

Graduate Programs

Whitworth offers the following graduate and professional degrees:

Graduate Studies in Business (GSB)

School of Business: Sinead Voorhees, Director, gradadmissions@whitworth.edu

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Business Leadership (MBL)
- Master of Science in Financial Planning (MFP)

Graduate Studies in Education (GSE)

School of Education: gradadmissions@whitworth.edu

- Master of Arts in Teaching, Gifted Education & Equitable Instruction
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education
- Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy
- Master of Arts in Administrative & Nonprofit Leadership
- Master of Education in Social Emotional Learning
- Master of Education in Teaching & Learning
- Master of Education in Montessori
- Master of Education in School Counseling
- Master of Education in Educational Administration

Master in Teaching Program (MIT)

School of Education: gradadmissions@whitworth.edu

Graduate Studies in Athletic Training

Department of Athletic Training: Cynthia Wright, Chair, cwright@whitworth.edu

- Master of Science in Athletic Training
- Master of Science in Human Movement & Function

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Carrie Hawkins, Chair, chawkins@whitworth.edu

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Loriann Helgeson, Chair, lhelgeson@whitworth.edu

Academic Policies for Graduate Programs

The following policies are in effect for all graduate programs.* Please note that each program may have additional policies listed under the specific program descriptions located in other sections of this catalog.

*Doctoral students are beholden to the policies and processes outlined in their student handbooks.

Academic Standards

1. Completion of all semester credits in approved courses, following a degree plan, is required for all master's degrees. This is in addition to any required prerequisites.
2. Whitworth graduate programs may allow students, upon admission, to transfer in up to 25 percent of the total credits required for their degree. Graduate programs may also choose to waive credits up to 25 percent of a program as long as the total required credits is at least 30 semester credits for a master's degree and 90 semester credits for a doctoral degree. For details as to whether a specific program accepts any alternative, waived or transfer credits, please refer to that program's webpage. Confirm which graduate courses will transfer with the program advisor.

3. Master's degree and certification candidates must achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all courses taken as part of an approved graduate degree.
4. No credit toward a master's degree or certification program will be allowed for a course in which the student receives a grade of "C-" or lower. **Note: Programs may require higher than a "C-"; please see specific program descriptions.** Courses in which a grade of "C-" or lower is earned, if required for the degree or certification program, must be repeated. Following any term/module in which a student's cumulative grade-point average is below 3.0, the student may be placed on academic probation.
5. Grades of P/NC are not allowed in any graduate-level course.
6. A grade of incomplete ("I") is approved for regular courses in emergency situations only. The incomplete must be made up by six weeks into the following long semester. If satisfactory progress is not made on completing the required work, an appropriate final grade will be awarded.
7. Credits toward a graduate degree must have been completed within six years of matriculation.
8. A six-semester-credit course load qualifies a student as full time during each term (fall semester, spring semester, summer terms). A four-semester-credit course load qualifies a student as being enrolled at three-quarter-time status. A three-semester-credit course load qualifies a student for half-time status.

Appeals

Grade Appeals:

The right of appeal, through instructors/professors/deans in the following order, is available for students who feel they have received an unfair grade:

1. the instructor of the course
2. the program director
3. the dean or dean's designee of the school

Appeals in cases of suspension or expulsion:

Discuss the issue first with the program director; the right of appeal is available to all students if the appeal is presented in writing within three weeks of the incident, to the following people in the following order:

1. the program director
2. a committee composed of the dean of the school, the director/chair of the program, and representatives of the program
3. the Educational Review Board

Class Attendance

Please see university class attendance policy listed within this catalog on the Academic Information (<http://catalog.whitworth.edu/academicinformation/>) page.

Withdrawal and Hiatus

Please see university class withdrawal and hiatus policies listed within this catalog on the Academic Information (<http://catalog.whitworth.edu/academicinformation/>) page.

Active Status and Suspension

Students who do not register for credits during any given semester will be withdrawn and inactivated. Should a student choose to return, they must reapply through graduate admissions and are responsible for any new university or program requirements.

Students may be suspended, expelled or placed on academic probation for failure to meet academic standards and for plagiarism, cheating, misrepresentation of background information, or violation of respective program requirements and university behavior expectations. Subsequent readmission follows the procedures for new admission under the catalog requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

Application for Graduation and Commencement Participation

Students must complete an application for graduation during the fall of the academic year in which they will complete their degree. The graduation application is available in Self-Service. In order to be

eligible to apply for graduation, and subsequently, participate in the May commencement ceremony, a student's coursework at Whitworth must be completed before the start of the next academic year.

Students who apply for graduation and are unable to complete their degree requirements by their anticipated completion date must submit a second application for graduation if all their degree requirements are not met within one year of their original anticipated graduation date and are subject to all applicable fees.

Detailed commencement information will be sent to all students who have been approved to graduate and indicate they will participate in the commencement ceremony.

Whitworth University reserves the right to withhold transcripts and diplomas until all campus debts are cleared and all holds on student records are removed.