

Emmaus Program

Academic Year 2024-25 Application

Welcome!

I'm so glad you're applying to be in Emmaus during the 2024-25 school year! Emmaus is a holistic, immersive and communal discipleship program. In Emmaus you will spend one academic year living in intentional community with other Christians here on campus. During this year of life together you and your community members will pursue a meaningful rhythm of spiritual practices, worship, theological reflection and service.

In Emmaus we don't expect you to be a "perfect Christian" or to have everything figured out. We don't expect you to be the right "kind" of Christian (whatever that might be!). We recognize we are all imperfect and we all have room to grow. We do expect that you have a desire to follow Jesus and grow in your faith. This is the common core that unites us in the Emmaus community. I'm always struck by Jesus' disciples in the Bible—they are far from perfect, they often don't understand what Jesus is all about, they mess up, they are broken and needy. They are just like us! But Jesus calls people like us to follow him with our whole selves. As we do, Christ promises to transform us in his image. This is our hope and prayer in Emmaus.

Before you begin your application, take time to read the materials provided below. The Emmaus Program Description and Emmaus Student Qualifications will help you more fully understand the nature of Emmaus and what will be required of you. If you encounter questions along the way, please don't hesitate to reach out to Emmaus Director Derek Taylor (dtaylor@whitworth.edu) or to one of the Emmaus Student Ambassadors (their email addresses are available at www.whitworth.edu/emmaus/).

As you prayerfully consider being in Emmaus during the 2024-25 school year, please note that application deadline is **April 6, 2024**. We look forward getting to know you better through this application process!

Peace,

Derek Taylor
Emmaus Director

Emmaus Program Description

In Emmaus, students commit to...

- Live intentionally with other Emmaus community members in one of the Whitworth Neighborhoods Emmaus houses during the 2024-25 academic year. (You can learn more about the Whitworth Neighborhoods [here](#).)
- Arrive to campus three days early in September 2024 to participate in Emmaus Orientation (precise dates TBD).
- Participate in Emmaus Family Dinners every Sunday evening during the academic year.
- Participate in official Emmaus coursework during the 2024-25 academic year.
 - Fall semester: Theology of Community & Spirituality (TH 234), Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Auditing the class is acceptable (if your course load is full, please talk to Derek about possible exceptions). This class can count toward theology major or minor. This class meets in one of the Emmaus Houses.
 - Spring semester: Theology of Justice & Diversity (TH 327), Tu/Th, time TBD. Course satisfies FRCI curriculum requirement. Auditing the class is acceptable (if your course load is full, please talk to Derek about possible exceptions). The course can count toward a theology major/minor. The course satisfies academic requirement for Ministry Endorsement.
- Participate in a weekly rhythm of prayer and spiritual practice with others in the Emmaus community.
- Participate in about 6-8 hours per month of community service.
- Participate in the Emmaus Spring Break Impact Trip.
 - Notice: All other Emmaus-related activities are covered by the Emmaus budget, but students are expected to contribute toward the cost of the Spring Break Impact Trip. Your expected contribution will be around \$50. Some scholarship money may be available.
- Abide by all rules and regulations for students living in Whitworth Neighborhood Houses.

Emmaus Student Qualifications

- A commitment to faith in Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter what denomination you are a part of, what kind of Christian you are, or what style of worship you prefer. It doesn't matter whether you are new to faith or whether you have been a Christian your whole life. What matters is that you take your faith seriously and desire to go deeper in your walk with Jesus.
- An eagerness to grow in your knowledge of the love of God. You certainly don't need to be a theology major to pursue this kind of knowledge of God! In fact, the vast majority of students in Emmaus are not theology majors. All majors and areas of study are welcome.
- A desire to commit to a weekly rhythm of spiritual practices.
- A willingness to live with and learn from Christians who might practice their faith differently from you.
- A desire to foster diverse Christian community.
- A desire to love and serve your community, both on and off campus.
- Personal integrity and motivation demonstrated through maturity on and off campus.

- A willingness to abide by the rules and policies that apply to Whitworth students and Whitworth Neighborhoods residents.
- A willingness to worship regularly with a local church community. (It's okay if you don't have a church community in Spokane yet! Students in Emmaus will often attend church together on Sunday mornings.)
- A willingness to balance outside time commitments in order to be involved in the Emmaus community.
 - Emmaus is designed to complement a busy college schedule. My hope is that students in Emmaus continue to participate in clubs and other organizations and that they continue to spend time with their friends on campus.
 - The weekly Emmaus time commitment consists of two required activities and a variety of optional activities. The required activities weekly are (a) the Sunday evening family dinner and (b) the Emmaus class. Other components of the program (e.g., weekly prayers, worship, service) can be customized to fit your schedule.

Application Timeline

- April 6, 2024: Application Deadline
- April 10, 2024: Email notifications regarding application decisions
- April 18: Work with the Emmaus Director to apply for Emmaus housing
- Late April 2024: Informal gathering at the Emmaus Houses to meet other incoming Emmaus students

Application

Instructions: Please type your answers directly into this Word document. Once you've completed the application, save the document and attach it to an email to dtaylor@whitworth.edu. Put "Emmaus Application" in the subject line of the email. Thanks!

First Name:

Last Name:

Whitworth ID Number:

Hometown:

Projected Graduation Year:

Major(s):

Minor(s):

Academic Advisor:

Anticipated Credit Hours Fall 2024:

Anticipated Credit Hours Spring 2025:

Please list the activities and commitments you plan to be involved in during the 2024-25 school year (for example: clubs, sports, music, volunteering, work, etc.):

Why do you want to be in the Emmaus Program?

What does being a Christian mean to you?

What unique traits and gifts do you bring to Christian community? In what ways will intentional community stretch you to grow?

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you?

In Emmaus we encourage students to apply with their friends! We try our best to keep friend groups together in Emmaus. If you are applying with friends, who are they? And do you hope to live in the same house as your friends?