Your Official Guide to Whitman College

It all starts here
So ... what makes a Whittie?*

Let's start with how they are alike: Smarts and drive. A track record of hard work. A desire to learn, think and create in service to a better world.

Yet it is their differences—remarkable, diverse and interesting—that fuel a culture of expression, empathy and respectful exchange.

That's what makes a whittie. That's what you'll find at whitman.

1,500+ students
45+ states
70+ countries & sovereign nations

One happy place!
"Most Loved Colleges," "Great Quality of Life,"
"Great Classroom Experience," "Great Professors,"
"Great Professor Accessibility," "Great College Library,"
"Great Health Services," "Great Intramural Sports"

—The Princeton Review, "Great Colleges" list

*Whittie: a friendly and familiar way to refer to Whitman students and alumni.
ON THE FLIP SIDE

The Official Guide

Turn this book over to see the Whitman experience from our students’ point of view.
Find Your Focus

Be challenged in the most amazing ways and have learning experiences that change you forever.
It’s your unique journey
You’ll take your own path here.

You may know just what you want to do in college and with your life—or have no idea. That’s OK!

At Whitman, you’ll have the chance to explore it all—from politics to environmental studies and computer science to film and media studies. Whether you’re exploring artificial intelligence, art history, economics or our place in the universe, you can find what speaks to you here.

Gold standard
98% of graduates of the last decade rank their academic experience at Whitman as excellent or very good.
Experience a different kind of academic rigor

Our talented students are among the best in the nation—driven, yes, and also curious, creative and compassionate.

You’ll dive deep into your academic major—and still have the time and chance to explore other cool pursuits, ranging from clubs to causes to local culture.

At Whitman:
- You’ll be challenged and supported.
- Your classmates will become research partners, allies, teammates, best friends and your support system.
- You’ll do research alongside your professors.

You’ll collaborate instead of compete.
Growing up in the Silicon Valley taught me to believe that being hypercompetitive with your peers was healthy and that test scores and grades defined you. On my visit to Whitman, I realized that does not have to be the case. Whitman students, staff and faculty are all incredibly welcoming, supportive and kind."

—Quinne W., Economics major

College vs. university?

As a four-year college, undergrads are it at Whitman! Professors will teach your classes. You won’t compete with grad students for research opportunities or time with faculty. You’ll leave Whitman with unique undergrad experiences that would be rare at large institutions.
9:1 student-to-faculty ratio
17 average class size


Whitman professors are accomplished but also accessible. Prominent but decidedly down-to-earth.

At Whitman, you won't just be a number. Your professors will know you by name and be invested in your success—in and out of the classroom—from spending hours in the lab together to attending your violin recital or meeting you for coffee.

You'll love going to class!
The Princeton Review consistently puts Whitman on its top lists for “Most Accessible Professors” and “Best Classroom Experience.”
WHERE YOU’LL TRULY BECOME A COLLEGE STUDENT

A place to think more critically. Become a stronger writer. Discuss topics respectfully and productively.

In our First Year Seminars, we’re going to ask you to think deeply. To consider tough questions—and learn to ask them too. Your seminar course will be one of the first academic spaces where you’ll closely connect with professors, get to know your classmates and gain valuable skills that you’ll need to succeed in college and life.

SEMINER 1
Exploring Complex Questions

In the fall you’ll take Exploring Complex Questions—where you’ll be part of a learning community led by a team of faculty.

Fascinating topics you might explore with your professors and classmates:
- The Body: What is the body? How is the body a site of past experience?
- Climate: Where are we now at this moment of the climate crisis? How did we get here?
- Games: In what ways can a game be considered art? What can games teach us about morality?
- Storytelling: What does it mean to tell a story? How can technology help us tell more inclusive and creative stories?
- Time: What is time and how do humans experience it? How do we perceive it, measure it, record it and organize it?

SEMINER 2
Making Powerful Arguments

In the spring, you’ll move into a new seminar class with new classmates. In Making Powerful Arguments, you’ll get stronger at writing and speaking persuasively, with the support of rigorous, research-based evidence.

You get to choose a course that interests you and participate in thought-provoking debates guided by our expert faculty.

What is a seminar?

The word “seminar” owes its conceptual foundation to medieval seed-plots. Just as with our First Year Seminars, the seed-plot offered a space for growing, flourishing and developing the strength to weather transplantation in the wider world to become strong and productive.
MAJORS & MINORS


No pressure to decide ... but if you’re wondering what you might pursue, here’s a menu for you.

