

WHITMAN



welcome to
our family!



These materials were created prior to the college's decision to move to online learning for Fall 2020, and some information may be out of date. Please see the orientation website, whitman.edu/orientation, and watch your email for the latest information.



Committed to a Safe Start

All of us at Whitman College are making every effort to keep our community safe from COVID-19. As we prepare to welcome students to campus, that includes plans and protocols for:

- COVID testing, isolation and contact tracing
- Face coverings
- Sanitizing spaces
- Social distancing — inside and outside of class

We will keep the entire Whitman community, including families, aware of plans and updates as they become available.



FROM THE Dean of Students

WELCOME TO WHITMAN COLLEGE, a place where we are dedicated to creating an inclusive community of students, faculty, staff, alumni and family members. There can never be a place like home, and we will not pretend to replace that, but we will make every effort to create conditions where your student can thrive and flourish as a citizen, scholar and human being. The transformation from being a high school student to being an independent college student can be an opportunity for growth that may be accompanied by growing pains. We will do everything we can here at Whitman to ensure a positive transition, but we cannot succeed alone. We will need your unwavering support for your student as we engage in this journey together.

I want to encourage you to carefully read this booklet. It contains not only important information for orientation, but also advice, information and resources that will help you and your family get ready for the upcoming school year. It provides valuable information regarding the academic calendar, various programs that are available to students throughout the year and other student-centered resources. You can also get a copy of this booklet and access more information for families at whitman.edu/families.

We are delighted that you are entrusting your student's education to Whitman College. We treat our students with respect and as responsible adults, assuming them capable of living away from home and making mature decisions. We want to believe that they will make positive choices all the time. In the rare cases

that they don't, we will hold them accountable for their actions. With this freedom to be an adult, we believe, comes the responsibility of choosing wisely.

Finally, we want to encourage you to trust your work as parents. Allow your student to grow in this new environment. It is possible that they will make choices different from ones you would make. In other words, let them make their own decisions in the belief that such decision-making is a part their journey and maturation. It does not mean that you ignore them, but it does mean you can give them more and more room to work out situations with roommates, with friends, with colleagues and with faculty. Remember, the Student Affairs staff and I are here to guide them through college life. We want to partner with you throughout, and together we can provide opportunities for learning, growth and maturity over the next four years.

I am grateful that among the many choices that could have been made, you and your student chose Whitman College. I can't wait to meet you in person and to welcome you to campus.

With gratitude,

Kazi Joshua
Vice President & Dean of Students
Whitman College

Your On-Campus Support Team



Kathleen Murray

President

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The president holds open office hours each semester so students can drop in and share any concerns or ask any questions. For the most recent schedule, go to whitman.edu/president/open-office-hours.



Thomas Witherspoon

Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion
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As vice president for diversity and inclusion, Thomas Witherspoon advises students, faculty and staff in order to facilitate a positive experience for every member of the Whitman community. Thomas is also a resource for students dealing with Title IX complaints, such as sexual misconduct.



Kazi Joshua

Dean of Students and
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The Dean of Students is an advocate and mentor to all students, and is the primary contact for parents who have concerns about their student's life at Whitman.



Rae Chresfield

Associate Dean of Health and Wellness

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Rae Chresfield serves as director of the Counseling Center and leads the college's wellness efforts to help students find balance in their academic lives.



Nancy Tavelli

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As director of Residence Life and Housing, Nancy Tavelli works with students on questions about on-campus living. Nancy also supervises the resident directors in each hall. These staff members live in each hall and are available to answer questions and help students with problems.



Antonia Keithahn

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Disability Support Services assists any students who need accommodations to succeed at Whitman, such as facilitating online learning, providing resources for studying and testing, and helping remove physical or emotional barriers to education.



Juli Dunn

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Juli Dunn leads many aspects of Student Affairs, including academic advising and new student orientation.



Dorothy Mukasa

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Dorothy Mukasa helps oversee orientation and student programming at Whitman, and will assist students as they transition to college life.

Ready, set, go!

A SUMMER TO-DO LIST Since early June, your student has been receiving weekly email reminders and helpful tips from Senior Associate Dean of Students Juli Dunn.

Students have been encouraged to:

- **ACTIVATE THEIR WHITMAN EMAIL ACCOUNT.**
- **COMPLETE THEIR HOUSING AND PRE-MAJOR ADVISING QUESTIONNAIRE.**
- **ATTEND A GROUP ADVISING SESSION.**
- **TAKE THE FIRST YEAR SEMINAR SURVEY INDICATING THEIR TOPIC PREFERENCES.**
- **COMPLETE A WRITING EVALUATION AND TAKE NEEDED PLACEMENT EXAMS.**
- **ADD TO THEIR COURSE WISH LISTS.**

And that's not all! You can see a more detailed checklist in the Student Welcome Guide, which was mailed to each new student and is available online at whitman.edu/orientation.

