

Residence Life & Dining Services

Dining Services

Winthrop University Dining Services offers one of the finest dining programs in the country. All campus residents (except Roddey Hall residents) purchase a meal plan which contributes to the overall quality of the student experience. Freshmen may choose from the All Access or All Access Plus meal plans. Students with sophomore standing (or above) may choose other options. Non-residential students may also purchase a meal plan or Café Cash.

To view our meal plan options and prices on the Dining Services website, please visit:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/dining>

Meal Plans & Café Cash

Meal plans include access to Thomson Cafeteria anytime during operating hours. They also include Eagle Meals and Café Cash. Eagle Meals are daily menu combinations offered at food court locations, such as Einstein Bros. Bagels, Chick-fil-A, and Subway. Café Cash is a declining balance account and can be used at any food service location including the Eagle Express convenience store.

Meal Plan, Eagle Meal, and Café Cash information is stored on the Winthrop University ID card ensuring that your personal account data is secure and convenient to use. Students may check their Café Cash or Eagle Meal balances online or at any dining location register. Additional Café Cash may be purchased using MasterCard or Visa in the Dining Services office located in 112 Thomson Hall or on the Dining Services website www.winthrop.edu/dining.

Thomson Cafeteria

Thomson Cafeteria is an all-you-care-to-eat dining location. There is a wide variety of options served daily, many prepared to order including home-style entrees, pizza, sandwiches, soups, salads, international-style selections, vegetarian and vegan options, gluten-free options, desserts, and more. Menus and nutritional information are available at www.winthrop.edu/dining.

DiGiorgio Campus Center

Winthrop has a full service Starbuck's Coffee Shop, along with an expansive food court featuring: Chick-fil-A, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Burger Studio, The Wedge, Zoca Fresh Mex and Miso Sushi.

Dinkins Hall

Subway, located in Dinkins Hall, gives students the opportunity to enjoy a healthy menu selection with the Heart Healthy Meals selections and new Fresh Fit Choices healthy lifestyle program.

Eagle Express

The convenience store on campus is located next to the East Thomson Lobby Hall. Eagle Express features grab-and-go items, snacks, groceries, personal items and more.

Domino's Pizza

The local Domino's accepts Winthrop University Café Cash. Call in your order and pick up at the Rock Hill location or have it delivered to your residence hall.

Customer service and satisfaction are extremely high priorities at Winthrop Dining Services. Dining Services staff and managers are always nearby and welcome comments, suggestions and concerns.

Residence Life Information

To meet the diverse needs of Winthrop's resident student population, a variety of on-campus living arrangements are provided. Lee Wicker, Phelps, Richardson, Roddey, Thomson and the Courtyard provide co-ed living accommodations while Margaret Nance and Wofford provide accommodations for women.

Holiday Residence Hall Closing

The Residence Hall and Dining Service contract does not cover periods when classes are not in session, such as Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Semester Break and Spring Break.

Provisions are made to house student teachers living on campus who are required to be on duty during a University holiday, but meal plans will not be available. Students will not be housed in the residence halls during the period from December commencement until the beginning of the spring semester, except those living in Roddey or the Courtyard.

During the last week of classes each semester, students are expected to vacate the residence hall within 24 hours of their last class or as otherwise notified.

Residence Life Policies

Residence Hall Alcohol Policy

The following guidelines have been established in regard to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the residence halls and apartments.

- 1.** The University does not sanction the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by students; nor does it sanction the violation of federal, state, or local law. Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as adult individuals.
- 2.** It is against federal and state law for any person under the age of 21 to purchase or knowingly have in his or her possession any alcoholic beverages.
- 3.** It is against the City of Rock Hill law code to "openly display or consume any beer or wine in or from any unsealed container" in any public place not "specifically licensed for

public consumption...” In keeping with this code, consumption of beer and/or wine is permitted only in licensed spaces such as the Richardson Ballroom and the Shack; in the student’s residence hall rooms and apartments who are of legal age; and specific residential areas with written permission from the Department of Residence Life.

4. No free flowing tap containers of alcohol are permitted in the residence halls or apartments, e.g., kegs, pony kegs, party balls, wine in a box, etc.

5. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted in student residence hall rooms and apartments where the assigned residents of that particular room are of legal age. The determination of when a group of students or party is excessive will be at the discretion of the Residence Life Staff. The Residence Life Staff may request students to leave a room or residence hall/apartment, if there is excessive drinking or rowdy behavior. A student may be prohibited from the residential area, after receiving a warning from the Residence Life Staff.

6. Group functions, at which beer or wine are served, may be held only at The Shack, or in McBryde with written permission from the Events Approval Committee. Special procedures must be followed for a licensed event where admission is charged.

7. Violations of this policy by students or organizations are subject to fines and/or administrative or judicial disciplinary action.

Key Policy

Students are responsible for their room key. Room keys are not to be duplicated. If a key is lost, the student is charged to recore the lock. A loan key is available at the hall office if a key is temporarily misplaced.

Poster Policy

1. Notices to be posted in a residence hall must be approved by the Residential Learning Coordinator/ Residence Director.

