



Whitman Today

Monday, May 10, 2021

Last Day of Classes



The end of the semester is in sight, and with it a change in focus. In this video, President Kathy Murray asks: What have you been missing? Where can you find happiness?

Q: How likely is it for me to be a coronavirus carrier after I'm fully vaccinated?

A: Honestly, no one is totally sure yet. While there is data-driven proof that the vaccines do a great job preventing severe disease and death, scientists are still studying how effectively the vaccines prevent transmission of the coronavirus. Until studies are able to provide conclusive evidence, fully vaccinated people should continue following the public health measures that reduce the risk of transmission.

Announcements

End of Semester Optional COVID-19 Testing

For any students wishing to be tested before leaving campus, we will offer optional rapid antigen COVID-19 testing from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 12, 13 and 14 at Cordiner. Additional dates may be added if there is sufficient demand.

Note: This testing is NOT a substitute for an assigned surveillance test. If you are assigned a surveillance test for this week, you must still take that test.

Commencement COVID-19 Testing for Graduating Seniors

Graduating seniors who have provided proof of vaccination through the [COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Form](#) will not need to take a COVID test to participate in commencement.

Any graduating senior wishing to walk at Commencement who does not provide proof of vaccination must take a campus COVID test between 1 and 4 p.m. on Friday, May 21, at Cordiner.

Question of the Week

It's time for a gif emotional check-in. Which of these most closely aligns with your current state of mind?



Happening This Week

MONDAY

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **COVID-19 Surveillance Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.
- 4 p.m. **British/Irish Scholarships Information Session**
The Office of Fellowships and Grants invites you to an information session focusing on the Big Four graduate study scholarships in the U.K. and Ireland: Rhodes, Gates Cambridge, Marshall and Mitchell. They are among the most generous and most selective of all post-graduate academic awards.

TUESDAY

- all day **Reading Day**
No classes in preparations for final exams.
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **COVID-19 Surveillance Testing**
- 11 a.m. **Student Loan Exit Counseling for Graduating Seniors**
- noon **Virtual Career Trek with PitchBook**
Pre-registration is required.

WEDNESDAY

- all day **Reading Day**
No classes in preparations for final exams.
- 11 a.m.-1p.m. **Optional End-of-Semester COVID Testing**
- 8:30 p.m. **Pause**

THURSDAY

- 11 a.m.-1p.m. **Optional End-of-Semester COVID Testing**
- all day **Final Exams**

FRIDAY

- all day **Final Exams**
- 11 a.m.-1p.m. **Optional End-of-Semester COVID Testing**
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Textbook Buyback**

SATURDAY

- all day **Final Exams**
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Textbook Buyback**

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

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