If your student has any questions or thinks they missed a deadline, they can contact Senior Associate Dean of Students Juli Dunn at dunnjl@whitman.edu.

- Lost ID number or password? If your student has lost their Whitman ID number or forgotten their password, they can contact the Whitman College Technology Services Help Desk for a reset. Email helpdesk@whitman.edu or call **509-527-4976**.
- Have a question about payments? Please review your student's invoice and let us know if you have any questions. You can contact Student Accounts at **509-527-5143**. If you have questions about Financial Aid, call **509-527-5178** or email finaid@whitman.edu.

UPDATE YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION

Go to whitman.edu/familyform to update your contact information. This helps us keep you informed about what's happening at Whitman!



Preparing Your Student (and Yourself!) for College

From the moment they arrive on campus, your student will explore new subjects, meet new people and begin the process of becoming an independent college student. Although being at college doesn't mean they no longer need their families, your student will need different things from you now than they have before. Your influence remains strong, and it's important for you to stay connected and involved.

Have hard conversations now

You still have some work to do before sending your student to Whitman in August. Research has shown that students who have had adults in their life talk to them about making smart choices around drugs, alcohol and sex are less likely to exhibit risky behavior in college.

Remember that college is a time for exploration and new experiences. You want to help them explore healthy options and make mature choices.

Have you talked with your student about drinking and drugs? Recreational marijuana is legal in Washington, but not permitted on Whitman's campus. Drug use or underage drinking is a violation of the student code of conduct and could result in disciplinary action. But more importantly, drug use and drinking could put your student at risk physically, emotionally or academically. Talk with them honestly about your experience with substances, and let them know that they can talk to you about pressure they may be facing.

Sex and consent are also major issues for college students. Sexual harassment and violence are absolutely prohibited. We want our campus to be safe for all students. Talk to your student about what consent means, how to know if they are in a risky position, and tactics for staying safe.

Whitman College offers the Green Dot program, which is a bystander intervention training program to prevent sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence. You can read more about the program at whitman.edu/greendot.

All incoming students are also required to take online trainings on substance use, healthy relationships and sexual activity. Your student will receive announcements about these trainings in their email.

Your student will be taking risks and making decisions. Many risks can lead to positive growth, such as tackling a new subject area, joining a club or applying for a scholarship. Offer support but don't be afraid to let your student stumble as they take risks. We want students to say no to risks that are unsafe, but to not shy away from risks that challenge and inspire them.

Communicating with your student

As students begin their college life, it's common for them to stretch into their independence by communicating less with home. However, students may also start to feel cut off from support structures and struggle with homesickness.

You can help support your student — and give them more freedom — by setting a schedule for communication. Maybe you'll have a weekly phone check-in, text every few days or write letters. Whatever your favorite mode for communicating with your student is, be sure you use it as a tool to help them.

Try to balance your conversations between life on campus and what's happening at home. Ask questions to help develop ideas rather than offering tips how to "fix things" for your student. Students build resilience and confidence when they can facilitate success by figuring things out for themselves.





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Your support

matters. Make sure your student knows you believe in their ability to make good decisions. This will help them develop resilience, autonomy and confidence in themselves.

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Developing responsibility

Parents and parental figures are an important key to help their student develop as a confident, independent and autonomous individual. You can help your student develop resilience, autonomy and confidence in themselves by supporting them and believing in their ability to make good decisions.

You can help your student develop responsibility by encouraging them to seek out solutions to their problems. Ask them what they think they should do to fix it. What have they tried so far? Who have they talked to on campus? You can use this book to advise them where they might start, but they need to seek out the solution themselves. This will empower them to become an independent adult.

Be open to new perspectives

While attending college, your student might be exposed to ideas or perspectives that are different than your

own. College is meant to foster different perspectives and expose students to broader and diverse ways of thinking and being. This can be challenging for students and their families. At Whitman, we teach students the importance of being open to new ideas, thinking critically and challenging their beliefs, but also how to engage in respectful dialogue. As family members, it is important to also be open to new ideas and reserve judgment. This will help your student come to their own conclusions and increase their self-confidence.

If you feel that a student is in immediate danger, please contact the Dean of Students Office at **509-527-5158** or, if it is after hours, call campus security at **509-527-5777**.



Arrival and Check-In

Students will be able to check in to their residence halls on Thursday, Aug. 20. We'll send an assigned check-in/drop-off time by Whitman email as the date gets closer.

New Student Orientation

The in-person components of New Student Orientation will begin on Aug. 21. The schedule of 2020 orientation events will be available at whitman.edu/orientation later this summer.