What is BBMB? We’re glad you asked!

Interested in pre-med or careers in medical research, biotechnology or public health? If yes, then BBMB is for you! Students study biological molecules in-depth—everything from structure and function to interactions within a cell. You’ll take classes in Chemistry, Biology and Physics and have the opportunity to pursue research internships at distinguished institutions like the Mayo Clinic.

Protect the planet with your passion & expertise

Whitman offers 11 combined majors in Environmental Studies—take your academic interest and pair it with expertise for a better future.

Social Sciences.................. 35%
Sciences & Mathematics ... 32%
Humanities & Arts .......... 31%

DEGREES

Whitman graduates in 2022

New! Neuroscience (Brain, Behavior & Cognition)*
Philosophy*
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Religion
Rhetoric, Writing & Public Discourse
Sociology
South Asian & Middle Eastern Studies*
Theater

COMBINED MAJORS*
Astronomy-Geology
Biology-Geology
Chemistry-Geology
Economics-Mathematics
Geology-Computer Science
Geology-Physics
Mathematics-Physics
Mathematics-Statistics
Physics-Astronomy

Majors Plus French
Biology+French
Geology+French
Psychology+French
Religion+French
Sociology+French

Combined Majors in Environmental Studies
Environmental Humanities
Anthropology-ES
Art-ES
Biology-ES
Chemistry-ES
Economics-ES
Geology-ES
History-ES
Physics-ES
Politics-ES
Sociology-ES

*Major only; not offered as a minor
Major or minor: What’s the difference?

**Major:** Primary area or dual area of study directly related to your intended career or industry.

**Minor:** Alternate area of study which allows you to explore personal interests or adds value to your major. It can be related to your major or be completely different.

### ADDITIONAL MINORS
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Data Science
- **New!** Finance
- Global Literatures
- Latin American Studies

### CONCENTRATIONS
- Global Studies
- **New!** Human-Centered Design

### OTHER PROGRAMS
- Pre-Health
- Pre-Law

### COMBINED PLANS/ DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS
These unique programs offer three years of study at Whitman, followed by two years at partner institutions.

- **Engineering →** CalTech, Columbia University, University of Washington or Washington University (St. Louis)
- **Forestry & Environmental Management →** Duke University
- **Oceanography →** University of Washington

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**6 in 10 graduates of the last decade have completed or were completing an advanced degree.**
Not only will you do research, you’ll get practice presenting your knowledge and findings. Each spring, the Whitman Undergraduate Conference showcases work sparked by student-faculty research, course study, senior theses, independent projects, fellowships, internships and study abroad experiences.*

*No classes are held that day so everyone can attend.
Do work that matters
When great learning happens outside the classroom.

At Whitman, you’ll learn from and work closely with your professors—all of them dedicated to teaching and furthering their areas of expertise.

Many Whitties, across majors, work side by side with faculty in labs and on research projects. They publish in journals, present at national conferences and build professional networks—before they even graduate.

Be part of science, history & a better world
Here are just a few examples of how Whitman students are working closely with their expert professors—unique and valuable opportunities found here:

- **Art History**: Curate and study maps and artifacts to tell the complex evolution of India’s history.
- **Biology**: Care for Whitman’s resident snakes and advance scientific knowledge of herpetology, snakes and snakebite risk in Africa.
- **Chemistry**: Research drugs to improve treatments for people with cancer, use a robot to create silver nanocrystals, or practice “green chemistry” looking for alternatives to methods and materials that aren’t environmentally friendly.
- **Dance**: Teach hip-hop education and culture in local middle and high schools.
- **French & Francophone Studies**: Document Métis (Indigenous and European mixed race) families living in the Northwest in the 1800s and 1900s and curate their photos and stories.
- **Geology**: Do field study in Yellowstone National Park or use state-of-the-art imaging to understand volcanic samples.
- **Physics**: Research dark matter and how it interacts with neutron stars and how it has affected the history of the universe.
- **Psychology**: Study how baby songbirds learn songs in the lab and how their cognition relates to human learning.
- **Sociology-Environmental Science & Computer Science**: Work collaboratively to create a database on chemical governance to increase accountability and awareness about toxic chemicals.
In the field, in the lab, in the studio. We treat knowledge as a shared experience.

The Wallula Gap Biological Station is an arid grassland and shrubland that serves as an outdoor laboratory for teaching and research. The nearly 2,000-acre station west of Walla Walla is managed by the Whitman College Biology Department.
Where in the world can Whitman take you?

