

# *Student Support Services and Facilities*

From orientation to graduation, Winthrop University offers a wide variety of services, facilities, and co-curricular activities which foster total student development, support the academic curriculum, and enhance the quality of campus life. Through participation in student organizations, students can make valuable contributions to the Winthrop community while gaining leadership and personal experience.

Student services and activities allow all Winthrop students, residents and commuters alike, to experience student life in a number of exciting and challenging ways. Some of the student programs, facilities and activities offered are:

## **Academic Computing**

Winthrop University Academic Computing supports the instructional and research functions of the University. Within the Division of Computing and Information Technology, Academic Computing provides access to diverse computing resources. Over 20 computer laboratories supporting PC, Macintosh, Linux, and UNIX systems are available on campus for open access and instructional needs.

Microcomputer networks and laboratories provide computing resources for support of instructional and research applications. Typical applications include desktop publishing, database management, spreadsheet analysis, graphics, communications, word processing, statistical analysis, and mathematical computation. Specific applications include Microsoft Office, Photoshop, Expression Web, Internet Explorer, Adobe Creative Suite, SAS, SPSS, Mathematica, and Microsoft Visual Studio. Some labs support additional software including AutoCAD and other design applications.

All main campus buildings and residence halls are connected to the campus network and Internet through fiber optic cable. Students are provided with consolidated computing services including web based email, central server storage space, and personal web pages.

For additional information on Academic Computing and to view general operational hours for Academic Computing labs, visit <http://www.winthrop.edu/acc>.

## **Center for Career Development and Service Learning**

The Center for Career Development and Service Learning is home to three distinctive programs: Career Development, Service Learning, and Volunteer and Community Service. This office provides students with a comprehensive approach to career preparation, professional development, personal growth, and service to the community, with experiential learning as a key component.

### *Career Development*

Career Development includes the exploration of career options beginning in the freshman year and continuing throughout graduation with job search and graduate school assistance. The staff is dedicated to teaching students effective job search skills that can be used in the initial job search, as well as in making subsequent career changes throughout their lives.

Services offered to assist students with their career development include career assessment tools (Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator), career counseling, and a career library. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of a variety of workshops and professional development activities including resume writing, mock interviews, networking techniques, business and dining etiquette, and career fairs. EAGLE link is Winthrop University's online job search engine for jobs, co-ops, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

Cooperative Education (Co-op) provides students with the opportunity to obtain professional experience in their major or field of interest while earning academic credit and/or an hourly wage. Positions are available in all academic majors, allowing students to integrate classroom knowledge with the "real world" of work. Co-op is one of the best ways for students to confirm the choice of a major, explore potential career choices, obtain marketable experience and develop professional contacts while earning academic credit. Career Development is located on the first floor of the Crawford building.

### *Service Learning*

Service Learning is an opportunity for students to participate in organized community service that addresses local needs while developing the student's academic skills, sense of civic responsibility, and commitment to the community. The Program Director assists faculty with service learning curriculum, both in and out of the classroom, as well as assists students in developing national and global service learning placements, in conjunction with Career Development. This program also coordinates the Close Scholars and is located on the first floor of the Crawford building.

### *Volunteer and Community Service Programs*

Volunteer and Community Service programs serves as a clearinghouse for community service opportunities, acting as a resource for students, faculty, staff and service agencies in the community. The Program Director coordinates America Reads and Counts Challenge program, Winthrop Homework Clinic, SOAR (Serving Others and Reflecting), and many other service activities. Students are encouraged to stop by Dinkins 120 to learn about volunteer opportunities in which they can become involved.

## **Clubs and Organizations**

Through Winthrop's 185+ clubs and organizations, students acquire and develop knowledge, skills, and values which enrich their lives and prepare them to meet the needs and challenges of the contemporary world. The categories include Campus Ministries and Religious Organizations, Club Sports, Departmental and Professional Student Organi-

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zations, Interest Groups, and Sororities and Fraternities. For up-to-date information, or information about how to join a group, please call the Student Affairs office at 803-223-2248 or visit their Web site at [www.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/ClubsOrgs/](http://www.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/ClubsOrgs/).

