

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Concert Orchestra	9 th – 12 th	No audition	2 yrs minimum on instrument. Fall, Winter and Spring performances as well as music festival assessment required.
Concert Band	9 th – 12 th	No audition	2 yrs minimum on instrument. Requirement to perform at some home football games. Fall, Winter and Spring performances as well as music festival assessment required.
Symphonic Band *	10– 12 th	By audition-previous June	Requirement to perform at all home football games. Fall, Winter and Spring performances as well as music festival assessment required.
Symphonic Orchestra*	10 th -12 th **	By audition-previous June	Fall, Winter and Spring performances as well as music festival assessment required. See note below regarding entering 9 th graders in symphonic orchestra.
Wind Ensemble*	10 th -12 th	By audition-previous June	Requirement to perform at all home football games. Fall, Winter and Spring performances as well as music festival assessment required.
Jazz Ensemble*	10 th – 12 th	By audition-previous June	Enrollment in second ensemble suggested; requirement to perform at home football games; Fall, Winter and Spring performances; several community engagements as well as music festival assessment.
Jazz Lab	10 th – 12 th	No audition	By teacher recommendation.

**Course may be taken for honors credit by completing additional assignments; discuss with individual teacher.*

***Current 8th graders may audition (at Pyle, in June) for possible placement in Symphonic Orchestra in 9th grade, based on instrumentation needs.*

CHORAL MUSIC

Freshman Chorus	9 th	No audition	It is recommended that 9 th graders take this course as an introduction to the Choral program.
Treble Chorale	10 th –12 th	No audition	For 10 th grade girls, as well as 11 th - 12 th grade girls who are interested in being in an intermediate level group.
Men's Chorus *	10 th -12 th	No audition required, but permission of the director is recommended.	Open to boys grades 10 – 12.
Women's Chorus *	11 th -12 th	By audition - previous June	Advanced Level
Whitman Choir * <i>(formerly Chamber Choir)</i>	11 th -12 th	-By audition - previous June; -At least one year of experience in choral program; -Concurrent enrollment in Men's or Women's Chorus required.	Most select and advanced of choral groups.

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GENERAL MUSIC COURSES

Guitar A/B	9 th -12 th	No experience necessary. Guitars provided for use in class.
Piano 1A/1B	9 th -12 th	For beginner through advanced; individualized instruction and repertoire.
Piano 2A/2B	9 th – 12 th	Piano can be taken for 2 years total.
Music Theory and Composition	10 th – 12 th	Excellent music reading skills required; piano training strongly recommended.
Music and Its Technology	9 th – 12 th	No experience necessary.

- Please see the Whitman Course of Studies Bulletin for more specific course descriptions.
- If a student is interested in participating in both an Instrumental and Choral group, s/he should speak to respective teachers and school counselor when planning next year's course schedule.
- Both Instrumental and Choral Music have active parent booster organizations. There are many volunteer jobs which enhance the music program for our children--some big, some small, but all important and all appreciated! Parents are encouraged to participate and support the music community at Whitman.
- Lab Fees are charged for Instrumental and Choral Groups to defray costs of music and other materials.
- Some Instrumental and Choral Groups require tuxedo rental or the purchase of concert gowns (also available at reduced cost from former chorus/band/orchestra members).
- All Instrumental and Choral Groups will play at a Winter Concert in December and the Festival of the Arts in May.
- Some Instrumental and Choral groups will travel to county, state, and/or spring music trips. Additional fees will be assessed to cover cost of transportation, etc.
- Instrumental and Choral students may audition (individually) for County Honors and All-State ensembles. Information about the audition process is provided in class. Auditions take place in the fall, with rehearsal frequency and location varying by ensemble. Concerts are held in the late winter or spring at various locations.
- The school musical is presented in November. While not officially part of Whitman's music program, music students and faculty play an integral role in this production. All students (grades 9-12) may audition for roles in the musical; in addition, students may participate through the tech crew and pit orchestra. Participation in the musical requires a considerable after-school time commitment. The coming year's musical is typically announced in June and again at the beginning of the school year, and is cast in September.
- Drama classes as part of the curriculum are offered as electives through the English Department.

Comprehensive lists of electives as well as detailed course descriptions can be found in the Whitman Course Bulletin. Students should consult with their counselors when making course scheduling decisions.