Explore the possibilities and prepare for life in an increasingly interconnected world.

- Choose from 80+ programs in 40+ countries across the globe.
- Grow through experiences that complement your major.
- Learn a new language or hone existing language skills.
- Experience different cultures and make new friends.
- Research global issues you care about.

“I am blessed to spend a whole year finding my Schleichevege, little hidden paths, through this beautiful place we two-legged beings call München, Deutschland!”

—Olivia M., German Studies and Environmental Studies double major
Year of study in Munich, Germany

Whitties around the world

80+ programs  40+ countries
Find Your People

Connection. It's at the heart of living and learning at Whitman.
It’s the people you’ll meet here ...

You’ll matter here, and others will matter to you.

Academics, yes! But it’s also the people you’ll meet and the friends you’ll make that will truly make your time here special.

That means you’ll never be alone on your journey. You’ll bond around shared interests in clubs, life in the residence halls and learning experiences in the classroom.

Your classmates, roommates, housemates and teammates will support and challenge you to be your best self—and they’ll make you laugh, so many laughs.

Whitties bring the wit and wisdom!
Stanton Hall is a LEED Platinum-certified residential hall built in 2018. It primarily houses sophomore residents and provides them with a modern and sustainable living environment on campus.
LIVING AT WHITMAN

Friends for life
Learn together. Eat together. Live together.

Your first residence hall will become a safe haven and launching pad for your new life at Whitman. You’ll meet people from all over campus as you venture out and about—and still have a special place to call home.

Each first-year hall is staffed with a team of advisors who will plan activities, offer guidance and study support, and help you navigate college life.

Unique @ Whitman
Interest houses: You live and you learn!

After your first year, you’ll have the opportunity to live and learn with other Whitties in one of our 11 on campus interest houses. You’ll bond over a weekly family-style meal and take part in special events in the community. Everyone is welcome to apply to reside in Whitman’s interest house community—regardless of major!

Where do you want to live?
- Asian Studies House (Chinese)
- Community Service Co-Op
- Das Deutsche Haus (German)
- Environmental House
- Fine Arts House
- La Casa Hispana (Spanish)
- La Maison (French)
- Multicultural House
- Tekisuijuku (Japanese)
- Wellness House
- Writing House

Explore our residence halls!
360-tours and more.
whitman.edu/residence-halls
Come as you are—be who you’re meant to be!

In Whitman’s many affinity groups, you can connect over your humanity. Find and give support. Learn from each other. Get inspired.

At Whitman, you’ll find many affinity groups—where people with shared identities or goals come together. These groups help students form friendships and feel included, valued and empowered.

Finding community
Whitman has many clubs and programs that support culture and identity, including:

- Arab Student Society
- BIPOC Outdoor Club
- Black Student Union
- China @ Whitman
- Disability and Difference Community
- First-Generation and/or Working-Class Club
- Global Whitties Club
- Indigenous Peoples Education and Culture Club
- Intercultural Center
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- J-P Club (Japan Club)
- Kehillat Shalom
- LGBTQIA+ Student Services
- Men of Color Association
- Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students
- Muslim Students Association
- Office of Religious and Spiritual Life
- Pan Asian Club
- Partnership with Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Power & Privilege Symposium
- Šináata Scholarship
- South Asian Students Association
- Unidos (Latine/Latinx)
- Whitman African Student Association
- Women of Color Voices
- Zen Meditation Club

The Whitman student body

26% U.S. students of color/multiracial
18% first-generation students
14% international students
Where everyone belongs ...

Inclusion is woven into all we do at Whitman. Our entire community is responsible for actively fostering an environment where everyone feels like they belong and can show up as their authentic self.
Food & friends!

Cleveland Commons—anything but common. Locally sourced. Chef-prepared. Delicious.

With a family you choose for yourself!

College + coffee = of course!

Mocha? Cappuccino? Late-night latte? Whitman has three cafés on campus, featuring distinct coffee brands, including a local Walla Walla roaster.

The entire Whitman community comes together at Cleveland Commons. Meet your professor for coffee, have dinner with your roommate or join friends by the fireplace for a cozy study break. Like a family dinner table, it’s a place you’ll connect—over satisfying meals and quick snacks—and make memories.
Yummy!
See more delicious offerings on Instagram at @bonappetitwhitman.
Putting the “ally” in thriving academically, physically and emotionally.

Find support around every corner

What’s a constant in a changing and challenging world?

At Whitman, it’s all the dedicated and caring people—faculty and staff—who prioritize student well-being above all else.

