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Winthrop University's Academic Success Center focuses on helping students achieve academic excellence and earn their college degree. The ASC is designed to improve academic performance and foster meaningful learning experiences for students.

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Academic Success Center

Excellence, responsibility, and integrity in a challenging academic environment.

Mission

The mission of the Academic Success Center at Winthrop University is to support the academic pursuits of undergraduate students and to promote self-regulated, lifelong learning through a variety of services.

Services

- ◆ One-on-one consultations;
- ◆ Tutoring for 50+ general education courses;
- ◆ Interim grade consultations;
- ◆ Individual and group study spaces;
- ◆ Referrals to other university support services;
- ◆ Personal assistance with academic questions or concerns;
- ◆ Individual and group tutoring opportunities;
- ◆ Academic coaching;
- ◆ Development of academic action plans and success contracts;
- ◆ Specialized services for students on academic probation and students with incompletes.

The ASC empowers students to be more efficient and effective learners. The Center environment is respectful, nurturing, and challenging. Students are expected to take an active role in their learning.

The ASC provides services to all undergraduate students free of charge. Students have access to intensive advising and a wealth of other academic services. Walk-ins and scheduled appointments are welcome.

The Center collaborates with each of the academic colleges and other support programs on campus to promote success of undergraduates.

Tutoring

PEER TUTORS are hired by the Center each semester to assist students in developing the skills to become independent learners. Tutors help with more than 50 general education courses as well as learning strategies and student skill instruction. Tutoring with the Academic Success Center is a weekly commitment for students who must meet with their tutor throughout the semester. All tutors are recommended by faculty and participate in a College Reading and Learning Association International Tutor Training Certified program.

Workshops/Seminars

EAGLE SUCCESS WORKSHOPS are offered through the Center. These sessions can be facilitated for classes, residence halls, organizations, or other events. Workshop topics include the following:

- ◆ Note making;
- ◆ Study strategies;
- ◆ Time and stress management;
- ◆ Test taking;
- ◆ Textbook reading;
- ◆ Tutee seminars.

Faculty and students can request these workshops by calling or e-mailing the center.

Referrals

REFERRALS can be made to the ASC by students, faculty, and staff by calling or e-mailing the Center at success@winthrop.edu.

For more information, please visit the ASC website:
www.winthrop.edu/success.

Academic Success Checklist

- ❑ **Understand the choices you make affect your future.**
Your academic progress can be affected by dropping classes, not attending classes, and/or changing majors.
- ❑ **Attend your classes.**
This is probably the most important key to academic success. Make sure you attend each and every class because it matters! Get your money's worth by being prompt and prepared.
- ❑ **Keep up with each class.**
Cramming does not work—so, don't wait until the last minute to study or complete an assignment. A little studying now saves you from a lot of studying later. Don't put the "pro" in procrastination.
- ❑ **Do your reading and homework assignments.**
There is a reason they were assigned. Take notes as you read.
- ❑ **Know the syllabus.**
Know how your grade is structured in class and when your assignments are due. Know the attendance policy and your grade at any point in time.
- ❑ **Keep track of deadlines and policies.**
Keep up with the deadlines for Winthrop. Know the add/drop and withdrawal dates. Read the *Undergraduate Catalog* for policies that affect your academics.
- ❑ **Know the requirements of your degree.**
Have a copy of your major's degree checklist and use it to register for the classes that would benefit you. Keep in close contact with your academic adviser for assistance with questions or concerns.
- ❑ **Don't be afraid to ask for help.**
Talk to your instructor or get help from the Academic Success Center immediately. If you have a question, most likely your classmates do as well.
- ❑ **Talk with your professors outside of class.**
Take advantage of your professors' office hours to discuss your concerns and ask for help.
- ❑ **Use your Winthrop planner.**
Put all assignments and deadlines where you will see them. Then, schedule your study time.
- ❑ **Create a healthy learning environment.**
Make sure your living situation, friends, and sleep schedule all contribute to your success. Make sure to get the recommended hours of sleep and exercise on a regular basis.
- ❑ **Learn to calculate your GPA and college GPA.**
The GPA calculator is found on DegreeWorks.
- ❑ **Read your Winthrop.edu e-mail daily.**
Important correspondence will come to you through your Winthrop.edu email, so check it every day.
- ❑ **Take advantage of resources on campus.**
There are many free resources like the Writing Center, Business Resource Room, and Math Tutorial Center available to you. Use them.
- ❑ **Know the requirements for retaining your financial aid and scholarships.**
Visit the Financial Aid office in Sykes House, 638 Oakland Avenue.
- ❑ **Set realistic goals and write them down.**
Goals should be small, achievable, and precise so that you can measure achievement.
- ❑ **Study regularly.**
Don't wait until the assignment is due or the test is coming up. Schedule regular study times and make studying part of your routine. Utilize *The Study Cycle*.



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