Four semesters of on campus living are required.
- Students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan.
- Meal Plan A is the minimum required meal plan for all students living on campus with the exception of residents of Community Service House and College House who are not required to purchase a meal plan.
- Meal plan and Flex Dollar charges appear on a student's Whitman College Student account statement.
  - Flex Dollars added to a meal plan or purchased independently are \$1 to \$1 Flex Dollar
  - Flex Dollars are not transferable to another's account.

- Students with unused Flex Dollars remaining at the end of a semester may select a smaller meal plan if one is available but are not eligible to be exempt from the meal plan requirement.
- Flex Dollars remaining at the end of the fall semester carry over to spring semester.
- Flex Dollars remaining at the end of spring will not carry over to the next school year and are not refundable.
- Students with extra Flex Dollars remaining at the end of spring semester are encouraged to spend them at the Café '66 market in Reid Campus Center.
- Bon Appétit will gladly work one on one with students who have medically significant conditions affecting their dietary needs to ensure that those needs are met. Students should ask to see a manager.
- Only students have access to their individual my.Whitman.edu site to view, change meal plan assignments or add additional Flex Dollars to their plans.
- Flex Dollars can be used during the academic year and only when the residence halls are open. Plans start when students are first allowed into their rooms and are not active when college is not in session except for Thanksgiving Break where meals are served through Wednesday dinner and begin again Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Meal Plans are not active during winter, spring or summer breaks.
- Only students who withdraw are eligible for a refund or reduction of their meal plan charges. Please review the college refund policy.

## Room

Due to the nature of our residential college, all single undergraduate students who are under 21 years of age at the start of each semester or have not yet lived on campus for four semesters are required to live on campus.

New students are guaranteed a room at the time the enrollment deposit is paid. There is no housing deposit. A student who moves off campus in violation of the college residential living policy will be charged a minimum of 60 percent of the applicable semester's room and board rate plus any other appropriate charges.

Returning students who have reserved a room during housing selection for the following semester and who do not accept their housing assignment, will be charged \$300. The only exceptions to this charge are those students who will not be enrolled at the college for the semester; e.g., transferring, study abroad, leave of absence.

Students who will be gone from campus fall semester need to notify the Residence Life Office by June 23.

The charge made for rooms does not permit the student the use of room accommodations during the recesses of the college year when the buildings are closed.

Standard room rate in any residence hall or house, each student, per semester: .....	\$2,922
Single room rate in any residence hall, per semester: .....	\$3,686
Room rate in College House each student, per semester: .....	\$3,373

Premium Rooms: When available, students may select double rooms as singles. When this occurs, the student will be charged \$150 above the single room rate. If the college finds it necessary to use the additional space in such a room, the student will be refunded, on a prorated basis, any charges above the standard room rate.

## Deposits and Application Fees

Application Fee (see *Admission Credentials*): Due when application is made and nonrefundable. .... \$50

Enrollment Deposit (see *Admission Provisions*): Due from new students upon notice of acceptance by the Admission Committee and refundable upon graduation or withdrawal from Whitman. Failure to pay the deposit by the date stipulated in the letter of admission will result in the cancellation of the student's offer of admission to the college.  
 .....\$300

I.D. Card (on replacement): .....\$20

### **Health Center Fees (see Welty Center - Health Services)**

There is no charge to students for basic medical, nursing, or overnight care at the Health Center. However, laboratory studies, X-rays, and physician visits made at outside facilities are the student’s responsibility. The Health Center services are available to all degree-seeking students. The college will charge for all physical examinations for overseas study, Peace Corps, or other institutions. The college will charge for prescription medicines, vaccines, laboratory tests done in the center, and services provided above those normally available.

### **Associated Student Government Fee (Mandatory)**

Full-time, on-campus student, per semester: \$197

### **Off-Campus Study Fee**

For students participating in off-campus studies during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year (either study abroad or U.S. Partner Programs) Whitman charges Whitman tuition for the tuition fee during their Off-Campus Studies (OCS) semesters, plus the relevant program’s room and board fees, as well as other mandatory program fees, such as required international medical insurance. Additional costs that the student may be charged directly by the OCS program may include special course fees, optional program excursions, and housing/key deposits. For details, please see the OCS website at [www.whitman.edu/ocs](http://www.whitman.edu/ocs).