Putting the “ally” in thriving academically, physically and emotionally.
Let’s wander where there’s no Wi-Fi

Fresh air. Good friends. New places to discover.

Whitties are often found exploring the Walla Walla Valley, the Blue Mountains and the surrounding areas—by bike, foot, kayak, cross-country skis ... you get the idea!

The outdoors are for everyone here. Whitman’s Outdoor Program offers a variety of student trips into the wilderness to help you discover the amazing Pacific Northwest. Whether you’re an expert or a beginner, there’s a trip for you—and there are funds available so everyone can participate.
Pursue your passions!

If you love the outdoors, Whitman is going to level you up and give you so many options.

- Backpacking
- Canoeing
- Glacier Mountaineering
- Hiking
- Ice climbing
- Kayaking
- Mountain biking
- Mountaineering
- Nature photography
- Rafting
- Rental shop
- Rock climbing
- Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Stargazing
- Trail work

Courses & Clubs
- Backcountry Club
- Climbing Club
- Climbing Team
- Outdoor Leadership
- River Guide Leadership
- Sea Kayak Guide
- Leadership
- Whitewater Club
- Wilderness First Responders

Get certified!!

I chose Whitman for the Outdoor Program.”

—Xander L., Music major (Technology & Production), from Seattle
Find Your Place

Pacific Northwest vibes infused with the spirit of 1,500 inspiring minds.
Location. Location. Location.

Choosing a college means choosing a home—a place to live, explore and make your own.

At Whitman, we’re truly lucky.
First, there’s our beautiful campus, where you’ll find equally beautiful humans—warm and caring people—who want you to succeed. All the sculptures, trees, ducks and squirrels are pretty sweet too!
And then there’s the perfect college town: Walla Walla, Washington.
Whitman is in the heart of Walla Walla. Locals, students and visitors enjoy our award-winning downtown, as well as endless recreational opportunities in and around the area, including the picturesque Blue Mountains in Whitman’s backyard.

“Landing at the Walla Walla airport was magical. I took a moment to just stare at the mountains.”

—Genevieve V., Economics and History double major from Brunswick, Maine
Our stunning campus
Where historic beauty meets the modern world.

Whitman College’s Memorial Building with its prominent clock tower remains the centerpiece of our beautiful campus—it’s where commencement ceremonies have taken place for decades.

Yet time hasn’t stood still at Whitman.

The future is now
Sustainability. Technology. Inclusivity. Newer construction on campus includes a contemporary art facility with open and airy studio space and a state-of-art dining hall with its own chef, as well as a wood-burning pizza oven, coffeehouse and sushi bar.

Our newest gender-inclusive and green-building residence hall includes many modern amenities and student spaces, including a third-floor balcony, outdoor firepit and sand volleyball court.
Unique @ Whitman

Living in a modern museum

Students walking to class stroll through history and walk by Whitman’s many outdoor art installations along the way.
1:1

we

our trees

& forest!

Student-to-tree ratio
You can grow and thrive here too.
Enjoy 4 seasons of wonder

- Year-round sunshine
- Fall foliage—campus puts on a colorful show
- First snows and snow sports
- Green hills and fields of spring
- Walla Walla sunsets—truly stunning
- Rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds

Let us show you around!

Explore campus now with student tour guides.
The perfect college town

Walla Walla, Washington—an amazing place to live, learn and change the world.

Walla Walla ranks on many best-of-the-best destination lists thanks to its beautiful setting, charming downtown, friendly community, and thriving food, wine, art, music and theatre scene.

You’ll find your classmates studying at their favorite coffee shop, checking out the interesting street art, dining in the open air under sparkling lights or simply going for a walk down our tree-lined streets!

Walla Walla! You’re the best ...

- Best Small Town
- Best Main Street
- Best Food Town
- Best Road Trip Destination
- Friendliest Town in the Country
- Cutest Main Street
Worth the trip

Walla Walla is in the southeastern corner of Washington state with its own local airport. Also nearby: Tri-Cities airport (Pasco, Washington) is less than an hour away. We’re less than a three-hour drive from Spokane, Washington, four hours from Portland, Oregon, and roughly four-and-a-half hours from Seattle. (Road trip, anyone?!)
Find Your Passion

Explore new possibilities. Promote causes that truly matter to the world. Become your best self.
What fuels you?

That’s a great question!

It’s a question you may not even realize you’re answering at Whitman. But there will be that day. That day you say, “Whoa, this is so cool. This is me.”

