

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity

Intercultural Center

The goal of the Intercultural Center is to foster diversity, inclusion, and equity for the entire Whitman community. The Center works to strengthen Whitman's intercultural community and ensure a positive Whitman experience of those from historically underrepresented backgrounds through programs such as the international student orientation, the Summer Fly-In program, mentoring, and individual advising sessions. The Center also provides opportunities for community building for the entire campus by engaging in educational activities on issues related to identity and social justice. Working in collaboration with a variety of campus constituencies, the Intercultural Center facilitates and encourages ongoing dialogue on community and belonging among students, staff, and faculty.

Throughout the year, the Center helps bring diverse perspectives and experiences to campus by sponsoring workshops, speakers, programs, and cultural events that are free and open to the whole community. In addition to advising the multi-ethnic interest house (MECCA), there are 23 active identity and culture groups that the Intercultural Center supports: Borders as Methods (BAM); Black Student Union (BSU); China at Whitman; Club Latinx; Feminists Advocating Change and Empowerment (FACE); First Generation/Working Class (FGWC), For Us, By Us (FUBU); Hillel-Shalom; Inter(National) Whitties Club (INWC); Indigenous People's Education & Cultural Club (IPECC); Mixed Race Club (MRC); Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS); Men of Color Association (MOCA); Muslim Student Association (MSA); Namaste; Pan Asian Club (PAC); PRISM (LGBTQIA+support); South Asian Student Association (SASA); THRIVE; Whitman African Student Association (WASA); Women in STEM Club (WISC); Women of Color Voices (WoCV); and Whitman Christian Fellowship (WCF). These student-led organizations are among the most active clubs on campus. They provide leadership opportunities for students and promote diversity and multiculturalism by sponsoring speakers, discussion panels, musical events, dances, festivals, and dinners.

International Student Advising

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) works within the Intercultural Center to support international students, scholars and staff at Whitman College as they pursue their educational objectives. ISSS collaborates with IC staff and other offices to provide programs and services that help the international community acclimate to life in the U.S. and at Whitman, and to facilitate meaningful opportunities for international students, faculty and staff to contribute to the Whitman community as a whole. ISSS is responsible for international student orientation, immigration services, student advising, and offers a variety of other programs to support the academic and personal well-being of the international community.

LGBTQIA+Support

The Office of LGBTQIA+ Resources serves people of all identities, and those who are questioning their identity. We seek to support all members of the LGBTQIA+ community on campus. We hope to build community, provide social events, engage and inform the entire campus community, and advocate for LGBTQIA+ needs.

Glover Alston Center

The Glover Alston Center (GAC) is a resource to facilitate Whitman's commitment to sustaining a diverse community. By providing a safe space for meaningful conversation and interaction, the Glover Alston Center welcomes and supports differences, collaborates with academic departments, encourages input from divergent perspectives, and enhances intercultural and international awareness for all in the Whitman community. The Glover Alston Center achieves this by serving as:

- A unique place for programs to develop education, understanding, and community involvement.

- A safe place where conversations about diversity, difference, multiculturalism and social justice occur.
- A social and academic space where collaboration between Whitman community members can occur.
- A meeting place and home for campus organizations and clubs.

With this facility, the Whitman community hopes to foster meaningful exchanges between individuals and groups for the greater understanding and mutual respect of one another by encouraging engagement, leadership development, and learning.

All members of the Whitman community are invited and encouraged to use this nonresidential space located near the west side of the campus, at 26 Boyer Avenue.