Chapter IV

The Admission of Students

Section 1. Admission Policy

A. Admission to Whitman College shall be on a selective basis.

B. The case of every applicant will be given careful individual attention.
   1. The applicant’s credentials shall be evaluated in comparison with those of the total group of applicants and the approval of the applicant’s application shall be based upon the comparative indication of probable success in college.
   2. The kinds of high school courses taken, the quality of work done. (09/07/2016)
   3. Extracurricular records, known interests and ambitions, and other evidence of ability and intelligence.

Section 2. The Admission Committee

A. The Admission Committee shall establish the procedures of admissions. The Committee shall have the authority to select and admit students in accordance with the established procedures of admissions.

B. The Committee shall consist of the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, the Director of Admission, and other admission staff or faculty as deemed necessary. (09/07/16)

Section 3. Academic Entrance Requirements for Undergraduate Standing

A. Candidates for admission without collegiate experience shall be required to present:
   1. Official transcript of high school record.
   2. An application form such as the Common Application, a Whitman-specific application, or a similar form. (09/16/2007)
   3. At least one recommendation letter from a teacher or counselor. (09/07/2016)

B. Candidates for admission on transfer from collegiate institutions shall be required to present:
   1. Official transcript of high school record, issued by the preparatory school.
   2. Official transcript of college record/s from the institution/s which the applicant has attended.
   3. An application form such as the Common Application for Transfer Student, a Whitman-specific application, or a similar form. (09/07/2016)
4. At least one recommendation letter.

Section 4. Post-graduate Students

A. Whitman College may admit as post-graduate students those who hold a Bachelor's Degree and wish to pursue a limited program of study which will meet special needs.

B. Permission for post-graduate students to enroll in the College may be granted by the Admission and Financial Aid Committee with the concurrence of the faculty concerned. (Chapter V, Article II, Section 2.) (09/07/2016)

Section 5. Auditors

A person may be admitted to the College as an auditor with the permission of the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid. Admission of an auditor to a class is dependent upon approval of the instructor. (See Chapter V, Article II, Section 3.)

Section 6. Special Students

The Admission Committee may admit as special students applicants who wish to take courses at Whitman College but who do not intend to pursue a degree program, and, in exceptional cases, applicants who wish to pursue a degree program but for personal reasons can do so only at a slower than normal pace. If a special student wishes to become a regular student (Chapter V, Article II, Section 1), the student must apply to the Admission Committee in the usual way; however, the applicant may be given preferential treatment on the basis of the student’s previous work at Whitman College. (Chapter V, Article II, Section 2.)

Section 7. Conditional Admission

The Committee on Admission and Financial Aid may admit on a conditional basis those candidates who do not meet traditional admission expectations, but who, in the estimation of the Committee on Admission and Financial Aid, should have an opportunity to attend Whitman.

A. Students admitted on a conditional basis would be eligible for scholarship assistance and would live in a college residence hall if appropriate.

B. The Committee on Admission and Financial Aid would establish the conditions for admission and continued attendance at Whitman.

1. These conditions would normally include the requirement that the student enroll in and complete a minimum of twelve credit hours (including General Studies, when appropriate) and earn a minimum 2.000 cumulative grade point average during each semester they are on the conditional admission status.

2. These conditions may be instituted for a period of one or two semesters.

3. Upon satisfactory completion of the conditional period, the student may apply for regular student status.
4. It is presumed that the Committee on Admission and Financial Aid will grant regular student status to those who meet their conditional requirements.

C. Attendance at Whitman will be terminated for students who do not meet their conditional requirements in any one semester.

D. Students admitted under this status will not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics.