

Admission Procedures

Fall admission application due dates are November 15 and January 10 for Early Decision applicants; January 15 for Regular Decision first-year candidates; and March 1 for Regular Decision transfer applicants. Qualified applicants who file credentials after the Regular Decision deadline dates may be admitted only to the extent that space is available.

Notification dates for admission are as follows: by December 20 for Early Decision I, February 10 for Early Decision II, April 1 for Regular Decision candidates, and April 20 for Regular Decision transfer candidates.

The transfer application deadline for spring semester is November 1. The notification date is by December 1.

Early Decision

Early Decision is an option for candidates who have selected Whitman as a top choice college. Some students reach this decision early in the college search process. Others take more time to consider a variety of colleges. Whitman, therefore, conducts the Early Decision process in two rounds. The first-round deadline is November 15; the second-round deadline is January 10. Candidates who are admitted Early Decision agree to withdraw their applications from other colleges and universities and notify them of their intention to attend Whitman.

Applications for Admission

Whitman participates with a national group of more than 1,000 colleges that encourages the use of the Common App. The purpose of a Common App is to reduce repetition in completing forms when filing applications to several selective colleges. A student may pay application fees and submit the Common App online to multiple colleges.

Admission Credentials

First-Year Students

Students applying for first-year standing must submit the following credentials:

1. The *Common App*
2. An *official transcript* of the secondary school record.
3. A *School Report* completed by the applicant's secondary school counselor.
4. A recommendation from a secondary school teacher or counselor.
5. A nonrefundable *application fee* of \$50, remittance made payable to Whitman College. (Using guidelines distributed by the College Board for test fee waivers, applicants suffering financial hardship may have this fee waived by written request substantiated by a counselor or principal.) This fee will also be waived for applicants who submit by December 1.
6. *Optional*: Scores on *either* the SAT, or the ACT.
 1. Whitman's Test-Optional policy allows candidates to choose whether or not they would like to submit an SAT or ACT score for review in the admission process.

2. Early Decision candidates who plan to submit test scores should take one of the tests no later than October (Early Decision I) of the senior year in order that score reports may reach the Office of Admission by November 15. (Scores from the November and December test dates may be submitted for Early Decision II applicants.)
 3. Regular Decision candidates who plan to submit test scores should take one of tests no later than December in the senior year in order that score reports may reach the Office of Admission by January 15.
7. Early Decision applicants must submit their *Early Decision Agreement*, which is available via the Common Application.

Transfer Students

Students applying for transfer standing must submit the following credentials:

1. *The Common App for Transfer*
2. *Official Transcripts* from each college or university attended.
3. The *College Report Form* available as part of the Common Application for transfer students.
4. An academic recommendation from a college instructor or high school teacher.
5. Optional: Scores on either SAT or the ACT.

International Students

International students (students who are not U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, green card holders, or refugees) must submit the credentials listed above for first-year or transfer applicants with the following additions:

1. An *official score report* from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Duolingo English Test (DET). A TOEFL score of 85 is required. The minimum IELTS score required is 7.0. The minimum Duolingo score is 110. The TOEFL OR IELTS can be waived for international applicants whose first language is English or if the primary language of instruction at the secondary school attended has been English.
2. To apply for financial aid, international students must complete and submit the Whitman International Student Financial Aid Application by the deadline for the admission application.