

International Education Center

The Whitworth International Education Center combines off-campus programs, international student services and the English for International Students Program. The team is housed in Hendrick and Westminster halls.

Mission Statement: The Whitworth International Education Center prepares students, faculty and staff to be global citizens by expanding opportunities for them to experience and explore cultures throughout the world.

Knowledge of a world culture other than one's own is a major learning goal at Whitworth. In order to provide the best opportunity for students to live and learn in vastly different cultural settings, the university offers a wide variety of international and multicultural courses involving travel. In off-campus venues, students acquire understanding that helps form their value systems, priorities and commitments to serve a world in need. Participants return better prepared to live in an interdependent world.

Whitworth's goal is to ensure that all students who wish to do so are able to study another culture abroad or elsewhere in the United States. The Whitworth Off-Campus Studies Office assists students in planning and executing their international and multicultural study programs. Working with an expanding network of partner universities and institutions in the U.S. and throughout the world, the center provides programs for both individuals and groups. Official exchange programs between Whitworth and other international universities are generally the least expensive for students. Overseas travel scholarships are available to qualified students.

Note: Whitworth does not operate programs in countries where a U.S. Department of State travel warning has been issued.

English for International Students

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For students whose primary language is not English, advanced-level courses are available to bring students' reading, writing and oral communication skills up to a level of proficiency for participation in other courses at Whitworth University. These courses require students to use an integrated set of skills for critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem-solving, and written and oral communication. Each EIS course carries four semester credits and is creditable toward graduation.

All international students whose primary language is not English or who are non-U.S. citizens are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and to have their official scores sent by Educational Testing Service to Whitworth University. Official International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores may be substituted for TOEFL scores. TOEFL or IELTS scores that are more than two years old will not be accepted.

TOEFL minimum score: 79 iBT

TOEFL preferred score: 88 iBT

IELTS score: 6.5

Students who meet the minimum English proficiency requirement but have scores lower than those listed as preferred will be required to enroll in EIS 106, EIS 107, EIS 108, and EIS 109, which are offered only in the fall semester and Jan Term. These students should therefore plan to begin their time at Whitworth in the fall semester.

English for International Student Courses

EIS 106 Oral Communication in Academic Discourse 4

Advanced speaking and listening course for international students. Emphasis on understanding and summarizing lectures, participating in discussions and U.S. classroom culture, giving academic presentations, and improving oral fluency. Fall semester.

EIS 107 Reading in Academic Discourse 4

Advanced reading course for international students. Emphasis on rhetorical patterns, inference, summary, synthesis, and critical response to academic texts and articles. Fall semester.

EIS 108 Writing in Academic Discourse 4

Advanced writing course for international students. Emphasis on summary, paraphrase, rhetoric, and research strategies. Attention to grammar, style, and format as required. Fall semester.

EIS 109 American Studies for International Students

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American culture course for international students. Focus on basic U.S. cultural values, beliefs and behaviors. Attention to history, politics, economics, immigration, race relations, education, family and religion. Jan Term.

Whitworth Semester Abroad

During at least one semester each year, a group of Whitworth students travels to a foreign country for three or four months and receives instruction from Whitworth faculty as well as from native scholars. These “mini-universities” abroad generally include 12-25 students and are limited to students at or above the sophomore level. Applications for semester-abroad programs are due one year in advance, and students may be screened on the basis of maturity and adaptability to foreign environments. The schedule for these programs is as follows:

Britain and Ireland

Courses: Dependent upon faculty leaders; have included English literature, history and art, business, theology

Highlights: Visits to major cities and historic sites

Years: 2018 (spring semester) and every third year thereafter

Central America

Courses: Spanish language, internship, theology

Highlights: Intensive language study in Guatemala, 10-week internship in Nicaragua or Honduras

Years: 2018 (Jan Term/spring semester) and every second year thereafter

France

Courses: Dependent upon faculty leaders; have included French literature, music, history, politics, communications and art, including intensive French prior to departure

Highlights: Homestays and living in several French cities

Years: 2019 (spring semester) and every third year thereafter

Tanzania Study Program

Courses: Core 350; Swahili; history, political science, theology, internship and possible independent study

Highlights: Homestays, language study in Zanzibar

Years: 2017 (spring semester) and every third year thereafter

Whitworth in China

Courses: Intensive Oral/Written Mandarin (100-, 200-, 300-levels); Chinese Gardens and Temples; Cultural Odyssey of China; Political History of Beijing; Core 350; Business

Highlights: Live on campus at Minzu University, in Beijing, where Mandarin is taught by local professors.

Years: Periodic

Jan Term Programs

The month of January affords a broad variety of short study programs led by Whitworth faculty. Aside from courses offered on a regular basis (usually alternating every other year), several “one-of-a-kind” experiences for students are typically offered during Jan Term. Programs are announced the February prior to the Jan Term in question. Applications are accepted shortly thereafter, and program rosters are finalized by the end of the spring semester prior to the Jan Term. The courses are as follows:

Freshman Honors Jan Term

Programs and locations vary from year to year. This program is for students admitted to Whitworth with honors.

