

# Charges

Tuition pays for considerably less than the true cost of a Whitman education, with the remainder provided by income from the college's endowment and by gifts from alumni and other friends of the college. In effect, then, these revenue sources provide a partial scholarship to all students, regardless of whether they receive financial aid.

Whitman reserves the right to adjust its charges, though charges effective at the beginning of a semester will not be changed during that semester.

## Summary of Charges

Charges for a two-semester year at Whitman, for a student living in a residence hall, are:

Tuition .....	\$53,420
ASWC (student association).....	\$400
Board (Meal Plan 2) .....	\$7,492
Room (standard rate) .....	\$6,020
Books and supplies (estimated) .....	\$1,400

Additional course fees, the cost of private music lessons, and personal expenses will vary from student to student. At Whitman and in the Walla Walla community, costs of social, recreational, and extracurricular activities tend to be relatively modest. The inclusive budget — that is, a typical budget for a student taking advantage of all customary types of college activity — is about \$68,732 a year.

## Payment of Charges

Charges are due and payable prior to the beginning of each semester; mid-August for the fall semester and early January for the spring semester. Charges must be paid in full or arrangements completed for a deferred payment plan before students may officially enroll in classes at the college.

**Full Payment:** All charges, net of financial aid, must be paid by cash or check to the Business Office. An online electronic payment option is available for credit card or electronic checks. Please see the Business Office Student Accounts website, [www.whitman.edu/content/business\\_office/stuacct](http://www.whitman.edu/content/business_office/stuacct), for current information.

**Deferred payment plan:** You may choose the deferred payment plan if you maintain a good payment history with the college. Each semester you may defer your tuition, room, and board charges, making four deferred payments. There is a \$25 per semester set-up fee. All unpaid balances, covered by the deferred payment agreements, will be assessed finance charges equivalent to 5 percent per year. Failure to make deferred payments on a timely basis may result in the loss of the opportunity to establish a payment plan in future semesters. For more information, contact the Business Office — Student Accounts.

**Student Account:** Whitman College issues email notices monthly on the charges and credits to the student's account. All unpaid balances will be assessed finance charges equivalent to 1 percent per month. It is the student's responsibility to be knowledgeable about and to remain current in payment for charges to his or her account. Enrollment in classes may be denied for failure to keep current on college or Greek organization accounts.

Transcripts for academic work done at Whitman will not be provided if there is an account balance owed to the college or a Greek organization. Whitman College uses a collection agency to collect delinquent accounts and these costs may be added to the debt at the time it is referred to the collection agency. When appropriate, information concerning such past due accounts will be provided to credit bureaus.

## Tuition

Regular full tuition charges will be applied to all students unless they are auditing classes or have been granted special student status by the Dean of Students. Tuition charges include benefits such as access to the Health Center and other student programs but does not include course fees or other class specific charges as indicated elsewhere.

Full tuition (per semester): .....	\$26,710
Special tuition (per credit, up to 8 credits per semester): .....	\$2,226
<i>Note: This does not provide for regular student programs, course fees, etc. (see “Special students” and “Nondegree-seeking students” under Classification of Students).</i>	
Auditor’s tuition; per credit:.....	\$1,113
Certification Candidates	
1-10 credit, semester.....	\$8,013
Each credit over 10, per credit.....	\$2,226

## Course Fees

Charges for fee courses may be redetermined in the fall due to the uncertainty of costs at the time the catalog is published. The following fees are estimated:

