

# Running Start Transfer Credit Information

Office of the Registrar

According to our records, you have submitted Running Start transfer credit to apply to your Whitman College record. Because of the special circumstances associated with Running Start credit, Whitman has a unique policy for administering such credit. In light of that policy, we request that you indicate your preference for how the College will process your Running Start credit. Your decision may affect any financial aid you might be receiving, as well as determine the manner in which you complete the Encounters requirement. You will have a second opportunity to review and possibly revise your decision next May, after experiencing Whitman for a full academic year.

## Directions:

Please consider your circumstances, and then complete and return the accompanying forms to the Registrar's Office. On the **Running Start Options Selection Form**, indicate how you intend to classify your Running Start Credit. Option 1 indicates that you plan to retain your Running Start credits, while Option 2 specifies that you intend to relinquish any credits in excess of 14. See the next page for some implications of your decision.

If you choose to relinquish any credits, use the accompanying **Transfer Equivalency Report** to specify which credits you intend to apply to your Whitman record. Please indicate either "retain" or "relinquish" to the right of each listed class in order to indicate your preferences.

## Running Start Credit:

Whitman College defines Running Start transfer work as college credit earned *before* graduation from high school. Such credit may be applied both towards high school and college requirements, and is sometimes described as "dual enrollment" credit. See "Running Start Courses" in the Academics section of the *College Catalog* for further information.

*Running Start Credit includes:*

- Coursework completed in a college or university setting that could be used to satisfy both high school and college level requirements.
- Coursework that appears on the official transcript of the college or university attended, as well as on a high school transcript.

*Running Start Credit excludes:*

- Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit.
- Any coursework completed at a college or university *after* graduation from high school.
- Any coursework that can be classified as "college in high school" credit (which Whitman does not accept).

**Please complete and return the accompanying forms by no later than Thursday, September 12th. If you have any questions about the above information, please contact Pam Fowler in the Registrar's Office (fowlerpa@whitman.edu, x5982).**

## Considerations

### **Financial Aid Impact:**

If you wish to complete your Whitman education as quickly as possible, consider retaining all of your Running Start credits (Option 1), although the number of available semesters of financial aid for which you qualify may be reduced accordingly. If you plan to remain at Whitman for the full 8 semesters, you should consider relinquishing any Running Start work in excess of 14 credits (Option 2).

The Office of Financial Aid will determine the number of semesters of financial aid for which you qualify, based on the total number of transferred credits. The Financial Aid Office regards students who apply 14 or fewer Running Start credits to their records to be eligible for 8 semesters of aid, while those submitting 15 or more credits will qualify for fewer semesters of aid.

### **Academic Impact:**

For academic purposes, your class level (first-year, sophomore, etc., see “Classification of Students” in the Academics section of the *College Catalog*) will be defined by your total number of initial transfer credits (including Running Start and any credits earned from another institution after high school). Your class level determines when you will be required to declare a major, as well as with which class you will register for future semesters. Relinquishing credits (Option 2) will change your class level accordingly.

If you initially submit fewer than 58 transfer credits to Whitman, you must complete the Encounters sequence. If you transfer 58 or more (combined Running Start and other) credits, you will not be obligated to complete the Encounters requirement (General Studies 145 and 146). Transfer credit may apply towards the total graduation requirement (124 credits), satisfy certain distribution or major requirements, or possibly count as prerequisites for other courses.

## Running Start Options Selection Form

I have submitted to Whitman College a transcript from a college or university that indicates Running Start or similar dual enrollment program credit. In order to determine my class level (e.g., first-year, sophomore, etc.) and guide the number of semesters of financial aid that may be available to me, I am specifying one of the two options below. I understand that I may alter my decision prior to the end of my second semester of enrollment at Whitman College.

**Indicate with a checkmark which of the options you prefer:**

**Option 1: (Retain all or more than 14 Running Start Credits)**

I intend to apply more than 14 Running Start or other dual enrollment credits that I have earned to enable me to enroll at Whitman at the class level and with the financial aid availability consistent with the number of credits transferred. I understand that I must complete General Studies 145 and 146 during my initial year of enrollment (or if necessary, by no later than my second year) if I transfer fewer than 58 credits to Whitman.

**Option 2: (Relinquish all but 14 Running Start Credits)**

I intend to transfer no more than 14 Running Start credits to Whitman and therefore will be considered a first-year student for purposes of financial aid availability. Consequently, I intend to relinquish all Running Start credit in excess of 14 credits. I understand that none of the work in excess of that number will appear on my transcript, and thus will not contribute towards satisfying Whitman College requirements. I also understand that I must complete General Studies 145 and 146 during my initial year of enrollment at Whitman College, or if circumstances require, by no later than my second year at Whitman. *\*Use the accompanying Transfer Equivalency Report to indicate which courses you wish to relinquish.\**

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Whitman ID

**\*\* Please complete this form and return to the Registrar's Office by September 12, 2019. \*\***