

# 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 .....	\$61,070
ASWC (student association).....	\$422
Board (Meal Plan 2) .....	\$8,200
Room (standard rate) .....	\$6,440
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 \$77,532 a year.

## Payment of Charges

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

**Full Payment:** All charges, net of financial aid, must be paid by cash or check to the Business Office. Additionally, an online electronic payment option is available at <https://webapp2.whitman.edu/opay> for credit card or electronic checks. Please see the Business Office Student Accounts website, [whit.mn/stuacct](http://whit.mn/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 5 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. Our payment plan calculator at [whit.mn/ppcalc](http://whit.mn/ppcalc) can give you an idea of what your four equal payments per semester will be. For more information, contact the Business Office — Student Accounts at [StuAcct@whitman.edu](mailto:StuAcct@whitman.edu).

**Student Account:** Whitman College issues monthly email notices to students on the charges and credits to the student's account. All unpaid balances over \$100 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 Student Account. Registration in classes for upcoming semesters may be denied for failure to keep current on college accounts; and Graduates may be denied a diploma.

Transcripts for academic work done at Whitman will not be provided if there is an account balance owed to the college. 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): .....	\$30,535
Special tuition (per credit, up to 8 credits per semester): .....	\$2,545
<i>Note: This does not provide for regular student programs, course fees, etc. (see “Special students” and “Nondegree-seeking students” under Classification of Students).</i>	
Auditor’s tuition; per credit:.....	\$1,272
Certification Candidates	
1-10 credit, semester.....	\$9,161
Each credit over 10, per credit.....	\$2,545

## 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 104: .....	\$50
Art 103, 108, 167, 267, 367: .....	\$120
Art 114, 125, 225, 325: .....	\$175
Art 105, 106, 107, 130, 160, 170, 230, 260, 270, 314, 330, 360, 370: .....	\$150
Art 109: .....	\$135
Art 115, 215, 315, 480, 490: .....	\$100
Art 123, 223, 323: .....	\$200
Biology 212*: .....	maximum \$85
Biology 256: .....	maximum \$75
Biology laboratories*(exception of Biology 212, 256): .....	maximum \$30
Chemistry 102*: .....	\$40
Chemistry 125,126: .....	\$37.50
Chemistry 135*: .....	\$35
Chemistry 140*: .....	\$30
Chemistry 251*, 252*: .....	\$20
Chemistry laboratories* (exception of Chemistry 102, 135, 140, 251, 252):.....	maximum \$20
Environmental Studies 314: .....	\$150
Geology 111, 121,126, *: .....	maximum \$20
Geology 158, 358, per semester: .....	maximum \$75
Geology 258, 480: .....	variable depending on location, scholarships possibly available
Geology 270: .....	maximum \$50
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: .....	\$475
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 117, 217, per semester: .....	\$100
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 119, per semester: .....	\$120
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 127, 267, per semester: .....	\$75
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 137, 237, 265, per semester: .....	\$175
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 138, 141, 238, 268, per semester: .....	\$225
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 140, 250, per semester: .....	\$235
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 142, per semester: .....	\$150
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 200, 308, 390, 395, per semester: .....	\$35
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 226, 331, per semester: .....	\$600
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 240, per semester: .....	\$300
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 242, per semester: .....	\$775
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 244, per semester: .....	\$350
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 248, 300, per semester: .....	\$225
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 270, per semester: .....	\$160
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 332, 334, per semester: .....	\$530
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 338, per semester: .....	\$85
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 342, per semester: .....	variable depending on location
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 350, per semester:.....	\$500
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 380, per semester: .....	\$575
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 387, per semester: .....	\$700

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

## **Applied Music Fees**

The fee for a weekly 30-minute applied music course is \$400 per semester; weekly 60 minute applied music courses are \$800 per semester.

The applied music fee pertains to all students taking applied music courses. 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 courses are held on college holidays and during recesses, and no makeup schedules are provided for schedules, which include holidays and recesses. The only acceptable reason for course cancellation is illness; in such cases, the instructor makes up half of the courses missed without additional charge.

## **Resident Meal Plans**

Whitman College partners with Bon Appétit to manage campus food service. Bon Appétit’s dining philosophy is simple. 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 2 before the beginning fall semester but can change to either of the other Meal Plans online using my-new.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 Flex Dollar charges are determined by the actual food students’ purchase and consume, not on a per-meal basis.

## Meal Plan 1

**\$3,800 cost per semester**

**(Purchasing power \$1,860 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I eat one or two meals per day when I eat on campus.