Various locations

Course: **International Business**

Highlights: See how cultural differences affect business practice in these countries.

Group size: 20

Periodic

Costa Rica

Course: **Sustainable Development Abroad**

Highlights: Examine the roles that self-employment, sustainable living, and social development can play in promoting sustainable economic development.

Group size: 8-15

Alternate years: 2018

Course: **Central American Field Ecology**

Highlights: Explore the rich ecological diversity in Central America.

Group size: 8-15

Alternate years: 2018

Europe

Course: **Core 250**

Highlights: Key historic sites associated with Western philosophers

Group size: 20

Annual

Course: **The Arts in Christian Worship**

Highlights: A week at a Taizé community in France

Group size: 20

Alternate years: 2018

Course: **Math History**

Highlights: The math behind famous buildings

Group size: 15

Alternate years: 2019

France

Course: **Intensive Oral French**

Group size: 10-15

Periodic

Germany

Course: **German-Language Program**

Highlights: Homestays and cultural immersion

Group size: 10

Periodic

Great Britain

Course: **British Culture through Theatre and Music, London**

Highlights: Plays, concerts, backstage tours, cultural sites

Group size: Approximately 25

Alternate years: 2018

Course: **Christianity in Britain**

Highlights: Examine origins, development and influence of the Christian Church in Great Britain.

Group size: 20

Alternate years: 2017

Ireland and Wales or India or Southeast Asia

Course: **Technology and Culture**

Highlights: University exchanges, businesses and service projects

Group size: 15

Alternate years: 2018

Italy

Course: **History of Rome**

Group size: 15-20

Periodic, 2017

Mexico

Course: **History and Culture of Mexico**

Group size: 10-15

Alternate years: 2019

Mexico/Guatemala/Spain/Chile

Course: **Intensive Oral Spanish**

Highlights: Live with host families and study Spanish in Guanajuato, Mexico; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala; Seville, Spain; or Santiago, Chile.

Group size: Open

Annual

Rome/Florence/Berlin

Course: **The Power and Politics of Art**

Highlights: Exploration of the arts (especially music and visual arts) in relation to history and culture

Group size: 15

Alternate years: 2017

South Africa

Course: **Contemporary South Africa**

Highlights: Travel extensively in the country, experiencing many different homestays. Meet important figures in politics and the church.

Group size: 20

Alternate years: 2018

Turkey

Course: **Early Christian Sites in Turkey**

This course is designed as a Jan Term study program of biblical Asia minor -- modern-day Turkey. Its purpose is to expose students to the earliest Christian sites in the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul and his companions, to explore sites in Turkey associated with the early church fathers and the monastic movement in Cappadocia, and to study the rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire and the expansion of Islam in Turkey.

Note: This program will be redirected to Greece in the event of a U.S. Department of State travel warning.

Number of positions per year: Open

Alternate years: 2018

U.S.A.

Courses: **Anthropology In Hawaii**

Highlights: Hawaiian culture

Group size: Approximately 15 per course

Alternate years: 2019

New York & Washington, D.C.

Course: **Media Impact**

Highlights: Visit newspapers, television, radio, magazine and book publishing, and advertising

Group size: 12

Alternate years: 2017

New York

Course: **The Actor's Experience**

Highlights: Attend plays and concerts. Study acting.

Group size: 12

Alternate years: 2019

Course: **The Meaning of Life**

Group size: 15-20

Periodic: 2019

Tall Timber Ranch, Cascade Mountains

Courses: **Monasticism: Old and New**

Highlights: Live in community and study history, theology and the practice of spirituality.

Group size: 20

Alternate years: 2018

Courses: **Ecology and the Bible**

Highlights: Live in community and study history, theology and the practice of spirituality.

Group size: 20

Alternate years: 2019

Alaska, Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Yakima Valley, Korea, Jamaica, Taiwan, San Francisco, Spokane Refugee Center, and other venues by arrangement

Course: **Intercultural Education** (for education majors only)

Highlights: Education students develop an understanding of minority cultures by living and working among the people.

Individual arrangements

Yearly

Summer Term Programs

May Term

Chicago

Course: **Art and Architecture in Chicago**

Group size: 10-15

Alternate years: 2019

Germany

Course: **Media and Society in Germany**

Highlights: Collaborate with German students in media-production skills.

Group size: 10-15

Alternate years: 2018

Northern Ireland

Course: **Peace and Conflict in Northern Ireland**

Highlights: Explore the historical, political and religious roots of The Troubles.

Group size: 20

Alternate years: 2019

France, United Kingdom and Germany

Course: **Chemistry History and Art**

Highlights: Learn the history of chemistry while visiting famous sites; learn about the chemical methods through which famous works of art were made.

Alternate years: 2018

Scandinavia

Course: **Social Equality in Scandinavia**

Group size: 10-15

Alternate years: 2019

South Africa

Course: **Global Health in South Africa**

Group size: 10-15

Alternate years: 2019

Exchanges and Study-Abroad Opportunities

Through overseas partnerships and other arrangements, Whitworth can arrange for individual students or small groups to study abroad or at a multicultural setting in the U.S. for one semester or for an entire year. Whitworth students typically pay tuition and room and board to Whitworth University and then receive tuition and room and board at the foreign university without charge.

