
OCS Fall 2021 & FY 21-22: Timeline for Billing and Financial Aid Calculations

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Dear Fall 2021 & FY 21-22 OCS participants,

In response to a few questions we have received regarding the timing of financial aid packaging for Fall 2021 OCS, Whitman's financial aid calculations will be communicated to each student from **June 30 - July 2 via your myOCS portal**.

In the meantime, please note the following:

Two invoices from Whitman

- In **mid-July**, you will receive a bill from Whitman if you are **pre-registered in Whitman classes for 2021FA. This does not lock you into classes at Whitman.** Because you are registered at Whitman for the Fall semester, the system automatically kicks out a bill with financial aid awards.
- In **mid-August**, you will receive a bill from Whitman for your Off-Campus Studies semester. Because you are registered for Off-Campus Studies for the Fall semester, the system automatically kicks out a bill with financial aid awards.

Process for Paying Programs

- Invoices are emailed to Whitman (Laura) for payment
- Whitman (Laura) pays each program for invoiced fees (billable amounts)
- Charges and credits (awards) are then processed through your Whitman Student Account. The offices involved in this process are OCS, Student Accounts, and Financial Aid.
- Finally, families receive a Whitman bill via USPS mid to late August with payment due to Whitman by the end of September.

Financial Aid calculates aid awards based on the Total Basic Cost, which typically includes:

- Whitman OCS tuition
- Program Housing
- Meals (program meals or add'l meals not covered by the program)
- Mandatory Program Int'l Insurance
- Non-Billable | International airfare, local transportation, books, required permits, and personal expenses

The Total Basic Cost does not include:

- Passport fees
- Potential travel to the consulate for visa
- Immunizations
- Medical expenses
- Supplemental housing fees
- Optional field trips, excursions and study tours
- Independent travel

Extra Credit Notes

- If you receive a program invoice, do not pay it, but rather notify Laura Cummings, OCS Coordinator at cumminLL@whitman.edu.
- If you use a monthly payment plan offered by Whitman, please contact Student Accounts (stuacct@whitman.edu) to adjust the amount of payments to reflect the cost of your program (payments are not adjusted automatically).
- Questions regarding OCS budgets can be directed to Laura Cummings at cumminLL@whitman.edu or (509) 527-5255.
- This email will be posted on our OCS website under "*Important Updates*"
- Our office is open all summer, so if you have difficulty translating the award sheets, please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance.

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