### Dinkins Student Center

The headquarters for student life on the Winthrop campus is Dinkins Student Center. The facility houses administrative offices, including the Vice-President for Student Life, Dean of Students, Residence Life, and the Department of Student Affairs, which includes Student Activities, Information Services, Multicultural Student Life, Greek Life, Orientation and New Student programs, and the Volunteer and Community Service offices. The Center is also home to the Council of Student Leaders, Dinkins Student Union, and the post office, as well as a food court, a small auditorium, and organizational meeting rooms.

### Dinkins Student Union (DSU) Programming Board

Dinkins Student Union, located in Dinkins Student Center, has the primary programming role on campus. DSU provides a broad spectrum of entertaining and educational offerings including coffee house acts, concerts, guest speakers, comedians, and special events. DSU compliments the student affairs mission of Winthrop University by providing a variety of educational opportunities of an academic, social, or cultural nature outside of the classroom. Through the Union's programming board and committees, students gain valuable experience in managing and organizing these events.

### Greek Life

Involvement in Greek Life at Winthrop University allows students to form long lasting friendships, take on leadership roles, participate in philanthropic and community service events, and focus on academic and career development. The office of Greek Life is composed of three governing councils that oversee 18 Greek organizations: Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), National Panhellenic Council (NPC) and National Pan-Hellenic council (NPHC). Winthrop is approximately 15% Greek.

### Health and Counseling Services

#### *Counseling Services*

The Counseling Services staff help students deal with a variety of personal concerns, including family and relationship difficulties, low self-esteem, stress and anxiety, depression, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual abuse, and eating disorders. Short-term individual, couples, and group counseling are free and confidential. Learning assistance is available to help students improve study, test-taking, and time-management skills. Wellness services, including outreach seminars and individual consultations, are provided to educate students about health-related issues. Services for students with documented disabilities are available to remove barriers that impede academic success. The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Miller Analogy Test (MAT), and Praxis Series tests are also administered. For additional information, call 803-323-2233 or come by 203 Crawford Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### *Health Services*

Health Services is located on the second floor of Crawford. Walk-in services and appointments are available from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, during the fall and spring semesters unless the University is closed. During the summer, beginning with Maymester, hours are from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. A nurse practitioner is available during the summer for appointments from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. For emergencies after-hours, community health care facilities are within a few miles of the University. All charges incurred outside of Health Services are the responsibility of the student. Students are strongly encouraged to be covered by an accident/sickness/major medical insurance policy. Please confirm your student coverage prior to arrival on campus. Students should have their own identification cards of insurance carrier.

Medical Services are provided by a team that includes certified and licensed nurse practitioners, registered and licensed nurses, pharmacists, registered pharmacy technicians, and registered laboratory technicians. Basic medical services include consultation, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of acute illness or injury, such as asthma, back pain, common colds, skin conditions, abdominal pain, headaches, pneumonia, and sexually transmitted infections. Students with chronic health care needs should make arrangements to continue treatment with their current health care provider or to have their records transferred to an appropriate local health care provider.

The pharmacy maintains a limited formulary of prescription, over-the-counter medications and contraceptives. Students may also have prescriptions from other physicians filled at the pharmacy. Medicine pick-up times are 4:30 - 5 p.m. on the day the prescription is ordered and 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on subsequent days.

Office visits are offered at no charge. Mandatory immunizations are available. Some services (e.g. laboratory, pharmacy, immunizations and medical supplies/procedures) will incur a minimal fee. All charges are billed to the student's account as "Health Services."

Students not in compliance with the Immunization Policy are not allowed to register for classes.