Family Orientation

Family Orientation will be held online, with information sessions that you can watch anytime, beginning in mid-July. More information about Family Orientation will be posted at whitman.edu/families. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, family members will be asked to limit their time on campus to their student's drop-off time.

Getting to Walla Walla

Walla Walla, Washington, is located in the southeast corner of Washington state, near the Oregon border. Major highways that lead to Walla Walla include U.S. 12 and I-125. Boise, Seattle and Portland can be reached in less than five hours. When using GPS to locate Whitman College, the college's address is 345 Boyer Ave. There are no parking permits required to park on the Whitman College campus. Visitors are welcome to park in any of our campus lots or wherever street parking is permitted.

If you and/or your student will be flying in to start college, Whitman College is served by two airports:

- Walla Walla Regional Airport (ALW) is a five-minute drive from campus. Horizon Airlines (operated by Alaska Airlines) provides service to Walla Walla with connections to Seattle/Tacoma (SEATAC).
- The Tri-Cities Regional Airport (PSC) is about 45 miles west of Walla Walla in Pasco, Washington. Airlines serving Pasco provide flights to and from Seattle/Tacoma, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake City, Minneapolis and Denver. Car rental from Hertz or Budget is available at Walla Walla Regional Airport.

All major car rental agencies are located in the terminal at the Tri-Cities Regional Airport. Reservations are recommended. Taxis also service the airport. You will need to arrange pickup. Taxi and ride-share services are also available.

Valley Transit buses serve Walla Walla. To request a bus pickup from the Walla Walla airport, call Valley Transit at **509-525-9140**. Grape Line offers bus service to Tri-Cities Airport, connecting to Walla Walla's Valley Transit system.

Lodging and Dining

Go to wallawalla.org for more information about lodging, dining and activities in the Walla Walla Valley, including business hours and current restrictions.

Residence Life

Whitman's residential campus offers a unique living environment for our students. The two-year residency requirement allows students to form strong bonds with their peers and build a foundation for academic success. Students also can choose to live on campus their junior or senior year.

Where Do First-Year Students Live?

- **Anderson Hall:** A first-year residence hall, Anderson houses six sections separated by gender. It features traditional shared-room doubles.
- **Jewett Hall:** A first-year residence hall, Jewett has sections separated by gender, as well as mixed-gender sections. It features traditional shared-room doubles. It shares a cafe and study lounge with Lyman House.
- **Lyman House:** A first-year residence hall, Lyman houses students of all genders in two-room suite doubles.
- **North Hall:** Nestled into a historic, residential neighborhood on the northern edge of campus, North Hall may house first-year, transfer and returning students.
- **Prentiss Hall:** An all-women's residence hall, including four sorority sections, Prentiss houses first-year, transfer and returning students.

About Our Residence Halls

Residence halls are divided into sections, with each section staffed by a resident assistant, or RA. RAs are upperclass students who are trained to handle emergencies, help with conflicts, and plan educational and social programs. Other staff members present in the hall include student academic advisors (SAs) and the resident director (RD). The RD in each hall is a recent Whitman graduate who leads the hall staff in supporting their residents.

All the staff members in Whitman's residence halls are here to create systems of support, get to know every student living on campus and make sure students feel like a part of the Whitman community.

The residence halls contain a main lounge and several smaller section lounges for studying, visiting, meetings and recreation. Kitchen facilities are located in all of the halls. Bike storage is available either outside or in the

basement of most halls. Laundry rooms equipped with washers and dryers are provided in each hall at no charge.

As sophomores, students have the opportunity to live in the new Stanton Hall, a sophomore-only facility that houses 146 sophomores and helps students continue to build the community they developed their first year. They can also apply to live in one of Whitman's 11 interest houses that form the Interest House Community. They can also select from residence halls like Douglas Hall, or more independent-style housing, such as College House. Juniors and seniors can also choose from many of these options or live in one of the college-owned nearby rental homes.

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

Resident Director Contact Phone Numbers for 2020-2021

Anderson Hall 509-527-5501	Lyman House 509-527-5427
College House, Marcus House and Douglas Hall 509-527-5683	North Hall 509-527-5361
Interest Houses 509-524-2002	Prentiss Hall 509-527-5601
Jewett Hall 509-527-5477	Stanton Hall 509-527-5924





Residence Life FAQ

Can my student request a roommate?

For most students, we use our online housing questionnaire to pair students with similar habits to help make the first-year experience a positive one. This year, due to COVID-19, we are also allowing students to request a specific roommate if there is someone they would like to live with. We are also offering additional single rooms for students who would prefer not to have a roommate. Please have your students watch their email for more information or contact the Residence Life and Housing Office for details.

What is my student's mailing address?

While living at Whitman, your student's mailing address is:



Student Name
Whitman College
280 Boyer Ave.
Walla Walla WA 99362

It is not necessary to add a room number or building name.

