

# Admissions

Our primary goal in the admissions process is to identify students who demonstrate the academic promise and personal traits to succeed at Whitworth University. A college preparatory curriculum is recommended for entrance, though no specific classes are required. The relative strength of each student's academic performance is strongly considered.

Whitworth admits students without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or disability.

Applying for Admission

## Freshman Application Process

### Application

You may apply online at [www.whitworth.edu/apply](http://www.whitworth.edu/apply) or through the Common Application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). No fee is required.

### Academic Recommendation Form

Please print this form from our website ([www.whitworth.edu/acadrecform](http://www.whitworth.edu/acadrecform)), and give it to a teacher or to your high school counselor to complete and submit. Your teacher or counselor may choose to submit a letter on school letterhead in lieu of (or in addition to) the recommendation form. Homeschooled applicants are required to submit one letter of recommendation from someone other than a parent or guardian who can address the applicant's academic ability.

### Transcript

We also require an official high school transcript that shows courses taken, grades earned and your current cumulative grade point average.

### Entrance Exams

Whitworth considers each applicant's SAT or ACT superscore (composite of the highest sub-score of each section of the test — potentially from multiple test dates). There is no preference for one test over the other. Applicants with a cumulative weighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher (from an accredited high school or homeschool program) may choose to exclude their SAT or ACT scores from consideration in the admissions process. Applicants who choose this option on their application will be contacted by the admissions office to schedule a phone interview. SAT/ACT test scores are considered in awarding Whitworth's Academic Scholarships (<http://www.whitworth.edu/Administration/FinancialAid/ScholarshipOpportunities/FreshmanScholarships.htm>), though several of these scholarships can be earned based on high school GPA alone.

## Transfer Application Process

Students who have completed a full term of coursework at an accredited college or university after graduating from high school should apply with the Whitworth Transfer Application ([www.whitworth.edu/apply](http://www.whitworth.edu/apply)) or Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)). Transfer applicants should submit official transcripts from each college attended. In addition, one letter of recommendation or the transfer recommendation form ([www.whitworth.edu/transferrecform](http://www.whitworth.edu/transferrecform)) is required. In some situations, we may contact applicants for transfer admission and request a high school transcript and/or standardized test scores. No application fee is required.

## International Student Application Process

Qualified students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States are encouraged to apply for admission. International students should complete either the International Student Application ([www.whitworth.edu/apply](http://www.whitworth.edu/apply)) or the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)). No application fee is required. Students should include with their application a letter of recommendation, certified English translations of all transcripts, and the official results from at least one of the following tests: ACT, SAT, IB Test, A Levels, or TOEFL. Test results must be sent directly to Whitworth by the testing agency. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for applicants whose first language is not English. An Internet-based TOEFL score of at least 79 iBT is required; 88 iBT is preferred. Upon admission to Whitworth, international students are required to provide an official guarantee of funds (in the form of an official letter of sponsorship and an official bank statement showing funds available). For further

information, please visit [www.whitworth.edu/admissions/international](http://www.whitworth.edu/admissions/international) or contact the Whitworth Office of International Admissions.

## **Adult Degree Programs/Continuing Studies**

See Adult Degree Programs. ([http://catalog.whitworth.edu/undergraduate\\_school\\_of\\_continuing\\_studies/#contstudies](http://catalog.whitworth.edu/undergraduate_school_of_continuing_studies/#contstudies))

## **Evaluation and Acceptance**

Each application is carefully reviewed before the admissions committee grants a prospective student admission to the university. Grade point average, course rigor, test scores (if provided), teacher/counselor recommendations, quality of writing sample, extracurricular participation, and leadership are all considered in the decision process.

## **Freshman Early Action Option**

If, after reviewing the possible options, you decide that Whitworth University is one of your top choices, you may apply for early action admission (non-binding). There are two early action deadline dates. Early Action I is Nov. 15 and Early Action II is Jan. 15. Students who submit all documents prior to the either one of the early action deadlines will be notified of Whitworth's admissions decision within 10-14 business days.