You’ll feel excited. You’ll feel connected. You’ll feel unstoppable.

“"The Women in Science Club is a very important space at Whitman where we support and encourage each other. Our meetings are always a place of support, inclusion and inspiration.”

—Yardena M., Physics-Astronomy major

AN ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

Whitman allowed me to explore my passions in different fields and find the connections across them. The several on-campus jobs and clubs I participated in allowed me to meet lots of people and learn from different experiences. Most importantly, I was encouraged to take on new challenges and play big by faculty, staff and fellow classmates.

I did a semester at American University in Washington D.C., where I studied policy, business and networking. I also took a Summer Crossroads in Rome, where I learned about environmental studies and started my passion for water rights, which was my thesis topic.
Immerse yourself in fascinating courses, hands-on experiences and meaningful work and conversations. It's the Whitman way.
Explore the American West! This semester-long expedition makes the road, public lands and rural areas your classroom. You’ll sleep under the stars and get a once-in-a-lifetime experience to study the diverse ecosystems and social and political communities, as well discovering many environmentally focused career paths.
Great minds create

Creativity is a powerful mindset. It’s a key to finding solutions. It’s a beautiful and playful part of being human—and of being a Whittie.

Whitman visual artists, musicians, dancers, actors and writers explore their passions and hone their skills through courses and ensembles led by practicing faculty artists—not to mention the many on-campus clubs, events and workshops that bring creative flair to everyday life on campus. So many creative opportunities await you here.

Here’s a beautiful thing: You don’t have to major in the arts at Whitman to take classes and express your creative side. Maybe you’ll take a painting class for fun or modern dance to move your body and soothe your brain.

President’s Scholarships

Whitman offers talent-based scholarships in music, theater arts, fine arts and debate. These scholarships are open to all majors.

Learn more!
CREATIVE SPACES

Where the magic happens

**Fouts Center for Visual Arts:** Houses studios and classrooms for digital arts, sculpture, painting, drawing, ceramics, printmaking, photography and book arts. Fouts fun fact: Each senior art major gets their own studio space.

**Harper Joy Theatre:** In this historic space, you'll find multiple performance and teaching stages, plus a dedicated costume shop. Generations of Whitties have learned to use the stage to entertain and influence the world.

**Dance Studio:** Courses are also available in modern dance and ballet, with visiting artists bringing additional cultural styles each semester.

**Hunter Conservatory:** Home to Whitman’s Film and Media Studies program and a beautiful auditorium for performances of all kinds.

**Hall of Music:** Whitman’s renowned Music program includes seven different tracks from jazz to theory to tech and production. Musicians and vocalists use this creative space for classes, performances, choral and band ensembles, and individual lessons.
Taking real action

At Whitman, sustainability and climate action are woven into our courses and clubs, culture, conversations, and campus consciousness. They matter deeply to our students and our entire community.

Whitman is committed to change and action—from building sustainable spaces to reducing energy and food waste to encouraging walking and biking. The college has committed to offsetting greenhouse gas emissions to achieve carbon neutrality in the coming years.

Come be part of the mission—and find others who are taking real action every day!
It’s your world—you’ll make it better

From our little corner of the Pacific Northwest, you can be a champion for sustainability. You’ll find ample opportunity to further your passion for the environment—and empower yourself and others to fight climate change in efforts on and off campus.

At Whitman, you can make it your career or contribute as a caring citizen of our campus—and the planet—in everything you do.

Top 50  Top 20
Green Colleges — The Princeton Review
Western U.S. colleges with the cleanest air — HouseFresh

Clean air
Locally sourced food
Campus as a living laboratory
Organic Garden
Solar energy
Climate & sustainability research
Student clubs
Guest speakers
LED lighting
Social equity initiatives
Environment-focused courses & degrees
Bike-share program
Community service
Walkable city
Internships
Tree Campus USA
Semester in the West
Green-building practices
Whitties get involved

It’s who they are—it’s what they do.

Many of our students arrive passionate and committed to causes—social justice, belonging, voting rights, immigration, gender equity and more. At Whitman, they build on that and inspire others along the way.

Other Whitties first discover their passion and purpose here—in and out of the classroom, on and off campus. They do and achieve things they never thought possible.

“Many of us would say that we care about inequities on campus, that we try to recognize our own identities and the various levels of privilege we own. But it’s one thing to say something. It’s another thing to do something.”

—Merry C., English and French & Francophone Studies double major, Power & Privilege leader
Whitties making a difference

Our students devote their ideas and time to causes, to each other and to the wider community.

