Whitman Today
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Whitties From Around the World

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT WHITMAN COLLEGE

Reemerging from 55 countries, because currently about 160 international students enrolled at Whitman. Between 2017 and 2018, international students increased from 4.6% of the student population to 8.5% and numbers continue to rise. Being an international student creates a unique set of academic, employment, and legal circumstances in the best of times and has become increasingly complicated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Office of International Students and Faculty has created a webpage detailing these conditions and some of the ways that Whitman is supporting international students through these challenges.

Campus and Community Health

COVID-19 in Walla Walla
Currently, there are 599 active cases of COVID-19 in Walla Walla County. Of these, 220 residents are receiving inpatient care at the hospital. Over the past week, four cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Whitman students living in Walla Walla and follow-up protocols are underway. No new cases were reported in staff or faculty.

Whitman community COVID-19 case numbers appear weekly in Whitman Today and are updated regularly on the COVID-19 at Whitman webpage.

Announcements

New Time Sheet Expectations for Student Employees
To ensure more accurate and timely recording practices for student payroll, it is important that students log each hour worked in all Whitman positions daily using their web time sheets. Please do not accumulate hours over the course of the week or month to input at the end of the pay period. For instructions on accessing web time sheets, please refer to the Student Instructions download for web time entry.

Happening Today

TODAY

4 p.m.
The Meaning of The Mayflower at 400 (panel discussion)
Chris Leise will talk about who this band of misfit zealots were, what they did and did not do and how their memory has taken up throughout stages of US history. Being an international student creates a unique set of academic, employment, and legal circumstances in the best of times and has become increasingly complicated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Office of International Students and Faculty has created an infographic detailing these conditions and some of the ways that Whitman is supporting international students through these challenges.

Noteworthy

Whitman Psychology Lab Publishes Research
Assistant Professor in Psychology Tom Armstrong, Amra Engil’18 and Siri Danielson’21 published an article in the journal Emotion establishing an eye tracking measure of disgust. The paper reports two experiments, each conducted at different sites using eye trackers installed by Armstrong and his lab members. Using the Whitman Internship Grant, Engil collected data at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN and Danielson collected data at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

Armstrong also recently published an article in the Journal of Experimental Psychology: General with Rachel Luedke ’18, Alex Lee ’18 and Zara Brown’21 using eye tracking to demonstrate that disgust resists exposure therapy. Armstrong then helped collaborators at Cambridge University use this paradigm to determine if anti-nausea medication might facilitate exposure therapy for disgust. The encouraging results were just published in Current Biology in their article, “Causal Role for Gastric Rhythm in Human Disgust Avoidance.”

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