My student has a physical disability. Can you accommodate them?

Whitman College works to place students with physical disabilities in a residence hall that meets the safety needs and the comfort needs of the individual. If accommodations may be necessary because of a documented disability, please email keithaam@whitman.edu for more information.

Will my student be placed with someone that is the same gender? What if they are LGBTQIA+?

We strive to foster supportive living environments for all students. We understand that for some students, this may be best facilitated through a gender-inclusive housing arrangement. Students interested in gender-inclusive housing may elect to be placed with a different gendered roommate by contacting the Residence Life and Housing Office.

Is my student going to make friends?

Our residence hall staff works hard to help students connect with each other and the greater Whitman community. RAs

and RDs plan a variety of events throughout the year to get students together and having fun.

Do they need a car?

Whitman does not recommend students bring cars to campus. Most students find they don't need them. Parking is also extremely limited. The good news is that campus is within walking distance to downtown, a grocery store, restaurants and coffee shops. The city offers affordable public transit and is bike- and pedestrian-friendly. The college also offers a free bike share program and has an on-campus bike repair shop. There are ride-sharing services in town, and depending on COVID-19 restrictions, the college may coordinate bus services to nearby airports, Seattle and Portland during academic breaks. For more information about transportation visit whitman.edu/transportation.

When will they find out who their roommate is?

Room assignments are released in early August. Your student will receive their housing assignment and roommate information in their Whitman email, as well as in the mail. We encourage your student to connect with their roommate before packing to avoid bringing unnecessary items.

What do they need for their room?

Our rooms come equipped with an extra-long twin bed (except in Prentiss Hall and Stanton Hall), mattress cover, desk and chair, wardrobe and storage, chest of drawers, bulletin board, window blinds and a telephone for local calls. Students will want to bring bedding, towels and toiletries, their clothes, lamps, laundry items, and other personal items to make themselves feel at home. A full list of suggested items, as well as things to leave at home, was included in the Student Welcome Guide.

You can also see answers to more FAQs at whitman.edu/residence-life.

Dining Services

Whitman College partners with Bon Appétit to provide campus food service. Dining options for the 2020-2021 school year may depend on current COVID-19 guidelines.

Traditionally, breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the campus's main dining hall, Cleveland Commons. Open to the entire community, this modern food hall allows students from all residence halls, off-campus students, faculty and staff to eat together in one location. Cleveland Commons also has its own coffee shop.

Bon Appétit creates fresh menus made from locally sourced ingredients and seasonal produce. Cleveland Commons provides multiple food stations to accommodate a variety of food-related issues, including allergies, intolerances and medical conditions. If your student needs to request specific accommodations or has questions about ingredients, contact Jon Sodini at

650-575-5481 or sodinij@whitman.edu. Learn more at whitman.cafebonappetit.com.

Additional dining services on campus include Jewett Cafe and Reid Market – coffee shops that offer snacks and grab-and-go breakfast and lunch items.

Meal Plans

All students living on campus must have a meal plan. The midlevel Meal Plan 2 is automatically assigned to students. The college also offers Meal Plan 1 for those with lower caloric needs, or Meal Plan 3, for those with higher caloric needs.

Students can adjust to a larger or smaller meal plan at my.whitman.edu. They can also check their balance or purchase more Flex Dollars online. Any students with concerns about their meal plan can contact the Dean of Students Office for assistance.





Costs and Financial Aid

The staff in the Office of Financial Aid is here to help you understand your student's financial aid award and make sure they have completed the necessary steps to receive their funds.

Cost of Attendance for 2020-2021

Tuition.....	\$55,560
ASWC (student government association).....	\$408
Room and board.....	\$13,800
Books and supplies*.....	\$1,400
Total.....	\$71,168

Charges on your student's account are due prior to registration for each semester. Students must pay all semester costs or set up a payment plan with the Business Office before they are allowed to officially enroll in classes.

Your Student's Financial Aid

Nearly 80% of Whitman students receive financial aid. We work hard to make a Whitman education affordable for students and families from all backgrounds. If you have any questions about your student's award or have had a change in your financial situation, please call **509-527-5178** or email finaid@whitman.edu.

**Costs for books, supplies and other personal expenses can vary widely depending on the types of classes taken and the lifestyle of an individual student. Some courses, such as art, music, dance or science labs, require a special course fee.*

Financial Aid FAQ

My student was awarded work-study. What is that and how do they receive it?

Work-study is financial aid that your student earns by working on campus. It allows your student to earn a paycheck while attending Whitman, which can help pay part of their costs or cover personal expenses. Most offices on campus hire work-study students and provide jobs that are flexible around class schedules and academic needs while providing valuable work experience and building your student's resume.

How does my student find a job that will allow them to earn their work-study award?