## **Enrollment Deposit**

To accept Whitworth's offer of admission, please submit your \$350 enrollment deposit at [www.whitworth.edu/enrollmentdeposit](http://www.whitworth.edu/enrollmentdeposit). This deposit will hold your place in the new class and is refundable until May 1 for freshmen and until Aug. 1 for transfer students.

## **Preferred Regular Application Dates**

- March 1 (freshmen and international applicants)
- July 1 (transfers)

All admitted students are required to submit a final high school transcript to the admissions office upon completion of high school. Official transcripts are also required for coursework completed at any college or university.

## **Returning Whitworth Students**

Students applying to return to Whitworth after an absence may do so online at [www.whitworth.edu/apply](http://www.whitworth.edu/apply). Use the transfer application and type "Returning Student" in each essay prompt. Submit to the admissions office official college transcripts from each college attended during your absence from Whitworth. Students with an academic restriction (probation or suspension) should contact the Whitworth Academic Affairs Office (509.777.3203), and students with financial holds on their accounts should get in touch with Whitworth Student Accounts (509.777.3209).

## **Alternative Credit**

A maximum of 32 alternative semester credits (48 quarter credits) may be counted toward graduation. Alternative credit includes Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) degree courses, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit, and DANTES credit, based on completion of advanced work, portfolios, and credit for military service and schools. Alternative course credit is calculated as part of the transfer-credit limit of 94. Contact the registrar's office for further information.

## **Running Start Policy**

Dual-enrollment credits are college credits that have been earned prior to graduation from high school, on the campus of either a college or a high school (in partnership with a sponsoring college or university). Running Start is an example of a dual-enrollment program, though similar programs have different names in many states. High school students with dual-enrollment credits are considered first-time freshmen as long as they attempt no university-level coursework after high school graduation. Students with dual-enrollment credits must meet freshman application deadlines and Whitworth's freshman admissions requirements, and qualified students will be eligible to receive one of Whitworth's freshman academic scholarships (<http://www.whitworth.edu/Administration/FinancialAid/ScholarshipOpportunities/FreshmanScholarships.htm>). Dual-enrollment and Running Start credits are accepted as transfer credits based on receipt of official academic transcripts from the college attended or the college sponsoring the course. Courses in which a student has received a grade lower than "C," vocational/technical courses, non-college-level courses, and incomplete courses are not transferable. A

maximum of 64 semester credits (96 quarter credits) may be transferred from dual-enrollment credits.

## **Deferred Admission**

Students may apply for admission during any academic year, and, if admitted, may defer their admission and attendance at Whitworth for two semesters. If students delay longer than the two semesters, they must submit a new application for admission. Deferment is granted on a case-by-case basis. If you attend another institution and earn college credit during your deferment period, you must reapply to Whitworth with the Whitworth Transfer Student Application or the Common Application.

## **Admission of Part-Time Students**

Students enrolled for fewer than 12 semester credits (undergraduate) or six semester credits (graduate) are considered part time. The part-time-student classification can be on a credit or audit basis. Students seeking a graduate degree or planning to complete an undergraduate degree on a part-time basis (usually through courses taken in the evening) should contact the Whitworth Graduate and Continuing Studies Office for information on degree options and admission procedures. Part-time undergraduate students not seeking a degree from Whitworth may not be required to complete the formal admission process; please contact the registrar's office to be directed to the appropriate department.

## **Campus Visits**

There's no better way to discover whether Whitworth is the right place for you than to experience campus for yourself. Visitors have the opportunity to tour the campus, sit in on classes, attend an admissions/financial aid presentation, spend a night in a residence hall, and connect with faculty, students and coaches. Whitworth offers a variety of one-day and overnight visit options; learn more about visiting campus and register for your visit at [www.whitworth.edu/visit](http://www.whitworth.edu/visit).

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