Art 101, 102, 201, 202, 221, 222, 301, 302, 321, 322, 498: .....	variable depending on medium (see <i>Courses of Instruction, Art</i> )
Art 103, 108, 111, 167, 267, 367: .....	\$120
Art 104, 114, 125, 225, 325: .....	\$175
Art 105, 106, 107, 109, 113, 130, 160, 170, 230, 260, 270, 330, 360, 370: .....	\$150
Art 115, 180, 215, 280, 315, 380, 480, 490: .....	\$100
Art 123, 223, 323: .....	\$200
Biology 212*: .....	maximum \$85
Biology 256: .....	maximum \$75
Biology laboratories*(exception of Biology 212, 256): .....	maximum \$30
Chemistry 102*: .....	\$40
Chemistry 135*: .....	\$35
Chemistry 140*: .....	\$30
Chemistry 251*, 252*: .....	\$20
Chemistry laboratories* (exception of Chemistry 102, 135, 140, 251, 252):.....	maximum \$20
Geology 110, 111, 120,121,125, 126, 270*: .....	maximum \$20
Geology 158, 358, per semester: .....	maximum \$75
Geology 258, 480: .....	variable depending on location, scholarships possibly available
Geology 340: .....	maximum \$40 unless field trip is outside of the Pacific Northwest
Geology 405: .....	maximum \$30
Geology 415: .....	\$50
Music 163, 164, 263, 264, 363, 364, 463, 464 (see <i>Applied Music Fees</i> below)	
Music 241, 242: .....	\$25
Music 373, 374, 375, 376, 473, 474, 475, 476: .....	\$800
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 112, 114, 212, 214, 312, 314, per semester: .....	\$360
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 115, per semester: .....	\$340
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 117, 217, per semester: .....	\$100
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 119.....	\$90
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 127, 142, 338, per semester: .....	\$75

Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 137, 237, 265 per semester: .....	\$140
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 138, 238, per semester: .....	\$170
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 140, per semester: .....	\$185
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 200, 308, 390, 395 per semester: .....	\$35
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 226, per semester: .....	\$500
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 242, per semester: .....	\$675
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 244, per semester: .....	\$300
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 248, per semester: .....	\$200
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 250, per semester: .....	\$225
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 267, per semester: .....	\$25
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 332 per semester: .....	\$480
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 334 per semester: .....	\$475
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 342 per semester: .....	variable depending on location
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 350, per semester:.....	\$TBD
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 380, per semester: .....	\$290
Sport Studies, Recreation and Athletics 387, per semester: .....	\$600

\*possible additional fee of \$10-\$200 for replacement of damaged materials and/or equipment

### **Applied Music Fees**

The fee for a weekly 30 minute lesson is \$400 per semester; weekly 60 minute lessons are \$800 per semester.

The applied music fee pertains to all students taking private lessons. In addition, for students paying less than the full college semester tuition rate there will be an additional special tuition charge on a per credit basis.

No applied music lessons are given on college holidays and during recesses, and no makeup schedules are provided for lesson schedules which include holidays and recesses. The only acceptable reason for lesson cancellation is illness; in such cases the instructor makes up half of the lessons missed without additional charge.

### **Resident Meal Plans**

Whitman College partners with Bon Appétit to manage campus food service. Bon Appétit’s dining philosophy is simple. Dining rooms are gathering places. Breaking bread together helps to create a sense of community and comfort. Bon Appétit’s kitchen philosophy is simple. Food is cooked from scratch using fresh, authentic ingredients in their simplest, most natural form. Freezers are small, and deliveries of fresh produce and whole foods are big. Local and seasonal products are purchased to bring food alive with flavor and nutrition.

Students living on campus at Whitman are required to purchase a meal plan (see exceptions below in the “More about Meal Plans and Flex Dollars” section). Students living off campus are not required to have a meal plan but can add Flex Dollars for both convenience and savings. Students living on campus are assigned Meal Plan 2 before the beginning fall semester but can change to either of the other Meal Plans online using my.Whitman.edu during the first week of each semester. All charges will appear on a student’s Whitman College student account statement.

Whitman dining operates on a declining balance system where Flex Dollar charges are determined by the actual food students’ purchase and consume, not on a per-meal basis.

#### **Meal Plan 1**

**\$3,446 cost per semester**

**(Purchasing power \$1,708 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I eat one or two meals per day when I eat on campus.

This plan is the minimum meal plan which meets the college’s residential meal plan requirement. This plan is not designed to provide enough flex dollars to meet the needs of the majority of students. Students always have the option of adding additional Flex Dollars at any time during the semester.

**Meal Plan 2**

**\$3,746 cost per semester**

**(Purchasing power \$2,108 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I’ll eat a small breakfast and lunch. Plus a big dinner.