Whitman offers a matched work-study program that helps match incoming students who qualify for work-study with on-campus jobs. The application form is distributed by the Student Engagement Center in partnership with the Financial Aid Office in late July. Students can register for the program through Sunday, Aug. 9.

While we work to place as many students as we can, not every student who applies will be matched with a position. Therefore, students are also encouraged to look for additional job opportunities for both on- and off-campus work using our online jobs platform, Handshake. Your student can activate their Handshake profile by logging in with their **whitman.edu** email address. For more information about Handshake, visit **whitman.edu/sec**.

Won't working while in school hurt my student's academic performance?

Our data actually shows that students who work also do well academically. Having a work-study position helps your student work on time management and study skills, while also increasing their responsibility. Our campus employers are extremely flexible around hours worked to accommodate academic needs.

My student received loans. How do we accept them?

Your student can go to their Whitman portal and log in. Once logged in, they can select Financial Aid and then loans. They can accept the loans online and the Financial Aid office will process them.

Does my student have to reapply for financial aid every year?

In order to remain eligible for need-based financial aid, parents or guardians of continuing students must submit a CSS Profile and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 annually. These forms may be completed online at **css.collegeboard.org** (Profile) and **fafsa.gov** (FAFSA). Whitman's CSS Profile code is 4951, and our FAFSA code is 003803. In addition to the CSS Profile and the FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office may ask for a copy of the parents' tax return if a parent owns a business or is self-employed.

Are there academic requirements for receiving financial aid?

Students must maintain good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a minimum of 24 credits in the two immediately preceding semesters) to remain eligible for aid. Students receiving talent-based scholarships for debate, music, art or theater may have additional participation requirements.

Are books covered as part of financial aid?

An allowance for books and supplies has been included in the total financial aid package, but students will still need to buy their books.

How much are books going to cost?

The cost depends on the classes your student takes. Your student could pay very little or as much as \$370 per class. Your student can save money by purchasing used books that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The bookstore provides rentals on as many high-end textbooks as possible.

Refund Policy

If a student withdraws during the semester, the refund policy schedule below applies to tuition and fee charges and special course fees. 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 based on checkout date. Board charges will be prorated on a weekly basis as of the date of withdrawal, except for a minimum charge of \$100 per semester. If a student receives federal funds, the refund will be adjusted based on that fee schedule.

Date of Withdrawal	Percentage of Charges Refunded
Up through the first day of classes.....	100%
From day two through day 11.....	80%
From day 12 through day 16.....	60%
From day 17 through day 21.....	40%
From day 22 through day 26.....	20%
After day 26.....	No refund

Additional Questions

For additional information about financial aid, go to **whitman.edu/financial-aid**, call **509-527-5178** or email **finaid@whitman.edu**. For assistance understanding your bill or setting up payment plans, contact the Business Office/Student Accounts at **whitman.edu/business-office/student-resources**, call **509-527-5143** or email **stuacct@whitman.edu**.

Supporting Your Student

Whitman College's staff and faculty are dedicated to helping your student succeed by supporting them academically, physically, emotionally and professionally. From our student health center to peer tutors and professional staff at the Academic Resource Center to career coaches and internship guidance at the Student Engagement Center, we will support your student through every step of their journey at Whitman — and beyond.

Here's a quick overview of our student support services.

Academics

Each student is matched with a pre-major advisor before arriving on campus. They'll meet with their advisor online for assistance registering for classes. Academic advisors help students plan balanced academic schedules and monitor a student's progress toward their goals. Once students declare a major, they'll be assigned an advisor from their chosen field of study.

At the Academic Resource Center (ARC), students can receive academic coaching, attend workshops on topics such as time management and note-taking, as well as access peer tutoring.

The ARC also oversees the college's Student Academic Advisors (SAs). SAs are current students who live and work in residence halls and support first-year students as they transition to a collegiate learning environment. SAs are trained to offer academic advice, guidance regarding on-campus resources, and programs to improve skills and confidence. Students can also receive additional support for writing essays and research papers at the Center for Writing and Speaking, or COWS. Students can bring papers to COWS tutors for organization, revision and editing help. Learn more at whitman.edu/cows.

Questions? If you have concerns about your student's academic performance, you can contact Senior Associate Dean of Students Juli Dunn at dunnjl@whitman.edu or **509-527-5208** to share your concerns. However, be aware that because of federal privacy laws, the college cannot share some information without your student's express permission.

Disability Support Services

Any student with a documented disability, chronic health condition, or an injury that results in a temporary disability, such as a concussion, is encouraged to seek support and accommodations.

Accommodations include, but are not limited to: online learning support, extended time and a reduced-distraction environment for exams, note-taking services, and assistive technology in and out of the classroom and during exams. We can also alert faculty to medical or mental health conditions that may affect the classroom environment or a student's attendance and participation.