**Learning Assistance**

The Learning Assistance Coordinator provides individual and group instruction to any Winthrop student wanting to improve his or her study, reading, note taking, test taking, and time management skills. For more information call 803-323-3290.

**Services for Students with Disabilities**

The Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities collaborates with all university departments to ensure access and provide reasonable classroom, residence hall, and campus accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Accommodations are based on documented needs. Students who need accommodations are responsible for identifying themselves to and maintaining contact with the disability services office and for providing current, appropriate documentation of their disability from a qualified health services provider. High School IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) and 504 Plans alone are **not** sufficient documentation of a disability at the college level. The Coordinator assists students with all types of documented disabilities, including but not limited to mobility, hearing and visual impairments, learning disabilities, ADHD, and chronic medical illnesses. For more information about services, call 803-323-3290 (V/TDD).

**Wellness Services**

Wellness services offers educational information on health-related topics such as sexually-transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention, exercise, nutrition, eating disorders, and sexual assault. The coordinator meets with students on an individual basis. Educational programs are presented upon request in residence halls and to student groups. Wellness Services also sponsors a variety of campus-wide health and wellness related awareness events. These events are open to all students and members of the community. For more information, call 803-323-2233.

**Honor Societies**

As one of the many rewards for high scholastic achievement at Winthrop University, deserving students are eligible for membership in a number of national honor societies. Three societies—*Alpha Lambda Delta*, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, and *Phi Kappa Phi*—recognize honor and overall academic excellence. *Book and Key* is an honorary organization rewarding achievement in the liberal arts. The following lists chapters of Winthrop's honor societies and their departmental designations:

Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)	National Residency Hall Honorary
Alpha Lambda Delta	Phi Alpha (Social Work)
Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre)	Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Beta Alpha Psi (Business Administration)	Phi Kappa Phi
Beta Beta Beta (Biology)	Pi Sigma Delta
Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Administration)	Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)
Book & Key Society	Psi Chi (Psychology)
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)	Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
	Sigma Tau Delta (English)

**Ida Jane Dacus Library**

The faculty and collections of Dacus Library are an integral part of the University's instructional program. While all freshmen receive basic instruction in library use, specialized instruction in advanced topics is also available. The Dacus Online Catalog system provides easy access to the library's resources. The Library's collections have been selected to support the curriculum of the University and are housed in open stacks. Study and lounge seating is interspersed throughout the building. Workstations for access to the library's electronic resources and to the Internet are available. The library also offers through its catalog access to more than 15,000 electronic books and more than 30,000 full-text journals. Special quarters are provided for archives, microfilm, special collections, United States government publications and library instruction. Closed carrels for faculty and graduate student research, as well as facilities for photo duplication and listening, are also available. Dacus circulates 20 laptops to students for use via the library's building-wide wireless access.

The Library's holdings total over 600,000 volumes. Included in this figure are books and bound periodicals, microfiche, and microfilm. In addition, the Library owns over 175,000 U.S. government publications and thousands of audio-visual materials.

Dacus Library participates in the national interlibrary loan system, retrieving materials from non-South Carolina libraries by e-mail, fax, and traditional mailings. PASCAL (Partnerships among South Carolina Academic Libraries), a state-supported consortium, provides millions of other resources while delivering access to the state's 12 million books held at other South Carolina academic libraries. Through PASCAL, students may request books from other institutions and have them within 72 hours. PASCAL is funded through the South Carolina state legislature.

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### Instructional Support Labs

Three facilities supplement students' academic programs. The Writing Center assists students who want to improve their writing skills. The Mathematics Tutorial Center offers individual and small group tutoring, and the Language Lab offers computer-assisted instruction in several languages.

### Multicultural Student Life

Recognizing that a diverse student body enhances campus life for the entire community, Winthrop is strongly committed to attracting and creating a diverse student population. As a result, the Office of Multicultural Student Life services students, faculty and the entire Winthrop community by promoting an all-inclusive environment that seeks understanding and values diversity. We partner with all areas of the university to support the social and academic success for minority students as well as cultural programming and diversity training for all.

