The College of Arts and Sciences

A Brief Introduction
2016-2017
Who We Are

• 14 Departments
• 19 Undergraduate Majors
  – 5 interdisciplinary
• 9 Graduate Programs
  – 1 interdisciplinary
• 34 Undergraduate Minors
  – 14 interdisciplinary
• 5 Secondary Education Programs

• 1,332 Courses offered
• Approximately 150 full time faculty members
• Approximately 90 adjunct faculty members
• Housed in 7 buildings
• General Education Program: Approximately 225 CAS courses included
Specialized Spaces

• Kinard Hall*
  – Psychology and Social Science (PASS) Research Laboratory
  – Forensic Anthropology Laboratory
  – Language Laboratory
• Bancroft Hall
  – Writing Center
  – Math Tutorial Center

*Classroom Building

• Parker Building
  – Converged Newsroom
• Dinkins Hall
  – Social and Behavioral Research Laboratory
• Johnson Hall
  – Television Studio
  – Radio Station
• Science Facilities
  – Dalton Hall
  – Sims Science Center*
  – Winthrop Farm
CAS undergraduate research program is a national model.

- Abstract book published annually since 2003
  - Total CAS Abstracts published: 1,425
  - Includes 75% of all Honors thesis projects (‘08–‘14)
- Featured in Undergraduate Research Offices and Programs: Models and Practices (2012, Council of Undergraduate Research)
- Hosted Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium in 2012
- Caskey Awards (student work); Faculty Mentor Award
- Houk Award (Biology and Political Science)
UGR Highlights: STEM

- **SURE**: 58 students in 2016, in Biology, Chemistry, Geology/Environmental Science, and Math (Grant Funded)
- **National Research Experience for Undergraduates** (Math)
- **WISE**: Summer research in discipline and service learning in schools
- **Chem-STEM**: NSF-funded program for students with financial need
- **Eagle STEM**: Winthrop program to promote graduate STEM work targeting low-income and underrepresented groups
- **Math**: Since 2010, 10 prizes for outstanding research at regional or national meetings, 11 peer-reviewed publications
- **Project SEED**: American Chemical Society grant to provide summer research opportunities for low-income/minority high school juniors and seniors.
UGR Highlights

• Social Sciences and Humanities
  – **English**: average of 48 refereed presentations and 6 publications per year
  – **Psychology**: 81% of undergraduates have conducted scientific research with a faculty member, and 73% have presented at a professional conference or published a paper
  – **Social and Behavioral Research Laboratory** employs dozens of students in public opinion research.

• In 2014, 23 students in 5 disciplines (Psychology, English, Biology, Chemistry, and Math) were recognized for the quality of their research.
Graduate Study

- School Psychology trainees and interns provided 13,200 hours of service to seven school districts in 2015-2016
- Participate significantly in success of MAT programs associated with Biology, Chemistry, English, Language, Mathematics, and Social Studies certification
- Productive and unique Biology MS Program with 48% of graduates matriculating into post MS training and 51% immediately found work in biology-related fields
- English graduate students have recorded 58 publications and presentations since 2011
- The Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program offers an interdisciplinary graduate option with a new track: MLA with Concentration in Political and Civic Engagement
- Rapidly growing Master of Social Work program; enrollment grew 22.7% in five years.
Community & Civic Engagement

- Home of the Social and Behavioral Research Laboratory (SBRL)
  - Hosts Winthrop Poll 3-4 times/year
  - Only regular source of public opinion data in South Carolina
- West Forum on Politics and Policy
  - Mission is to promote civic engagement in South Carolina
  - Highlights include:
    - 2012 GOP Primary and Democratic Convention Activities
    - NEW Leadership Program: To encourage college women to consider careers in public service
- The Rocha Project: Service learning projects in Nicaragua; involves History, Nutrition and Social Work students
- Student Media: *Winthrop Close Up* and CN2.
Engaging Public Schools

• **AP Institutes**: English, Mathematics, History, French, and Spanish
• **AIMS**: Professional development for STEM teachers in York and Chester School Districts
• **Psychological Testing** through School Psychology Program
• **High School Media, Theatre and Dance Workshop**
• **Active chapter of** National Council of Teachers of English
Retention & Student Support

- Part-semester courses offered in fall and spring
- Mathematics Tutorial Center
- Writing Center
- Free Chemistry Tutoring Program
- Placement testing in:
  - Mathematics
  - Foreign Language
- 7 Transfer-Friendly BA Programs (Two years to complete):
  English, Environmental Studies, History, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology & Anthropology
Global Learning & Engagement

- 17 CAS Faculty have received GLI Engagement Grants
- 13 CAS faculty have received GLI Professional Development Grants
- 9 CAS faculty serve on a GLI Committee
- +/- 50 Global Learning Cultural Events (’11-’13)
- 6 CAS faculty are leading short term study abroad trips in 2013-14
- English majors may qualify for the Hurley Fellowship
Faculty Achievements 2000-15

- 6 Outstanding Junior Professor Awards (3 departments)
- 4 Thompson Scholars (4 departments)
- 3 LaRoche Graduate Faculty Awards (3 departments)
- 12 Kinard or other Teaching Awards (7 departments)
- 9 Distinguished Professor Awards (5 departments)
- 8 Fulbright Scholars (4 departments)
- 9 Faculty/Student Life Awards (6 departments)
- 8 National Disciplinary Awards (4 departments)
- 1 Ordre de Léopold recipient
- Last 5 Chairs of Faculty Conference
- Current Mayor of York; former members of Union County School Board and Rock Hill District 3 School Board
- SC Panel of Dietetics Appointee
Student Achievements

Collective Achievements

15 disciplinary honor societies
- Psi Chi, 2009 Best Chapter Award
- Pi Sigma Alpha, five-time Best Chapter Award
- Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Chapter of South Carolina

5-year pass rate on the Dietetic Registration exam to become a Registered Dietitian is 96%; the national rate is 87%.

Individual Recognitions

- Record number of awards at the SE Psychological Association (2008-2016)
- Gilman Study Abroad Scholarships
- Walter Byers Scholarship
- Knowles Science Teaching Fellows
- Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship
- Finalist Rhodes Scholarship
- Finalist Truman Scholarship
- Finalist Student Fulbright Scholar
- SC Social Work Student of the Year: 4 consecutive years
- SC Student Journalist of the Year
- Pi Gamma Mu Graduate Scholarships
- Rotary Scholarship
- Student Fulbright
- Boren Scholarship
Winthrop’s Public Face

- $34 million in external grants and contracts since 2002
- History hosts *The Latin Americanist* (national scholarly journal)
- Political Science Hosts *New Political Science* (national scholarly journal)
- Endowments for Bryant Professorship (ENGL), Palmer Professorship (HIST), Dalton Chair (ENVS)
- 12 Nationally Accredited Programs
- Model United Nations (40th year)
- Winthrop Poll and CAS faculty generate thousands of media hits in a given year; 10,000+ in presidential election years
- SC Broadcasting Association Hall of Fame