

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Admission Requirements?

- \$50 Application Fee
- Incoming Freshman Averages:
 - Averages: SAT – 1087 (Critical Reading and Math Only), ACT – 22, GPA – 4.03 (In-state) and 3.55 (Out-of-state)
 - GPA is based on a 5.0 scale for In-state Students, and a 4.0 scale for Out-of-state Students.
- Students must also submit their High School Transcript along with their test scores
- Secondary Criteria includes items such as a personal essay, resume, and letters of recommendation. Emphasize that these secondary criteria are **OPTIONAL**.
- Class Credit Required: 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Lab Science, 3 Social Science, 2 Foreign Language, 1 P.E. or ROTC, 1 Fine Arts, and 1 Elective

When is the Application Deadline?

The Admissions Process is based on Rolling Admissions; we constantly take in applications as there is no deadline for admission. We highly suggest students applying as early as possible so they can receive a decision and scholarship options sooner. Decision letters are mailed on a rolling basis beginning in October. A student will typically receive a decision within 4 – 6 weeks in the Fall and 2 – 3 weeks in the Spring.

How do you get accepted into the Honors College?

Students are invited to apply based on the high school GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and a required essay. GPA: 3.5 SAT: 1200 ACT: 24

- Honors College supplies a separate application from the Office of Admissions. The invitation to apply is sent 2 weeks after the admissions acceptance.

What is the Athletic Program like?

Winthrop is in NCAA Division 1 Big South Conference. Schools we compete against are those such as Coastal Carolina, Charleston Southern, Clemson, Wake Forest, NC State, University of South Carolina, etc.

- Sports we offer: Basketball, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Cross-country, Golf, Tennis, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball Women's Lacrosse, and Spirit Squad
- If interested, students should contact athletic coaches to fill out an interest form, which is located on the athletic website www.winthropeagles.com
- Athletic scholarships are available (both full and partial) and walk-on opportunities are also available

For those looking to for other options, Winthrop also offers Club sports and Intramurals.

Tuition & Fees

- Total cost for attending Winthrop (*tuition with room & board and meal plan*):
 - **In-state Students** – Approximately \$25,000/year
 - **Out-of-state Students** – Approximately \$39,000/year

Residence Life

Freshmen and sophomores who live farther than **50 miles** from Winthrop are required to live on campus and are, therefore, guaranteed housing. Freshmen are also allowed to have cars on campus, the parking pass is only \$100 per year!

We offer 3 styles: **Traditional, Suite, and Apartment style**. Review the differences of the three styles, the benefits of living on campus, activities, academically themed housing, RA's, quiet hours, etc. Your opinions! Be positive.

- Three Housing Styles Review: Traditional; hall style 8-10 people sharing a restroom, no inconvenience or unavailability. Suite; 4 people of the same sex share 1 restroom from 2 separate rooms.
Apartment; typically, reserved for upperclassmen and honors students - 4 individual bedrooms, 2 restrooms, and a single common area. (2 bedrooms. 2 bath also available)
- Themed housing examples: D.R.E.A.M. Weavers, Creative Habitat, Around the World, Innovation, Leadership Explorers, Healthy "U", Environmental Issues, etc.
- No hall is labeled as a "freshman hall", nor is there a curfew for campus. Visitation policies vary by building.

Each room is equipped with two beds (which can be bunked), two dressers, two desks, a micro-fridge, phone jack, cable TV outlet (with Eagle Cinema), closet areas, blinds, and heating/air conditioning. All rooms have free internet access, and free laundry. Students may bring TV's, stereos, furniture (such as futon, if they rent or purchase a loft), carpet, posters, etc.

*There are 8 residence halls, 6 of which are co-ed. **Encourage them to visit campus when they have a chance so they can see it for themselves!***

Roommate Selection

Students can request a specific roommate; requests are often honored if housing applications are received early. For those without a specific request, roommates are based on a *Lifestyles* questionnaire which will pair individuals on similarities (studying, sleeping, cleaning, smoking, etc.). Assignments are typically mailed in July.