Many of Winthrop's clubs and organizations are of particular interest and are designed to meet the cultural and social needs of minority students.

In support of Winthrop's commitment to enable students to live, learn and lead for a lifetime, the Office of Multicultural Student Life provides opportunities to compliment the classroom experience by offering special programs and assisting other offices in recognizing, appreciating and celebrating campus diversity.

### Off-Campus Student Affairs

Off-Campus Student Affairs offers services to assist commuting or nonresidential students and to those transitioning from on-campus life to off-campus living. Programs available to students will encourage critical thinking, careful planning, and the utilization of services available within the University and surrounding community. It will be up to each student to put into action their own plan to Live, Learn, and Lead as they continue to engage in the Winthrop Experience from an off-campus address. Current services include the Off-Campus Student Affairs web site, the Off-Campus Living Check-list, the *Commuter Lounge* located on the main level of the Lois Rhame West Center, Educational programs designed to help students make the most of their off-campus experience and individual consultation by request. To learn more, visit [www.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/offcampusstudent/](http://www.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/offcampusstudent/) or come by 212 Dinkins Student Center.

### Orientation and New Student Programs

Orientation sessions are offered each summer to introduce new students to the educational and co-curricular opportunities available at Winthrop University. Four sessions are offered in the summer for freshmen who are required to attend one session. During this time, students meet with faculty advisers to select courses and register for fall classes and attend interest sessions dealing with all aspects of college life. Select upperclassmen serve as Orientation Leaders, answer questions, and assist students throughout the program in a variety of ways. Orientation also provides new students with an opportunity to get to know other students and make new friends before classes begin.

An orientation program for family members of freshmen is also offered during the first day of Student Orientation. Families meet with faculty, staff, students, and administrators to discuss academic programs, participate in information sessions, and learn about campus facilities and services.

An orientation program specifically geared toward transfer students is offered in May and July. Transfer students who are unable to attend orientation in May or July can attend an advising session with their academic adviser later during the summer, or they may attend the late transfer registration program.

#### *Welcome Week*

As an extension of the orientation program, Welcome Week provides opportunities for new students to become acquainted with and involved in events on the Winthrop campus before the start of classes in August. Welcome Week is full of informative, exciting and interactive activities, some of which are designed to help identify resources that are available. Others will help students make informed choices related to personal, academic, and social life. During Welcome Week, students are introduced to members of campus organizations, and activities are designed to integrate new students into the University community. Evening entertainment is coordinated by Winthrop's nationally acclaimed Dinkins Student Union and brings a wide variety of talented performers to campus.

### Parent Programs

Parent Programs provide services that allow parents of current Winthrop students to engage and integrate into the Winthrop University community. Services provided include a parent hotline, monthly eNewsletter "Parent's Post," and email. Parent Programs also coordinates the annual Family Weekend usually held during the fall semester.

### Publications

Students have the opportunity to gain valuable practical experience through service on one of several publications staffs: *The Johnsonian*, the student newspaper; *The Anthology*, a literary magazine; and *The Roddey-McMillan Record*, a multi-cultural interest newspaper.

### Residence Life

Winthrop offers full-time students many types of living arrangements to meet individual needs and preferences. Seven campus residence halls and one apartment building offer comfortable, air-conditioned facilities with internet

access. Options range from traditional halls with community baths to suites and modern apartments. Students must be enrolled for 12 semester hours to be eligible for campus housing. Students who live in the residence halls are required to have a meal plan. Winthrop's residence hall experience is dedicated to the development of each resident student and is an essential part of the university's total educational experience. Therefore, all first-year and second-year Winthrop students must live on campus unless they live within a 50-mile radius with a parent or guardian, are 21 years of age, are married, or are a single parent.

