The College of Arts & Sciences

A Brief Introduction
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

• Parker Building
  – Converged Newsroom

• Dinkins Hall
  – Center for Public Opinion & Policy Research

• Johnson Hall
  – Television Studio
  – Radio Station

• Science Facilities
  – Dalton Hall
  – Sims Science Center*
  – Winthrop Farm

*Classroom Building
CAS undergraduate research program is a national model.

- Abstract book published annually since 2003
  - 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**: Summer research for students 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
- **Project SEED**: American Chemical Society grant to provide summer research opportunities for low-income/minority high school juniors and seniors.
• **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

• **Center for Public Opinion & Policy Research** employs dozens of students in public opinion research.
Graduate Study

- **School Psychology** trainees and interns provided 13,200 hours of service to seven school districts in 2015-2016
- CAS contributes to the success of **MAT programs** associated with Biology, Chemistry, English, Language, Math, and Social Studies certification
- Productive and unique **Biology MS Program**; 48% of graduates matriculated 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 Concentration in Political and Civic Engagement
- Rapidly growing **Master of Social Work** program, including a new (in 2018) fully-online program
Community & Civic Engagement

• Home of the Center for Public Opinion & Policy Research
  • Conducts four Winthrop Polls per year, plus 12 additional surveys on behalf of the state health department (a $3.4 million contract)
  • 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
    • NEW Leadership Program: To encourage college women to consider careers in public service
    • Constitution Day and other on-campus events
• Decision 2016: Twenty-one presidential candidates visited Winthrop, and the campus hosted the First in the South Democratic Presidential Candidates Forum.
• 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**
- Hosts **Model United Nations** conference each year. More than 2,000 Winthrop students and more than 10,000 high school students have participated in the conferences since 1976.
Retention & Student Support

- Part-semester courses offered in fall and spring
- Mathematics Tutorial Center
- Writing Center
- Chemistry Tutoring Program
- Placement testing in:
  - Mathematics
  - Foreign Language
- 7 Transfer-Friendly BA Programs (can be completed in two years): English, Environmental Studies, History, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology & Anthropology
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
- **SC Social Work Student of the Year** (x4)
- **SC Student Journalist of the Year**
- **Pi Gamma Mu** Graduate Scholarships
- **Rotary** Scholarship
- **Student Fulbright Scholar**
- **Boren** Scholarship
Winthrop’s Public Face

• More than $35 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
• 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
Thank you, and please keep in touch!

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