



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



Undergraduate Research

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.



UGR Highlights: Humanities and Social Sciences

- **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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