

# Graduation Requirements

## Requirements for Graduation

### General Degree Requirements:

- Complete all general education requirements.
- Complete all requirements and performance standards for the major or area of concentration as well as one writing-intensive course in the major, as set forth in the catalog effective at time of matriculation. (Major requirements are presented in the catalog under the appropriate discipline.) Students may change to a subsequent catalog governing their degree requirements, but must meet all requirements of that catalog.
- Complete a minimum of 36 credits at the junior/senior level (courses numbered 300 or above).
- Degree-seeking students: Earn a minimum of 32 credits in residence.
- Complete a minimum of 126 credit hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Of these 126 credit hours, a maximum of eight semester-credit hours (12 quarter-credit hours) can be PE, athletics, or fitness wellness credits. This includes institutional and/or transfer credits of this kind.
- Thirty-two of the last 40 credits required for graduation must be taken at Whitworth.
- Complete all degree requirements within six years of matriculation.
- Students must declare their intent to graduate by completing an application for graduation by Nov. 1 of their senior year or the year prior to their completion of all degree requirements. In order to participate in commencement, any student who will not be completing all degree requirements by the end of the spring semester must submit a petition that outlines his or her course plan, showing that all requirements will be complete by Jan. 31 of the year following commencement.

Note: The management & accounting degree offered in the School of Continuing Studies requires 150 credits for graduation.

### I. Requirements for Major or Area of Concentration

Complete all requirements and performance standards for the major or area of concentration and one writing-intensive course as set forth in the catalog effective at time of matriculation. (Major requirements are presented in the catalog under the appropriate discipline.) A student may change to a subsequent catalog governing his or her degree requirements, but s/he must meet all requirements of that catalog.

### II. Upper-Division Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits at the junior/senior level (courses numbered 300 or above).

### III. Residency

At least 32 semester credits must be completed in residence at Whitworth for each program level (undergraduate or graduate) that the student pursues.

### IV. Grade Point Average

A student must earn a 2.0 average in 1) all Whitworth courses and 2) all courses in the declared major or area of concentration. Education and athletic training students, see School of Education and athletic training department for GPA requirements.

### V. Degree-Completion Requirements

Thirty-two of the last 40 credits needed for the degree must be taken at Whitworth. Students must complete all degree requirements within six years from the time of matriculation. Part-time students may petition this policy. Students who withdraw from Whitworth and return after an absence of more than two years must meet the graduation requirements in effect at the time of their return and must complete all degree requirements within six years of the time of their return (matriculation). Students must complete a minimum of one course if the above-mentioned requirements have been met. Additional information may be obtained from the registrar's office.

## VI. Application for Graduation

Students must apply for graduation by Nov. 1 in the fall semester of their senior year. Application for Graduation forms are available on WhitNet. In order to participate in the May ceremony if it is possible that a student's requirements will not be completed by the end of spring semester, the student **must submit a petition that outlines his or her course plan and shows that all requirements will be completed by Jan. 31** of the year following commencement.

Students who are unable for any reason to complete their degree requirements by their anticipated graduation date must complete a second Application for Graduation if all their degree requirements are not met within one year of their original anticipated graduation date.

Detailed graduation information will be sent to all students who have applied to graduate.

### Double Majors

A student may graduate with more than one major if all requirements are met for each major. Some departments restrict double majors within their department. Talk with your advisor regarding your department's policy.

### Requirements for a Second Baccalaureate Degree

A Whitworth graduate seeking a second bachelor's degree must meet the major requirements of the second major, must satisfy the general education requirements (under the DTA agreement) in place at the time the second degree is initiated, and must complete 30 credits of work beyond the first degree. A second degree will not be awarded unless the graduate re-enrolls at Whitworth and completes a minimum of one course (if the above-mentioned requirements have been met).

A Whitworth student seeking a second baccalaureate degree must seek the approval of his or her advisor(s) and the registrar.

Students with a bachelor's degree from another institution who pursue a B.A. or B.S. at Whitworth will be expected to meet all the major and degree requirements, including the residency requirement (32 credits) and the general education requirements (under the DTA agreement) in place at the time the second degree is initiated; they must also earn a degree in a field other than the field of the first degree.

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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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