

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.
- Completion of First Year Seminars: GENS-175 and 176
- Completion of Writing Proficiency: RWPD-170 or passing the Writing Assessment
- Distribution completed. Note that neither AP or IB courses, nor P-D-F graded courses, can count toward distribution. For students who started prior to Fall 2024, no more than **8** credits from one department can be used to fulfill Humanities and Fine Arts collectively
- 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
- Minor requirements met (2.00 GPA, all transfer courses approved, and all credit and course requirements met), or minor will be removed
- Participation in Commencement is required. If all degree requirements will not be completed prior to Commencement, students must have no more than a semester worth of credits, 18 or less, left to complete or have petitioned the Board of Review for approval to participate
- If completing degree with transfer credit, must have at least 116 credits completed by the end of final semester and be in residence during the last two semesters. If needing 9 credits or more, must have Board of Review residency waiver approved as well as approval to transfer remaining number of credits

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, if department requires application
- *At time of application*, completed at least 87 credits and 2 semesters at Whitman
- Minimum *major* GPA of 3.50 **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.