Tips for Transfers

Meet Lots of People
Everyone will tell you Winthrop is a friendly place. Introduce yourself to classmates. Strike up a conversation in line for food. Take initiative to create new connections!

Get to Know Campus
Take a campus tour. Spend some time exploring the buildings and never hesitate to ask for directions!

Attend Campus Events
Winthrop offers everything from athletics to movies to performances. Attend a variety of cultural events, DSU events, programs sponsored by clubs; and be sure to cheer on the Winthrop Eagles!

Use Your Electronic Resources
Check your Winthrop email daily! Read the daily student announcements. Explore Wingspan. Familiarize yourself with all the great online resources available.

Be Open To Change and New Experiences
Winthrop is a safe environment to learn about new things! Attend an event you’ve never been to before. Recognize that Winthrop is different from your previous institution—but that’s what makes us so special!

Get To Know Your Advisor and Professors
Winthrop Faculty love teaching students. Utilize your advisor and professors when deciding on classes, seeking out internships, or simply when you have a question about class material. Utilize their office hours or set up an appointment.

Ask Questions
You’ll find Winthrop faculty, staff, and students are very helpful! Ask questions and be an advocate for your Winthrop experience! A successful transfer student will seek out experiences and resources.

Manage Your Time
You’ve likely got a lot on your plate—school, work, family, etc. Plan a course load you can handle and consider how to make the most of your time.

Get Involved on Campus
Join a club or organization! Volunteer your time with one of our many service organizations. Explore going Greek! There’s something for everyone!

Have a Positive Attitude!
Approach this experience with the excitement of a Winthrop Eagle! A positive attitude will go a long way in navigating your new environment.

Don’t Be Afraid to Ask for Help
There are a ton of resources on campus. Use academic resources, seek out faculty for help, or get tips from current students.

Be Your Own Advocate
Have a question about a policy? Need some guidance while at Winthrop? Be sure to ask! Not sure where to start? Visit Military, Adult, and Transfer Services in Dinkins 108.

Enhance Your Study Skills
Find study strategies that work for you. Learn great study tips from faculty and classmates. Seek assistance from the Academic Success Center.

Helpful hints for making your transfer experience successful!
What Every Eagle Needs to Know

Check Your Winthrop E-mail
Winthrop e-mail is an official means of communication! Be sure you check your e-mail daily for important announcements.

Eating on Campus
Winthrop offers many dining locations on campus. All dining options are available for anyone to use. If you are an on-campus student living in any building except Roddye, you are required to have a meal plan, which can be used in multiple locations (see below).

All meal plans—with the exception of the Courtyard Plan—include both "meals" and "Café Cash." Commuter students can purchase a commuter meal plan from Dining Services in 112 Thomson Hall. All dining locations also accept cash and credit cards as methods of payment.

Carry your ID Card
Your ID card is your passport to great opportunities on campus. You'll need it to access the West Center, get credit for attending cultural events, get into your residence hall (if you live on campus), and pay for meals! Be sure you keep it on you at all times when on campus!

Attend Cultural Events
All Winthrop students must attend cultural events to graduate. If you are a transfer student, you must attend 3 cultural events for every 20 credit hours you complete at Winthrop. When attending a cultural event, you must have your Winthrop ID scanned upon entering and exiting the event to ensure that you receive credit. Look for students with handheld scanners. If you arrive late or leave early, you cannot earn credit for the event. A full listing of approved cultural events can be found at the cultural events website.

Common Time
Common Time runs from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a time when there are no classes held and is designed to allow you to have time during the day to meet with faculty, run campus errands, attend events and more!

Use Computer Labs on Campus!
There are several computer labs on campus that are great places to work on papers and projects. As a Winthrop student, you have a print quota to allow you to print in any lab. Labs are open varying hours and sometimes can be reserved for classes! You can log into any computer on campus using your Winthrop username and password.

Visit Military, Adult, and Transfer Services
MATS serves as a "home base" for all transfer students. Stop by Dinkins 108 with any questions.

What’s the Deal with Parking?
All students, if they wish to park on campus, must register their cars and purchase a parking decal. Student decals cost $75 and are valid for a year (September through August). Students may purchase either a resident (R) or commuter (C) pass—depending on whether you live on campus or commute. Parking spots are located throughout campus, and their designations are noted on signs posted in the lot or in the row of spots. Both commuter and resident parking is marked by white lines.

Health & Counseling Services
If you're enrolled in 6 or more credits, you're eligible to take advantage of Health and Counseling Services. Located in Crawford Hall, they offer a variety of services for free or for a nominal charge!

Academic Support
There are many academic support services on campus to assist you with a variety of courses. Visit the Academic Success Center, Math Tutorial Center, Business Resource Room, and Writing Center for help!