Unique @ Whitman

Power & Privilege

At Whitman, we make space for tough and productive conversations—every day. But there's one day when we all dive in together. For the Power & Privilege Symposium, classes are canceled to allow our entire community to engage in student-led sessions, panels and discussions related to equity, belonging and social justice.
ATHLETICS

Whitman for the win!

Our students challenge themselves to be their very best in the classroom—and on the court, track, field or in the pool. Whitman student-athletes—the Blues—gain leadership skills and build self-discipline, confidence and a spirit of collaboration.

Whether you’re on a varsity, club or intramural team, or just want to build your strength with a fitness class or at the gym, Whitman offers the support and facilities you need to thrive.
STUDENT CLUBS & ORGS

Find new passions. Serve others. Dabble for fun.

At Whitman, we encourage students to take advantage of the various clubs and organizations. Launch your own radio show, join your friends in the fight to stop climate change or run for student office. Dance. Cook. Play board games. Or create your own club like many Whitties before you.

100+ student clubs & organizations
8 fraternities & sororities
Find Your Future

Whitman grads go on to do incredible things—and it all starts here.
What’s ahead?
We can’t say for sure, but you’ll be ready!

Your Whitman education will prepare you well for what comes next—and that includes jobs that don’t even exist yet.

You’ll graduate with strong public speaking, writing and analytical skills that will translate into success no matter where life takes you.

Unique @ Whitman
Career coaching
Right from the start, you’ll be connected to your own Career Coach who will be there for you—to guide you to resources, programs, groups and opportunities to enhance your areas of study, as well as to support your growth and development as you consider what professional passions and career paths speak to you.
What’s your dream internship? We’ll pay for it!

Paid internships—through the Whitman Internship Grant—are part of our commitment to making sure you can explore possibilities and connect your skills and passions to what you do next.

Whitman’s Career and Community Engagement Center is the place to go for help pursuing internships—and so much more! You’ll find inspiration and resources to help you:

- Get involved with local organizations.
- Volunteer in the community.
- Hone your resume and cover letter.
- Practice your interview skills.
- Meet potential employers.
Whitman will help you find a fellowship to solve real-world problems.

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—Liam V., Environmental Humanities major awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to study the link between water resources and food production, distribution and consumption in Austria, Vietnam and Japan
More than half of graduates go on to pursue advanced degrees, enroll in academic doctorate programs and top schools in business, law and medicine, including:

Baylor • Cambridge • Columbia • Johns Hopkins • Mayo Clinic • MIT • NYU • Oxford • Stanford • Tulane • University of Chicago • University of Washington • Wake Forest • Yale … and the list goes on and on …

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Careers
Whitman graduates pursue careers, causes and passions. Recent first employers of Whitman graduates:

Amazon • Apple • Columbia University • Fred Hutchinson Research Center • Fulbright Program • Goldman Sachs & Co. • Google • LinkedIn • Mayo Clinic • Microsoft • NASA • SpaceX • Tesla • U.S. Forest Service • U.S. Department of Justice • U.S. Senate … and many more!

Grad school
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Whitties Helping Whitties

You’ll have an entire community rooting for you to succeed—professors, classmates and Whitman alumni, who are working and living around the world. Our Whitties Helping Whitties events will connect you with alumni in your field to help you find mentors, internships and career opportunities. You may only have four years on campus, but you’ll have a lifetime of connections.

What a journey!

We’re here for you—from your first year to your first career

Whitman is not just a resource, but a loyal companion dedicated to helping every student discover amazing professional and academic experiences, service opportunities and actionable career coaching.

At Whitman, the team in our Career and Community Engagement Center—including your own dedicated Career Coach—will help you from your first year to your first career. With the center’s expert guidance and resources, you’ll create your own unique Whitman story.

What to expect from Day 1

You’ll explore and get ready! At Whitman, we’ll help you:

- Get on-campus jobs and your dream internships.
- Develop a college-level resume that showcases your talents and aspirations.
- Find opportunities to volunteer on campus and locally.
- Connect with Whitman alumni, mentors and online professional communities.
The Whitman grad’s skill set

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, successful graduates need certain competencies to thrive professionally. At Whitman, we don’t take that lightly—we weave our transformative classroom experience with hands-on career development to give our students the skills they need for success in life and work.