All residence halls are within easy walking distance of classes, Dacus Library, Thomson Cafeteria, and Dinkins Student Center. Free laundry facilities, study rooms, kitchens and eating areas are available in most residences. Linen service is not provided by the University. Rooms are furnished for double occupancy. However, if space is available, students may contract for private rooms at an additional cost. The Courtyard and Roddey Apartments are open year round. Roddey apartment assignments are made with priority given to married, single parent families, international, and graduate students.

Apart from providing physical facilities, the residence halls also foster academic success, interaction and involvement among residents. Students are encouraged to participate in hall councils and in the Resident Students Association, an organization which promotes a sense of community among the residence halls. Residence organizations include:

Resident Students' Association	Richardson Leadership Involvement Team
Roddey Apartment Association	Thomson House Council
Lee Wicker Hall Council	The Courtyard Hall Council
Margaret Nance Hall Council	Wofford Hall Council
Phelps Hall Council	

All students assigned to campus housing must sign a contract relating to the terms and conditions of occupancy. It is important that a student read the contract before signing and be thoroughly familiar with its terms. Violation of terms of the Housing Contract can result in immediate removal from living in the halls and subject the violator to further proceedings in accord with the Student Conduct Code.

### **Safety Services and Campus Police**

Campus Police is located in the Good Building. The department is a full-service police agency serving the Winthrop community by providing law enforcement services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their services include handling emergency situations, protecting life and property, crime prevention, and traffic control. The officers are available to provide presentations on safety tips and crime prevention.

The yellow emergency phone call boxes located throughout the campus connect the caller to Campus Police in case of an emergency. Campus Police can be contacted by dialing 3333 (on campus).

### **Sports and Recreation**

The University offers a variety of intercollegiate sports for men and women. Winthrop is a Division I member of the NCAA and a charter member of the Big South Conference. Conference championships are played in both men's and women's sports programs. The Winthrop Eagles field teams in both men's and women's basketball, tennis, golf, soccer, track and cross country; men's baseball; and women's volleyball and softball. Winthrop has excellent athletic facilities which are clustered in a beautiful lakeside setting.

Winthrop offers a spirited and competitive recreational sports and intramural program that includes softball, basketball, soccer, aerobics, tennis, volleyball, plus other individual and team sports. In addition to traditional men's and women's leagues, co-ed activities are available. Fitness related activities are also offered including core strength, total body sculpt, yoga, cardio kickboxing, aqua tone, and many more.

Winthrop University's Club Sports Program is made up of teams and clubs devoted to sports and other recreational activities that are generally not represented by any of the University's varsity athletic teams. Club Sports are open to Winthrop students of all athletic abilities. Winthrop currently offers the following club sports: fencing, lacrosse, swimming, soccer, paintball, kendo, Chinese martial arts, fitness and wellness, skydiving, bicycling, and the outdoor adventure club.

Members of the Winthrop community have a wide variety of leisure and recreational facilities available to them. The Winthrop Coliseum, located within a mile of campus, is a modern arena seating 6,100. In addition to its intercollegiate facilities, the Coliseum houses a weight room and a training room.

Behind the Coliseum lies Winthrop Lake and the University's 380-acre recreational complex, featuring baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, a cross country course, and golf and disc golf courses. Adjacent to the lake is the Shack, traditionally a gathering spot for student activities.

The Outdoor Development Center, also known as the Ropes Course, is located here as well. Groups and organizations use this facility to develop team-building and leadership skills through a series of unique, problem-solving exercises.

Winthrop's new wellness facility known as the Lois Rhame West Center houses offices for the Health and Physical Education Department, Recreational Services and the West Center Director. The facility features four basketball courts that can also be used for volleyball and badminton, four racquetball courts, a walking/jogging track, climbing wall, weight room, multiple cardio stations, eight-lane swimming pool and two multipurpose rooms.