### **Institutional Refund Policy**

Refunds will be awarded only in the case of approved withdrawals (described in the *Academics, Withdrawals* section of the catalog) from the college. The refund schedule below applies to tuition and fee charges, applied music, and other fee courses. A student who moves from a residence hall after the semester begins, or fails to move into a room reserved for second semester, will be refunded room charges for the smaller of 40 percent or that determined by the refund schedule below. Board charges will be prorated on a weekly basis as of the date of withdrawal, except for a minimum charge of \$100 per semester.

The percentage of charges refunded is based on the passage of total days of instruction commencing with the official first day of classes for the semester on through to the date of official withdrawal.

The first day of instruction: .....	100%	Day 17 through day 21: .....	40%
Day two through day 11: .....	80%	Day 22 through day 26: .....	20%
Day 12 through day 16: .....	60%	After day 26: .....	No refund

### **Off-Campus Studies Refund Policy**

If a student withdraws from an off-campus studies program, any refund of tuition will be based on Whitman's standard refund schedule using the first day of classes on the off-campus studies program as day one for calculating the refund. Refunds of off-campus studies room and board fees will be based on the refund (if any) provided by the off-campus studies program itself. Any refund to a student of a program’s tuition or room and board fees will be further limited to the amount originally charged by Whitman College. Withdrawal from such programs may also impact a student’s financial aid. Financial aid recipients should contact the Whitman Office of Financial Aid Services to determine the extent of that impact.

### **Federal Student Aid Refund Policy**

To determine the amount of funds that must be refunded to federal student aid programs, the institution must determine the percentage of time the student has been in attendance during the semester. The maximum amount of time a student may attend classes and have funds returned to any of the federal programs is 60 percent.

The calculation for the return of federal student aid funds to the programs is completely separate from the calculation of charges and refunds with regard to Whitman scholarship. The following is an example of how the college would calculate the percentage of refund and the amounts to be returned to each program.

*Jane, a sophomore, last attended class on October 21. She has attended 52 days of classes, and the percentage of her charges will be 52 percent (total number of days attended, 52, divided by the total number of days in the semester, 100). The amount of the refund (total costs for the semester less actual charges) is then 48 percent.*

Fixed charges for the semester:	<b><u>\$27,834</u></b>
Jane's scholarship for the semester:	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>
<b>Jane's federal aid for the semester:</b>	
Direct Subsidized Loan:	\$2,250
Direct PLUS Loan:	\$6,000
Federal Perkins Loan:	\$750
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$9,000</u></b>
Refunded to federal programs:	<b><u>\$4,320</u></b>
(\$9,000 x 48%)	
Direct Subsidized Loan:	\$2,250
Federal Perkins Loan	\$750
Direct PLUS Loan	\$1,320
<b>Total refunded to federal programs:</b>	<b><u>\$4,320</u></b>

The funds that are to be returned to the various programs must be returned in a certain order. The following is a list of federal programs, in order of refund.

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| 1. Direct Unsubsidized Loan | 6. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant             |
| 2. Direct Subsidized Loan   | 7. Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant                             |
| 3. Federal Perkins Loan     | 8. Other federal, state, private, or institutional sources of aid |
| 4. Direct PLUS Loan         | 9. The student  |
| 5. Federal Pell Grants      |   |

For students who receive Washington State Need Grant and/or College Bound Scholarship, refunds are calculated independently of federal aid. If the last date of attendance occurs after 50 percent of the term, the state aid is considered 100 percent earned and no refund is necessary. State aid refunds are prorated according to the state's Repayment Calculator for withdraws occurring before the 50 percent mark.

In this example, the college would not reduce the amount of the student's nonfederal scholarship. The college's *Institutional Refund Policy* would govern the return of nonfederal funds.