- **Communications**
  - Listening, writing and speaking

- **Critical thinking**
  - Decision-making and problem-solving

- **Equity & inclusion**
  - Actively practicing and learning

- **Leadership**
  - Motivating for a shared vision

- **Professionalism**
  - Acting with integrity and accountability

- **Teamwork**
  - Working collaboratively

- **Technology**
  - Adapting to and leveraging new technologies

Seek & gain experience along the way

You can count on extraordinary opportunities and Whitman’s support to:

- Do good—and connect with organizations dedicated to issues that matter to you, your classmates and the world.
- Discover fields and careers that align with your interests and studies.
- Grow as a leader—in student clubs, college programs or student government.
- Study abroad! We’ll help you make it happen from program applications to visas.
- Have the best summer vacations. Maybe you’ll get paid (Whitman will pay you!) to research in a cutting-edge science lab with your professor or to intern in a field that interests or intrigues you.

You’ll develop a network, look ahead and be ready to launch! You’ll be prepared for whatever comes next. With Whitman’s support and backing, you’ll:

- Get a jump on grad school—collaborate with faculty on research, publish a paper or present at conferences like the Whitman Undergraduate Conference (see page 12).
- Practice like a pro with your Career Coach. Do practice interviews, update your resume and LinkedIn profile, write cover letters, etc.
- Leverage Whitman’s powerful alumni network and mentoring programs.

**Spoiler alert:** This is going to be good! So buckle up, embrace the journey and get ready to make your mark on the world. Your story is about to unfold in ways beyond your wildest dreams.

The future is yours!
Financial aid
When you’re looking at colleges, cost matters. That’s why we do it right.

Your college education will be one of the most important investments of time and money you will ever make. At Whitman, we are committed to keeping our world-class education as affordable as possible.

Whitman has received top rankings from the Princeton Review for most accessible professors, best classroom experience and best quality of life, and has consistently made the “Colleges that Pay You Back” list for value.

91% of students receive financial aid

Merit, talent & need
Whitman offers a robust financial aid program that includes scholarships, grants, employment and loans.

Noteworthy!
Whitman College has been featured in The New York Times multiple times for our innovative and transparent approach to financial aid.

Known for low debt
Whitman students who take out loans consistently graduate with low debt. Average debt is around half of the national average and in some years is the lowest of any college, public or private, in the Pacific Northwest.
Your Official Guide to Whitman College
We know our students are Whitman’s top influencers. They’re living it—and we want to give them a chance to tell our story.

This guide contains insider information on life at Whitman. Campus spots, cool classes to take and things to do ... food, friends, fun and more!

Explore on to discover our college from the most reputable source—our students! 💗❤️❤️
“LEGIT” WHIT RANKINGS

Best College for S'mores

Ankeny
Best Field for Ultimate Frisbee

Best Quackin' Ducks

WHITTIE AFFIRMATIONS

Styx* with it!

Baby ducks are life!

*Styx—an iconic campus sculpture

... all I need is a sunset ...
“I would 100% recommend DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY, especially if you want to work with children in any capacity. I also adored the PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING course taught by Wally Herbranson in which we trained rats to play basketball!”
—Madi W., Psychology and Hispanic Studies double major

“The BIOLOGICAL WORLD, INTRO TO ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, and THE PASTORAL, THE WILD, AND THE COMMONS changed me as a person because I became more conscious of my role as an individual in natural and human systems, I became better at seeing the natural world, and I came to recognize the importance of people in habitat management.”
—Fraser M., Biology-Environmental Studies combined major

“One of my favorite classes I’ve taken was RELIGION AS POPULAR CULTURE, which reviewed instances of public life that would normally be considered secular. We talked about the Super Bowl, the Kardashians, Co-Star and other astrology apps, etc. and the application of religious thought structures to social life.”
—Rosa W., Anthropology major
"Professor Alissa Cordner introduced me to the field of Public Health through her course Sociology of Health and Illness. With her mentorship, I was able to attend grad school and ultimately land my dream job as an epidemiologist."

—Omar A., Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology (BBMB) major

"Music Technology teaches some really crucial skills like digital fluency which are essential prerequisites to making music. It's extremely valuable to learn those skills."

—Mo D., Music Composition major

"There are so many to choose from, but I really loved taking Anthropology of Digital Media! We were applying anthropological theories to analyzing memes, emojis, slang and text messages."

—Cheysen C.S., Anthropology major

"Galactic Astronomy—this was the first upper-level astro class I took... This course really helped me make connections between astronomical processes and analysis methods. I learned practical skills and had the opportunity to apply those skills to real astronomical data."