Students may enroll at the following partner universities (if vacancies are available):

Argentina

Spanish Studies Abroad, Córdoba

Highlights: Students live with host families and study at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.

Requirement: Intermediate Spanish language ability

Number of positions per year: Five

Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Highlights: Many classes in many disciplines, taught in English. Students may study Mandarin. Exchange is with prestigious Chung Chi (Christian) College.

Number of positions per year: Four (one semester each, or two for the entire academic year)

Cuba

Spanish Studies Abroad, Cuba

Highlights: Students study at the University of Havana.

Requirement: Intermediate Spanish-language ability

Number of positions per year: Five

France

University of Provence, Aix-en-Provence

Highlights: Students attend French classes in beautiful southern France.

Requirement: Intermediate to advanced French-language ability

Number of positions per year: Open

Germany

Munich Conservatory of Music

Highlights: Studies in music theory and performance at one of Germany's most prestigious conservatories

Requirements: Music majors only

Number of positions per year: Open

Japan

Shikoku Gakuin University, Zentsuji

Highlights: Located on rural Shikoku Island; students live in dormitories on campus and may participate in college clubs as part of language training. Special instruction in Japanese culture provided.

Requirement: One year of Japanese-language study

Number of positions per year: Open

Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya

Highlights: students study Japanese language and culture and live with host families.

Number of positions per year: Open

Mexico

Iberoamericana University, Mexico City

Highlights: Students live with host families near the university and choose courses ranging from international relations to workshops in oral and written Spanish.

Requirement: Intermediate Spanish-language ability

Number of positions per year: Open

Netherlands

Maastricht University, Maastricht

Highlights: This progressive university in the south of The Netherlands offers cutting-edge courses in business and economics. Instruction is in English.

Requirement: Must take business and economics classes

Number of positions per year: Open

South Korea

Keimyung University, Taegu

Highlights: Students live in dorms and choose from more than 80 courses taught in English, including political studies, business, history and art.

Requirement: No language requirements

Number of positions per year: Open

Soong Sil University, Seoul

Highlights: This Presbyterian university in the capital city of South Korea emphasizes studies in computer science, Christian missions, international affairs, and international business. Instruction is in English.

Requirement: No language requirements

Number of positions per year: Open

Spain

Spanish Studies Abroad, Seville, Barcelona and Alicante

Highlights: Students live with host families or in student residences. Studies emphasize cross-cultural experience through travel, study visits and speaking Spanish.

Requirement: Intermediate Spanish-language ability

Number of positions per year: Five

Thailand

Payap University, Chiang Mai

Highlights: Students live in dorm rooms and study Thai culture, language and music.

Requirement: No language requirements

Number of positions per year: Open

International Student Exchange Program

This consortium program allows Whitworth students to attend any of 160 member universities in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada and Latin America. Payment for tuition, room and board is made to Whitworth. The student pays a placement fee, health insurance, visa fees and airfare. Some scholarships are available to qualified students.

Some of the universities that have welcomed Whitworth students through ISEP include the University of Ulster (Ireland); Linnaeus University (Sweden); University of Hyderabad (India); Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso (Chile); and Universidad Americana (Managua, Nicaragua).

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU)

As a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Whitworth supports three of the coalition's study programs. Four positions per year are open to Whitworth students who want to spend either fall or spring semester studying at one of the following locations:

American Studies Program, Washington, D.C.

Highlights: Students live in apartments in the nation's capital. The program includes coursework and internships that focus on current national and international issues in public policy in the context of Christian faith.

Requirements: Junior standing, serious Christian commitment, and strong academic record

Latin American Studies Program, San Jose, Costa Rica

Highlights: Students live with host families. Program includes intensive Spanish-language coursework; seminars on Latin-American history, politics, economic and religious life; a service-related internship; and a two-week tour of other Latin American countries. Two specialized academic tracks — international business and management, and tropical sciences and sustainability — are available to qualified students.

Requirements: Junior standing, serious Christian commitment and strong academic record

Los Angeles Film Studies Center

Highlights: The program provides an introduction to the mainstream Hollywood film industry and examines the industry within a Christian context and from a liberal arts perspective. Students learn from both theoretical and hands-on approaches, including an internship.

Requirements: Junior standing, serious Christian commitment and strong academic record

Oxford: (SCIO) Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford

Whitworth students interested in an especially robust academic experience, particularly those enrolled in the George F. Whitworth Honors Program, are invited to consider the Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford Program (SCIO). As a student through SCIO, you are a registered visiting student for a semester at Oxford, which gives you access to one-on-one tutoring with Oxford scholars, world-renowned libraries and an intensive study experience within one of many different academic disciplines. This Oxford experience can be the perfect bridge from Whitworth to the world of graduate studies.

Requirements: Junior standing, serious Christian commitment and strong academic record

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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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