



# Whitman Today

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## Whitties From Around the World

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT WHITMAN COLLEGE



Representing 53 countries, there are currently about 160 international students enrolled at Whitman. Between 2015 and 2019, international students increased from 4.8% of the student population to 8.8% 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 Diversity and Inclusion has created an [infographic](#) detailing these conditions and some of the ways that Whitman is supporting international students through these challenges.

## Campus and Community Health



We are in this **together.**

### COVID-19 in Walla Walla

Currently there are 378 active cases of [COVID-19 in Walla Walla County](#). Of these, 362 residents are isolating at home and 16 in 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 reporting practices for student payroll, it is important that students log their hours worked in all Whitman positions daily via their web time sheets accessed through [myWhitman](#). If web time sheets are not available, students should use the [Student Hours Tracking Form](#). Please do not accumulate hours over the course of the week or month for 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 **Final Exams**  
*Finals exams for Fall 2020 will take place through Dec. 5. See [the exam schedule](#) on the registrar's website.*
- 4 p.m. **[The Meanings of The Mayflower at 400](#)**  
*400 years ago this fall, a group of radical Christian separatists found England too intolerable and set sail upon the Speedwell for a life in Virginia. But the Speedwell almost sank, and they couldn't find Virginia in time—thus, New England was born and American history was irreversibly set on a new course. Professor of English Chris Leise will talk about who this band of misfit zealots were, what they did and did not do and how their memory is taken up throughout stages of US history.*

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## Noteworthy

### Whitman Psychology Lab Publishes Research

Associate Professor of Psychology Tom Armstrong, Mira Engel '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](#), Engel 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 Leiter '18, Alex Lee '18 and Zoe 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, "[A Causal Role for Gastric Rhythm in Human Disgust Avoidance.](#)"

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