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The West Center offers the University a broad array of academic and recreational programs. At 137,000 square feet, the 24.9 million-dollar facility is the largest building on the main campus. The new wellness center is designed to meet expectations of 21<sup>st</sup> century students and their active, wellness-oriented lifestyles.

### Student Government--Council of Student Leaders

The Council of Student Leaders is Winthrop's student government. It is a representative body of Winthrop student leaders and other concerned students serving as a vehicle that provides students a significant role in institutional decision-making and self-governance.

CSL is comprised of 34 total voting members, all selected on a yearly basis. Seventeen automatic members represent the ten largest student organizations, student athletics, student publications and each academic college. Seventeen annual members apply for Council membership at the end of each academic year. Five positions are reserved every year for freshmen and transfer students.

The Council of Student Leaders meets at 7 p.m. every Monday in Dinkins Auditorium. All CSL meetings are open to the entire Winthrop community. Working committees are also open to all Winthrop students and meet as necessary.

### Student Identification Cards

Each registered student must obtain an official identification card. Identification cards are nontransferable and must be presented to appropriate University officials upon request. ID cards are made in the Technology Services office located in Tillman 15.

### Victim Advocacy

Victim advocacy services will be provided to any Winthrop student who has been victimized by crime. These services include but are not limited to: providing immediate crisis intervention, informing victims of their rights, assisting victims throughout the investigation and prosecution of the crime, and serving as a liaison for the student within the college community. The victim advocate services are available to any currently enrolled Winthrop student, whether the crime occurred on or off campus and whether the victim chooses to file an official report with Campus Police or the Rock Hill Police Department. All communication with administrative offices is handled with the utmost discretion. For more information regarding this program, contact Campus Police at 803-323-3333.

### Visual and Performing Arts

Winthrop University is committed to helping students develop fully as well-rounded, educated persons. In an effort to provide a setting which facilitates intellectual and cultural growth, the University offers numerous opportunities to enhance students' appreciation of the arts. Whether through participation or attendance, students further develop their artistic talents, perceptions, and understandings. The following are performing groups on the Winthrop campus:

Guitar Ensembles	Collegium Musicum	Chorale Opera Workshop
Glee Club	Chamber Ensembles	Jazz Voices
Percussion Ensemble	Symphonic Band	Brass Ensembles
Jazz Ensemble	Winthrop Theatre	Jazz Combos
Winthrop Dance Theatre	Woodwind Ensembles	Wind Symphony
Chamber Singers	Flute Choir	Pep Band
Winthrop/Carolinas Wind Orchestra		

### Visual and Performing Arts Facilities

To support the University's arts curricula, as well as a diverse range of cultural offerings, Winthrop maintains several versatile performing spaces: Byrnes Auditorium, seating 3,500 and the adjoining 212-seat Frances May Barnes Recital Hall; Tillman Auditorium seats 700; and Johnson Hall includes a 331-seat proscenium theatre, a 100-seat studio theatre, an actors' studio, and two dance studios.

In addition, Winthrop Galleries, comprised of the Rutledge Gallery and the Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery in the Rutledge Building and the Lewandowski student gallery in McLaurin, provide an array of exhibition spaces. The works of faculty, students, and regional and national artists are presented on a regular basis.

### Writing Center

The Writing Center, located in 242 Bancroft Hall, provides a free writing consulting service to all members of the University community: students, staff, administrators, and faculty. The Writing Center's purpose is to help writers at all levels learn more about their writing through tutoring sessions. Tutors help writers learn to analyze assignments, address audiences appropriately, improve their composing processes, strengthen the focus and organization of their writing, and improve their control of the language. While the Writing Center cannot provide a proofreading/editing service or a guarantee of better grades, its tutors will help improve writing skills. The primary purpose is to improve writing in the long term.

Although operating hours may vary from semester to semester, the Writing Center is open at least five days a week, with some evening and weekend hours. Scheduling an appointment assures that a tutor will be available. To make an appointment, call 803-323-2138.