This plan is the minimum meal plan, which meets the college's residential meal plan requirement. This plan is not designed to provide enough flex dollars to meet the needs of the majority of students. Students always have the option of adding additional Flex Dollars at any time during the semester.

## Meal Plan 2

**\$4,100 cost per semester**

**(Purchasing power \$2,260 Flex Dollars).**

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

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. All students required to have a residential meal plan are initially assigned Meal Plan 2 each semester but can make a meal plan change through the first Friday of each semester. Students always have the option of adding additional Flex Dollars at any time during the semester.

## Meal Plan 3

**\$4,400 cost per semester**

**(Purchasing power \$2,760 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I will eat three big meals each day I'm on campus. 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. This plan meets the needs of nearly all students with higher caloric needs. Students always have the option of adding additional Flex Dollars at any time during the semester.

## Quick Guide

Plan	Students	Price	Flex Dollars
Meal Plan 1	lower caloric needs	\$300 less	400 fewer flex dollars
<b>Meal Plan 2</b>	<b>Base Plan (best for most students)</b>	<b>\$4,100</b>	<b>2, 260 flex dollars</b>
Meal Plan 3	higher caloric needs	\$300 more	500 more flex dollars

## Financial Aid

If you receive need-based aid and are on Meal Plan 1 or Meal Plan 2 your financial aid award is based on the price of Meal Plan 2.

If you receive need-based aid and are on Meal Plan 3, your award will be adjusted accordingly.

## Understanding Meal Plan Costs

A portion of a Whitman meal plan supports equipment, administrative costs, and service in addition to the cost of food. Unlike restaurants that only make what is ordered, **Bon Appétit** must operate under the assumption that all students will show up for each meal, to ensure there is enough food for all. For that reason, it is not feasible for Flex Dollars to roll over from year to year.

## **Staying on Budget**

Several tools are provided to assist students in staying on track with their Flex Dollar budget each week.

- Each dining location has a calendar posted indicating how many Flex Dollars you should have left on that day.
- Balances are briefly displayed on the register after each transaction.
- Paper receipts show the balance remaining.
- Students can check their Flex Dollar balance at any time by logging on to [my-new.whitman.edu](http://my-new.whitman.edu).  
• Students with unused balances at the end of the semester are encouraged to take advantage of special sales of non-perishable items from the market in Reid.

## **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 any point in the semester at: [my-new.whitman.edu](http://my-new.whitman.edu) in \$50 increments, which are charged to your student account.

## **More about Meal Plans and Flex Dollars**

- Four semesters of living on campus and being on a meal plan are required.
- Meal Plan 1 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 are not transferable to another student's account.
- Students with unused Flex Dollars remaining at the end of a semester may select a smaller meal plan for the following semester if one is available. They are not eligible for a meal plan exemption.
- 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.
- Students can change their meal plan assignment, check their Flex Dollar balance or add additional Flex Dollars by logging on to my-new.whitman.edu and can authorize their parents to do the same.
- 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

As a resident college, all 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 (rare exceptions are made for students with domestic partners, who are married, or have family in close proximity to 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 without approval 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 but later forfeit it 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 will not have access to their rooms during the dates when halls are closed for breaks.

Standard room rate in any residence hall or house, each student, per semester: .....	\$3,220
Single room rate in any residence hall, per semester: .....	\$4,070
Room rate in College House each student, per semester: .....	\$3,722

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 seeking basic medical 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: \$211

### **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 & State 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. They have 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.*

**Jane's federal aid for the semester:**

Direct Unsubsidized Loan:	\$1,000
Direct Subsidized Loan:	\$2,250
Direct PLUS Loan:	\$6,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$9,250</u></b>
Refunded to federal programs:	<b><u>\$4,440</u></b>
(\$9,250 x 48%)	
Direct Unsubsidized Loan:	\$1,000
Direct Subsidized Loan:	\$2,250
Direct PLUS Loan	\$1,190
<b>Total refunded to federal programs:</b>	<b><u>\$4,440</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.

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

For students who receive Washington College Grant and/or College Bound Scholarship, refunds are calculated independently of federal aid. If the student began attendance in all the enrolled classes for which the Washington College Grant and/or College Bound Scholarship were calculated, no adjustment to the State aid is required and counts as a semester of eligibility utilized. However, failure to complete all of the courses for which State aid was based upon may impact Satisfactory Academic Progress for the semester in question and the student may be placed on financial aid probation for the following semester.

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.