# Frequently Asked Questions Aspect Los Angeles, Whittier College

### Background of the school

Whittier College is a selective, independent, four-year college that offers a nationally recognized liberal arts curriculum, a strong and vibrant campus community, and a tradition of academics.

> When was the school / building established / built? Aspect at Whittier College was founded in 1989. Whittier College was founded in 1901.

## > Briefly describe the style of the building (modern, Victorian etc...)

Visitors to Whittier College will find classic Spanishstyle buildings, an elegant performing arts venue, a bustling student centre and, at the top of the campus, a sweeping vista reaching all the way to the Pacific Ocean. In this historic and intimate setting, the college community enjoys the best of both worlds - the small-town ambiance of uptown Whittier, which is adjacent to the campus, and the countless cultural and recreational opportunities offered throughout the Los Angeles area.

## > Where is it situated in the city? Is it set in its own grounds? Etc.

Whittier College is located 18 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles; Whittier College's campus covers 74 acres of gently rolling hillsides.

#### > Bus links to town - what numbers?

Walking distance to Whittier.

1 hour by bus to central Los Angeles.

#### > How far from rail station?

25 minutes by car, 45 minutes by bus.

#### > How far are the premises from the bank / money exchange bureau?

Within walking distance from the campus.

### > How far are the premises from the nearest post office?

On-Campus.

## > What kind of shops are situated near to the school and how far away are they?

All types of shops, restaurants, bookstores, coffee

shops and cinema within walking distance.

#### > Please confirm the postal address where students can receive their mail:

Student's name C/o Aspect 13509 Earlham Drive Whittier, CA 90602

### Background to the city

Founded in 1887 as a Quaker Colony, Whittier is a city rich with traditions and history. The people who call Whittier "home" share a strong sense of this heritage, which stresses the protection of landmark structures and sites. Whittier's unique combination of community identity, spirit and cooperation has helped to make it one of the most attractive and desirable residential and business locations in Southern California. It is this sense of history, as well as a clear vision for the future that has made Whittier an up-scale and dynamic residential community.

#### > Population

Whittier has a population of 82,805 people and 181,000 for the Whittier Area.

#### School facilities

> How many Aspect classrooms in total?

7 - 10 classrooms.

## > Size of the classrooms? (Large, spacious, airy, light, compact...)

Medium size and cozy.

#### > Facilities in classrooms?

Whiteboard and desks in every classroom. VCR available for use in three classrooms.

#### > Computer room available?

Yes.

#### > Library available?

Yes.



> How big is the cafeteria?

3200 sq ft.

> How many students does it seat?

520.

> Briefly describe the appearance of the canteen:

Large airy.

> Are there any vending machines?

Yes.

> Is there a smoking area?

Outside only.

> Is there a church / mosque nearby?

Yes.

> How many telephones are there and where

Several near the dorms and around campus.

> Are there any common rooms?

Yes.

> How big are they? (Could we use them for quiz nights etc?)

All sizes available if booked in advance

> Is there a phone line in the office?

Yes.

> Is there a fax machine we can use?

Yes.

> What is the fax number?

1 - 562 - 693 - 9592.

> What is the photocopying procedure?

Speak to the office staff concerning photocopying needs.

> Which notice boards can we use?

One in dorm.

> What is the name and job title of the contact person at the school who will deal with us?

Douglas Fay, School Director.

### **Sports facilities**

> What outdoor sports facilities are there? (Football pitch, tennis courts, volleyball facilities...)

Tennis courts, basketball, soccer field, running track, swimming pool.

> Indoor sports?

Basketball Court, exercise room (over 16 years of age), dance room, racquetball courts.

> Is there a gym?

Yes.

> Is there a swimming pool?

Yes.

> Is sports equipment provided and included in the

Yes.

### Residential accommodation

> How many beds in total?

Varies seasonally.

> How many bathrooms?

Bathroom to student ratio is no more than 1 to 10.

> Has each room a bed, desk and wardrobe per student?

Yes.

> Is bed linen provided?

Yes.

> How often is it changed?

Linens are not changed. Students must wash their own linen.

> Are towels provided?

Yes.

> How often are they changed

Towels are not changed. Students must wash their own.

> Is soap provided

No.



#### > When are the rooms cleaned and how often

Before arrival only. Students must clean their own rooms during their stay.

#### > Is there a laundrette?

Yes.

## **> Do all bedrooms have locks and a master key?** Yes.

#### > Is there a safe leaders / the CD could have access to? Yes. Ask the School Director for assistance.

## > How far is the accommodation from the cafeteria? It is all on the same campus, walking distance.

> Will the students have all meals in the same canteen? Yes.

### **Excursions**

> Where are the excursion pick-up / drop-off points?

By the Aspect building or dormitory depending on the excursion.

### Miscellaneous

### > What is the fire procedure?

Will discuss with students on arrival.

#### > Do we have to do a practice? Probably not, but maybe once.

> What access / facilities for disabled students are there? Please ask your Aspect Representative for further information.