—Yardena M., Physics-Astronomy combined major
1. Mem aka Memorial Building, where the clock tower rings.

2. The ducks at Lakum Duckum are our most favorite waddling friends!

3. As soon as the sun comes out, Whitties swarm Ankeny for Frisbee, slacklining, and Spikeball!

   *Not a real horse!

5. Penrose Library is a perfect place to research or study. Keep an eye out for the secret 4th floor!

6. Climb for fun or take a class at the Climbing Center!

7. Reid Campus Center—a popular daily destination—mail, snacks, etc.

8. Swimming in the fountain outside Hunter Conservatory is not recommended (or so they say).
9. Cleveland Commons ... the best food on campus—from sushi to smash burgers, wood-fired pizza to poke bowls—you'll be amazed at all your options.

10. We have a tiny village of Interest Houses so you live with people who share the same passions (from language to the environment).

11. Narnia is one of the most peaceful places on campus. Ahh... nature...

12. The amphitheatre! A popular spot for outdoor events, picnics and performances!

13. North Hall is a residence hall. It used to be a hospital ... spooky ... but kinda cool.

14. The Organic Garden is a student-run project that grows yummy fresh produce and herbs!

15. The Glover Alston Center is a wonderful resource for students, clubs and affinity groups.

16. Whitman Blues sport teams are named after the scenic Blue Mountains visible from town.

(Yep. That close.)
**BEST STUDY SPOTS**

Study & snack at Reid Market—(soft serve)! If you’re looking for a less busy study spot, try the lounge in the Reid basement!

Jewett and Cleveland cafés are super cozy.

Penrose library has great places to focus and see friends.

Ankeny Field is ideal for hanging a hammock and doing your class reading!

The Hall of Science has tons of natural light and quiet nooks.
WHERE'S YOUR WHITMAN HAPPY PLACE?

The Planetarium

Glover Alston Center

(a supportive spot for gathering)

The Climbing Wall

The Penrose Library Archives

Ankeny Field

The Amphitheatre

Narnia

The Dance Studio

GO ON A QUICK BIKE TOUR AROUND CAMPUS
WHY WE LOVE CLEVE*

* Cleveland Commons (aka Cleve) is the name of our amazing dining hall on campus

Whitman’s Cooking Club!

Hands on!

Running into friends

House-made ice pops

Chocolate-chip banana bread!

YUM!!!
what to bring to Whitman

- An open mind
- Passion
- Patience & persistence
- Humanity & humility
- Your sense of humor
- Anything that makes you feel at home (a stuffed animal, pet plant, etc.)
Eateries Walla Walla has tons of great restaurants. If you’re looking for breakfast, lunch or dinner, you’ll find a spot!
- Burgers and wings
- Tasty taco trucks
- Sushi, Asian Fusion, Italian, French or Greek, anyone? What about authentic Indian cuisine?
- And SO many breakfast options!

Sweeteries Need to satisfy your sweet tooth? Downtown has multiple places to get pastries, coffee, tea, boba, milkshakes, ice cream or candy!

Fun-tivities Downtown has plenty of entertainment!
- Bowling • Karaoke
- Jazzercise • Karate
- Concerts • Virtual golf
- Plus MORE!!!

Volunteer-ities You can volunteer locally just a short walk from Whitman! Do good, feel good. Elementary schools, nonprofits, the public library, community groups, the Y ...
- Plus the public transit has routes that will take you all across the valley!
BUCKET LIST

(You'll make your own of course.)

- burritos in the wheat fields
- Rocky Horror Picture Show (show up and have a good time!)
- slackline on Ankeny
- walk around Bennington Lake
- workin' in the organic garden
- host a radio show on KWCW
- rock climbing!
- study abroad
- find the fourth floor of the Library
- Palouse Falls
- picnic on Ankeny
- take a dance class
  ... modern, ballet, hip-hop culture
- Outdoor Program trip
- PNW city adventure (Seattle or Portland or bust)
- WW downtown farmers market
well, this is a big deal!

Salma—Chinese & Politics double major

Katie—Global Health & Hispanic Studies double major

Austin—Biochemistry, Biophysics & Molecular Biology major

Ready for anything

GOT A FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY GLOBAL AFFAIRS IN CHINA

Salma—Chinese & Politics double major
Now all that’s left to do is visit! Parts of this guide might seem too good to be true, so we encourage you to come to see for yourself. To get started, go to whitman.edu and find “Visit Whitman.” Be careful! As soon as you step foot on the gorgeous Whitman College campus, you might find it hard to leave.