Dual Enrollment/IB/AP Credit

Note** Dual Enrollment is when a high school student has been or will be taking college level credit courses while still in high school. They will question if Winthrop accepts the credit courses.

- Yes, Winthrop accepts dual enrollment/IB/AP Credit. However, if they question which courses we accept, it is based on their scores. They can contact the Office of Admissions to find exact numbers and more detailed information.

Winthrop VS Other Universities

*In Comparison with other universities: **NEVER** speak badly about another school. Say something like ... "I'll be happy to give you information about Winthrop, but I can't speak of other colleges because I don't have first-hand information about them."* Encourage them to visit other schools they are interested in attending.

What distinguishes Winthrop from other universities?

A high quality education at a reasonable cost, a variety of degree options, faculty committed to teaching, large enough for variety, small enough to be an individual, small town charm near the largest city in the Carolinas, beautiful campus, private school feel at a public school cost, etc.

- Describe your experiences and your opinions! Think what made Winthrop stand out to you when you first began looking into colleges and universities, what made you choose Winthrop.

Scholarships

Scholarships are based on a student's cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale for out-of-state students and a 5.0 for in-state students. To qualify for academic scholarships, students need a completed application by February 1st.

Winthrop awards merit based scholarships for performance in academics, athletics, and artistic talent. There is no separate application for academic scholarships, they are automatically considered when they apply. Athletic and talent scholarships are arranged after contact with the specific department such as basketball, music, or theatre. Auditions or portfolio reviews are typically a part of the application process.

The Financial Aid Office can provide full information for students and answer any further concerns or questions. The Scholarship deadline is **February 1st**.

Food on Campus

Discuss different locations, variety available at each location, etc. Your opinions! Be positive!

- Examples: Subway, Starbucks, Einstein's Bagels, Chick-fil-A, Domino's accepts Café Cash. Thompson Café offers vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options!
- We have meal plan options available for students as well as Café' Cash.

Student Activities/What is there to do around Winthrop?

Winthrop has over 160 different organizations, including: interest groups, DSU, CSL, recreational sports, departmental clubs, and campus ministries. A Clubs & Organizations fair is held in the fall to showcase the activities available on campus. Explain your experiences and activities you were involved in during your time at Winthrop.

- We have 19 Greek Organizations and 2 ROTC Programs of Air Force and Army. The ROTC Admin Office is located at UNCC.
- In Rock Hill, there are cinemas, downtown events ("Come See Me Festival, "Jubilee Festival of the Arts" "Strawberry Festival" etc.), restaurants and more, several of which are within walking distance of campus.
- Charlotte is on the rise as the 17th largest city in the Country, giving students numerous opportunities of employment and good times. Home of the Carolina Panthers, Charlotte Hornets, and Charlotte Knights as well as Carowinds.

What is campus security like?

Winthrop is fortunate to have had very low crime rates over the past years. Some criminal activity does take place but it is usually in the form of minor infractions such as theft and vandalism.

The Winthrop Campus Police is fully trained at the SC Police Academy and has full authority over the Winthrop campus. They patrol on foot, bicycles, and cars 24/7, 365 days a year. There are also emergency call boxes located around campus that puts the caller in contact with the police directly. We also require that students enroll a telephone number into WU ALERT for texts & recorded messages in case of an emergency.

What Career Development and Job Opportunities does Winthrop Offer?

Winthrop has a Career Development office available for students beginning freshman year. Services can help students find full-time and part-time jobs, write their resume, learn interview skills, or find co-ops and internships. The center will work with you to make contacts and get leads on opportunities. Some majors require students to complete internships. Faculty members can assist students finding internships as well.

On-campus jobs are available through financial aid, work study, and contract situations (receiving a paycheck from the University). Off-campus jobs are available as well. Some are advertised through Eagle-link, Winthrop's online jobsite, relevant for full-time, part-time, internships and volunteer opportunities.

Questions?

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