If your student needs accommodations, they are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services as soon as possible to ensure their needs are met. It is the responsibility of the student to request assistance; the college cannot make accommodations on behalf of the student at the request of their parents or guardians.

Questions? For more information about accommodations, go to whitman.edu/dss or contact Assistant Director of Disability Support Services Antonia Keithahn at keithaam@whitman.edu or **509-527-5767**.

Physical and Mental Health Welty Student Health Center

The Welty Student Health Center is staffed by nurses to help keep your student healthy. All degree-seeking students can access the health center regardless of what type of insurance they carry. Services at the health center include: reproductive health care, including PAP smears and contraception; anonymous HIV testing; a dispensary for prescribed medication; allergy treatments/shots prescribed by home physicians; travel consultations and immunizations, including the flu vaccine. The center can also provide referrals to local specialists as needed.





Accident and Health Insurance

It is the college's expectation that students have personal health insurance. We advise that each student carry a personal insurance card at all times.

Whitman College provides secondary accident insurance for students participating in varsity intercollegiate athletics. This coverage is available to varsity athletes who sustain an injury during scheduled and supervised athletic activities. As a secondary insurance, the varsity athletics accident insurance policy will only pay medical bills after they have been processed by the student's primary personal insurance. Please contact John Eckel, head athletic trainer, at **509-527-5590** for more information.

Medical Records and Confidentiality

Your student's medical records are not a part of the college academic records system and are protected under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). You are welcome to contact the health center with questions or concerns; however, we are unable to release information regarding your student's health status without a signed release of information from your student.

Required Immunizations

Whitman College requires all students to provide evidence of two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) after their first birthday. Other vaccine dates are appreciated but not required. Students who do not provide vaccination records will not be able to register for fall classes. Students who have traveled abroad or been exposed to tuberculosis may be required to have an additional blood test. Students can submit that information at whit.mn/checkin.

• **Welty Student Health Center**

• **Claudia Ness, R.N.**

• Director of the Health Center
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Counseling Center

Adjusting to college and being away from home can feel stressful. The art of balancing academics, social life, sleep, diet and exercise can at times feel overwhelming and difficult. The Counseling Center is available to help students work through stresses of college life.

The Counseling Center provides free services for any degree-seeking enrolled student, including individual and group counseling, assessment of emergency mental health situations, and psycho-educational outreach and programming. The center is staffed with licensed professional counselors aimed at helping students gain access to the most ethical and appropriate mental health interventions and education to make improvements in their lives.

• **Rae Chresfield, Ph.D.**

• Associate Dean for Health and Wellness
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Physical Fitness

Students can support their physical activity at the Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, Sherwood Athletic Center and the college's Climbing Center, as well as through physical education courses, our renowned Outdoor Program, and varsity, intramural and club sports.

Our fitness facilities have cardio and strength-training equipment, pool facilities, practice gyms, racquetball and squash courts, dance studios and an indoor climbing wall. Additional fitness facilities include indoor and outdoor tennis courts. Students can enroll in a variety of fitness classes and access personal training.

The Outdoor Program offers courses and trips to learn about climbing and outdoor recreational activities.

Please note, the availability of facilities and programs will depend on current COVID-19 guidelines.



Diversity, Inclusion and Equity

The Intercultural Center seeks to enrich the entire student body and community's experience by providing opportunities to engage and educate the campus as a whole on issues related to diversity. The Intercultural Center provides programming to support students from historically underserved backgrounds, including international students, first-generation college students, those from working-class backgrounds, those who identify as LGBTQIA+, and students from diverse racial, ethnic or religious backgrounds.

The Intercultural Center team works closely with a variety of campus groups to foster collaboration and further their support of students. Additionally, the Intercultural Center oversees Multi-Ethnic Center for Cultural Affairs (MECCA), an interest house residence hall, and more than a dozen active identity and culture groups. These student-led organizations are among

the most active clubs on campus. They provide leadership opportunities for students and promote diversity and multiculturalism by sponsoring speakers, discussion panels, musical events, dances, festivals and dinners.

• **Thomas Witherspoon**

• Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion
• Title IX Coordinator
• withertl@whitman.edu
• 509-527-4996

• **Laura Sanchez**

• Director of the Intercultural Center
• sanchell@whitman.edu
• 509-527-5177

Questions? If you have questions about resources available for your student or how they can connect with gender, racial, religious or ethnic affinity groups, go to whitman.edu/diversity.



Getting your student home In previous years, Whitman has coordinated a convenient and safe, chartered, round-trip bus service to Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington for winter and spring breaks. If that option becomes available, based on COVID-19 guidelines, we will alert students and families.