This plan is designed to provide enough flex dollars to pay for approximately 15 meals per week, enough to meet an average student’s needs. All students required to have a residential meal plan are initially assigned Meal Plan 2 each semester but can make a meal plan change through the first Friday of each semester. Students always have the option of adding additional Flex Dollars at any time during the semester.

**Meal Plan 3**

**\$4,046 cost per semester**

**(Purchasing power \$2,608 Flex Dollars).**

How I Eat — I’ll eat three big meals each day I’m on campus. Plus, I like snacks for extra fuel, and an occasional coffee drink at the espresso bar.

This plan provides additional purchasing power which students can use in a number of different ways: purchasing additional meals, purchasing bigger meals or adding in between-meal snacks and beverages. This plan meets the needs of nearly all students with higher caloric needs. Students always have the option of adding additional Flex Dollars at any time during the semester.

**Quick Guide**

Plan	Students	Price	Flex Dollars
Meal Plan 1	lower caloric needs	\$300 less	400 fewer flex dollars
<b>Meal Plan 2</b>	<b>Base Plan (best for most students)</b>	<b>\$3,746</b>	<b>2,108 flex dollars</b>
Meal Plan 3	higher caloric needs	\$300 more	500 more flex dollars

**Financial Aid**

If you receive need-based aid and are on Meal Plan 1 or Meal Plan 2 your financial aid award is based on the price of Meal Plan 2.

If you receive need-based aid and are on Meal Plan 3, your award will be adjusted accordingly.

## **Understanding Meal Plan Costs**

A portion of a Whitman meal plan supports equipment, administrative costs, and service in addition to the cost of food. Unlike restaurants that only make what is ordered, Bon Appétit must operate under the assumption that all students will show up for each meal, to ensure there is enough food for all. For that reason, it is not feasible for Flex Dollars to roll over from year to year.

## **Staying on Budget**

Several tools are provided to assist students in staying on track with their Flex Dollar budget each week.

- Each dining location has a calendar posted indicating how many Flex Dollars you should have left on that day.
- Balances are briefly displayed on the register after each transaction.
- Paper receipts show the balance remaining.
- Students can check their Flex Dollar balance at any time by logging on to [my.whitman.edu](http://my.whitman.edu).• Students with unused balances at the end of the semester are encouraged to take advantage of special sales of non-perishable items from the market in Reid.

## **Adding Flex Dollars for Students Living On or Off Campus**

Both students living off campus as well as students living on campus with a meal plan have the option of adding Flex Dollars to their card. Flex Dollars always save the 8.9% Washington State sales tax compared to cash, credit or student charges.

Flex Dollars may be purchased by students at any point in the semester at: [my.Whitman.edu](http://my.Whitman.edu) in \$50 increments which are charged to your student account.

## **More about Meal Plans and Flex Dollars**

- Four semesters of living on campus and being on a meal plan are required.
- Meal Plan 1 is the minimum required meal plan for all students living on campus with the exception of residents of Community Service House and College House who are not required to purchase a meal plan.

- Meal plan and Flex Dollar charges appear on a student's Whitman College Student account statement.
- Flex Dollars are not transferable to another student's account.
- Students with unused Flex Dollars remaining at the end of a semester may select a smaller meal plan for the following semester if one is available. They are not eligible for a meal plan exemption.
- Flex Dollars remaining at the end of the fall semester carry over to spring semester.
- Flex Dollars remaining at the end of spring will not carry over to the next school year and are not refundable.
- Students with extra Flex Dollars remaining at the end of spring semester are encouraged to spend them at the Café '66 market in Reid Campus Center.
- Bon Appétit will gladly work one on one with students who have medically significant conditions affecting their dietary needs to ensure that those needs are met. Students should ask to see a manager.
- Students can change their meal plan assignment, check their Flex Dollar balance or add additional Flex Dollars by logging on to [my.whitman.edu](http://my.whitman.edu) and can authorize their parents to do the same.
- Flex Dollars can be used during the academic year and only when the residence halls are open. Plans start when students are first allowed into their rooms and are not active when college is not in session except for Thanksgiving Break where meals are served through Wednesday dinner and begin again Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Meal Plans are not active during winter, spring or summer breaks.
- Only students who withdraw are eligible for a refund or reduction of their meal plan charges. Please review the college refund policy.