Whitman College Bookstore

Your student can purchase their textbooks for classes, as well as other supplies and Whitman gear at the Whitman College Bookstore, located on the ground floor of the Reid Campus Center.

We encourage students to purchase their textbooks and supplies at our online store, bookstore.whitman.edu. We will have them ready for pick up when students arrive on campus.

Students can use cash, check, cards or ApplePay to purchase items, as well as charge them to their student account using their Whitman ID card. Items charged to the student account appear on the Business Office's itemized statement at the end of the month.

The bookstore offers rentals, e-books, digital course materials and used textbooks to help students keep costs down. It also purchases back textbooks at the end of each semester. If you have any questions about the bookstore, go to bookstore.whitman.edu, email bookstore@whitman.edu or call **509-527-5274**.

Family members can also send gifts to their student through the Whitman College Bookstore. You may purchase a gift basket online and it will be delivered through the campus post office. Gift basket themes include birthday wishes, get well soon, finals week greetings, seasonal greetings or create your own! Learn more at bookstore.whitman.edu.

Safety and Security

Whitman College is committed to keeping students, employees and visitors to campus safe. Our team of security officers patrol campus and are available to respond to emergencies. The staff is trained to handle various types of criminal offenses, but they are not commissioned officers. When a crime occurs on the campus, the Walla Walla Police Department is called. The Walla Walla Fire Department responds to all fire calls.

During the academic year, security officers are available 24 hours a day to conduct safe walks from anywhere on campus to any location within a two-block radius of the college. Security officers are on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and provide safety and security checks for campus buildings, including the residence halls.

In case of emergencies, the college uses a mass alert notification system to inform students and employees

about safety issues. The public can stay up to date about on-campus emergencies at emergency.whitman.edu.

Should you have any questions regarding the safety and security of your student, please feel free to contact the Security Department at **509-527-5777**.

ID Cards

One crucial piece of security for all students is their Whitman ID card. These cards will be available once students arrive on campus. They've been encouraged to send a picture for their card in advance of their arrival. They will use it to access buildings on campus. Their ID card also serves as a debit card for their meal plan, and can be used to charge items to their student account at the Whitman College Bookstore. If your student loses their ID card, they can replace it for \$20.

Contacting Students in an Emergency If you have an emergency and need to contact your student while they are in class, you may call the Dean of Students Office at **509-527-5158**.

The dean's staff will obtain a copy of your student's class schedule and deliver a message as soon as possible. In the evenings or on weekends, if you are unable to reach your student at their residence, you may call security at **509-527-5777** and request their assistance in locating your student.

Bright Futures Ahead

Located in Reid Campus Center, the Student Engagement Center (SEC) helps students connect with the community, employers and alumni to explore their interests and cultivate a future. Its programs help students build a strong foundation for a career and fulfilling life after Whitman.

The SEC fosters intellectual and personal development by promoting civic engagement in the Walla Walla Valley through and fellowships; on- and off-campus employment; leadership opportunities and career exploration. The SEC team collaborates with Whitman's other programs as well as academic departments to help students assess their skills, interests, abilities and to promote their involvement in activities that will advance them toward their future goals. Learn more about SEC programs at whitman.edu/sec.

Career Coaching

Whitman's professional and student career coaches work with students to assess their skills and interests and explore career options and opportunities, as well as craft resumes and cover letters.

Community Engagement Programs

These student-led programs connect other students with volunteer opportunities throughout Walla Walla, including volunteering and mentorship in public schools; service and engagement trips; language tutoring; working with senior citizens; and working with adults and children with developmental disabilities.



The Whitman Internship Grant

provides \$3,000 to allow students to pursue otherwise unpaid opportunities during the summer or academic year.





Internships and Fellowships

Internships add to a student's college experience by allowing them to practice professional skills and learn about the world of work. Through the Whitman Internship Grant program, the SEC provides paid experiences around the country each summer and academic year. Additional programs help students connect with nonprofits in the Walla Walla Valley.

Networking Opportunities

Through programs like Whitties Helping Whitties and Whitman Connect, the SEC provides a chance for students to connect with alumni about a variety of career opportunities. The SEC also hosts networking receptions around the country in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations.

Whitman students have spent their summers working at NASA, helping write legislation, teaching creative writing to kids and working in the tech and finance. During the school year, many pursue rewarding and paid internships with local organizations – addressing social, economic and cultural challenges.



Handshake is an online platform for connecting students and young alumni to jobs and internships. It includes postings from more than 150,000 employers for internships and full-time/part-time positions on campus, as well as around the U.S. and beyond. Using their Whitman email, students can start looking for jobs at whitman.joinhandshake.com.

Get Involved at Whitman

When your student comes to Whitman College, your entire family becomes a member of the Whittie Family. You can become more involved with the college through our Parents Association, Parents Leadership Committee and the Whitman Fund. Being involved with activities for parents and families of Whitman students is a great way to show your support and stay up to date on college happenings.

Parents Association

All parents and guardians of current students are automatically members of the Whitman Parents Association. As a member, you'll receive the monthly digital newsletter, as well as Whitman Magazine, and updates about regional, virtual and campus-wide events.

The Whitman Fund

Gifts to the Whitman Fund help make possible the outstanding educational opportunities that are part of your student's experience and give Whitman a critical edge in providing the best possible liberal arts education.



Want to get involved? Contact Brenda Michels in the Office of Annual Giving at **509-527-5943**, michelbm@whitman.edu or go to whitman.edu/families.



Everything Whitman

New Student and Family Orientation Available Online

We've taken much of our traditionally in-person student and family orientation and moved it online. And there's an upside for families!

You'll be able to browse and watch the videos at your leisure — and revisit the content when you have questions about something specific.

Here are just some of the topics we'll cover for students and families:

- Academic resources
- Campus employment
- Classroom expectations
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Financial aid
- Health and wellness
- Mental health counseling
- Mentorship program for first-generation and working-class students
- Recreation and athletics
- Residence life — living on campus
- Safety and security

Check out all the 2020 orientation videos at orientation.whitman.edu.

PRESIDENT MURRAY WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2024

“Remember that you are extraordinarily bright and talented. You bring a wealth of diverse experience to our community and you are here for a purpose: Your business here is to learn.”

The Right to Privacy/FERPA

When people become legal adults, they obtain the rights and responsibilities afforded by the law, with few exceptions. This includes college students. Among those rights is that of the right to privacy granted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). This right extends to all students in post-secondary institutions whether or not they have reached the age of 18. While not requiring total student confidentiality of all student records in all situations, the law does provide a framework within which the college has developed attitudes and policies concerning student information.

Briefly, the act requires that the college not release education records without the written consent of the student. We apply these standards to all students. This means that parental requests for confidential student information will be denied on most occasions unless the student has given permission to release it. Of course, it is ideal for the college if the student voluntarily shares confidential information openly with their parents. The best and quickest source of such information should be your student.

The college is always trying to balance being helpful and caring to concerned parents, and simultaneously encouraging student autonomy and self-reliance. In situations where a student is a threat to others, themselves, or where other conditions warrant, parents or guardians will be notified. Safety of our students and community is a priority. Sometimes consultation between the family and the college is beneficial in determining what course of action to take, or what type of help is needed.

We strive to develop a trusting and cooperative relationship with you, the parents or guardians of Whitman students. We trust that parents or guardians understand that our primary goal is education, and that this means our primary focus is on the young adult. On most occasions we will deal directly with the student. If at any time parents or guardians have a concern about their student or a question about this issue, they should feel free to call the Dean of Students Office.

The Right to Know The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guarantees that students have some control over the educational records kept by the college. Some of the information is public and other information is private. To learn more about FERPA and other college policies visit whitman.edu/dean-of-students/right-to-know.





Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2020

Residence halls open for new students	AUGUST 20
New Student Orientation begins	AUGUST 21
Fall semester classes begin	AUGUST 24
Final examination period.....	NOVEMBER 22-25
Winter break begins	NOVEMBER 26

Whitman College Contact Information

For offices not listed, please call the college's general information number at **509-527-5111**.

Academic Resource Center.....	509-527-5213
Admission.....	509-527-5176
Athletics.....	509-527-5921
Bookstore.....	509-527-5274
Campus Post Office.....	509-527-5903
Counseling Center.....	509-527-5195
Dean of the Faculty.....	509-527-5397
Dean of Students.....	509-527-5158
Financial Aid.....	509-527-5178
Health Center.....	509-527-5281
Intercultural Center.....	509-527-5596
International Student & Scholar Services....	509-527-5001
Orientation.....	509-527-5208
Outdoor Program.....	509-527-5965
Penrose Library.....	509-527-5191
President's Office.....	509-527-5132
Registrar.....	509-527-5983
Reid Campus Center.....	509-527-5200
Residence Life.....	509-527-5297
Security.....	509-527-5777
Student Accounts.....	509-527-5143
Student Engagement Center.....	509-527-5183
Technology Services.....	509-527-4976
Title IX Administrator.....	509-527-4996

Whitman College has a strong commitment to the principle of nondiscrimination in all its forms. In its admission, educational and employment practices, programs and activities, Whitman College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex (including pregnancy and parenting status), gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and applicable federal, state or local laws. Inquiries regarding sex, gender and disability discrimination may be directed to the Title IX and 504 Administrator (509-524-2049; titleix@whitman.edu) or to the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (951 Second Ave., Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174; (206-607-1600). All other inquiries can be directed to the Director of Human Resources (509-527-5172; hrdirector@whitman.edu).