2. Departments and organizations are responsible for litter generated by their own handouts or handbills.

3. Advertising promoting the use and/or sale of alcohol as the primary function of the event is prohibited.

Recreational

The following guidelines have been established to clarify the regulations regarding use of recreational space in the residence halls.

1. Permission to use recreational space in the residence halls/ apartments must be obtained from the Residential Learning Coordinator or Residence Director.

2. The person making the request assumes responsibility for:

- A. Monitoring the group's behavior during the event
- B. Possessing a copy of the space request approval
- C. Making sure that the space is left clean and in proper order
- D. Being the contact person for any damages

3. Priority for recreational space is given first to the residents of the particular residence hall to support residence hall programs, activities and meetings.

4. The only groups allowed to schedule consecutive dates for recreational space are those sponsored by the residence hall.

Room Change Policy

Room changes start the first Friday after classes begin and must be approved in advance by the Department of Residence Life. Room changes made without the department's approval are subject to a \$25 fine. A room change must be completed within 24 hours from the time the move is approved. Students must schedule a room inspection with a Resident Assistant to properly check out of a room.

Room Painting Policy

Residence halls are painted on a rotating basis. Residents may not paint their rooms. Nails are not permitted in the room walls.

Solicitation

Door-to-door solicitation is prohibited in the residence halls. Official university business is exempted, as needed, with authorization from the Department of Residence Life.

Telephones

Telephone service is not provided in the residence halls. Students should bring a cell phone that will meet their needs. Courtesy telephones are located in each residence hall. For more information on campus telephone services, contact Computing and Information Technology at (803) 323-2400.

Cable

Winthrop's residential cable television service provides approximately 120 channels free of charge.

Trash Policy

Resident Areas

Each resident is responsible for cleaning excessive trash from the area around their room door. This includes the hallway, walls, and ceiling within a five-foot range from each door jamb. Failure to do so will result in a housing contract violation being filed.

Public Areas

Excessive trash in bathrooms, elevators, kitchens, laundry rooms, lobbies, lounges, stairwells, etc., will be treated as public area damage. If those responsible for the excessive trash cannot be determined, a damage penalty will be assessed. The Residential Learning Coordinator will determine the limits of the area to be assessed, for example, all those residents that use a particular community bathroom.

Trespass Policy

The following statute will be strictly enforced: 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws -16-17-420, -16-11-640, -16-11-600

It shall be unlawful:

- I. For any person willfully or unnecessarily (A) to interfere with or to disturb in any way or in any place the students or teachers of any college in this state, (B) to loiter about college premises or (C) to act in an obnoxious manner thereon; or
- II. For any person to (A) enter upon college premises or (B) loiter around the premises, except on business, without the permission of the President in charge.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, shall pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days.

Please be advised that any visitor on the campus comes within the jurisdiction of the code and is subject to arrest.

Guest Policy

1. The definition of a guest is a non-resident of a particular building who has a resident host.
2. Residents must have permission from roommates within their assigned living units (units that share a bed space and/or bathroom) before registering a guest to visit past 8:00 pm.
3. Residents may restrict guest access in their specific living unit at any time by the completion of a Community Agreement to which all roommates agree without coercion. All guests visiting after 8:00 pm must be registered with their host at the hall office.
4. A photo ID is required for registration. If not issued a Guest Pass, it is expected that the guest will leave the building before midnight.
5. All guests expecting to stay overnight (past midnight) must be issued a Guest Pass from the hall office to be carried with them as proof of overnight registration, and should expect to show this pass to University personnel if requested. The Guest Pass should have an expiration date and time completed to be valid. It is expected that the guest will leave the building before the expiration date and time.
6. Unregistered guests and/or their hosts may be subject to disciplinary action, removal from the residential area, and guests are subject to arrest for trespassing.

7. A maximum of four (4) people are permitted overnight in a traditional or suite bedroom, including the residents. A maximum of eight (8) people are permitted in a 4-bed Courtyard suite or 4-bed Roddey apartment, including the residents.
8. Guests are expected to adhere to the same policies as their resident hosts. Hosts are responsible for their guest's behavior.
9. Guests will be required to leave the building at any time if so directed by University personnel.
10. Each host must escort their guest at all times in all locations including public areas, common areas, stairwells, elevators, individual rooms, and apartments.
11. Guests are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence hall more than four (4) consecutive nights, and no more than seven (7) nights per month. Nothing in this policy is meant to encourage or permit individuals who do not have a residence hall contract to live on campus.
12. Keys will not be issued to guests. Guests should not be in possession of their host's room key or Winthrop ID at any time.
13. Guests are permitted to use designated bathroom and shower facilities only. Some residence halls may not have appropriate shower facilities for all guests.
14. Hall Councils and Residence Life staff may designate certain areas for resident use only.

Resident Students' Association

As the voice of all on campus students, The Resident Students' Association (RSA) is the largest active student organization at Winthrop University. If you reside in one of the eight residence halls, you are a member.

The purpose of this organization is to enhance the residential experience of students by promoting unity among residence halls, assessing the needs of on-campus students, and supporting personal development and academic success of residents through programming. In an effort to maintain quality programs and to keep abreast of current resident trends and issues, RSA is an active member of state, regional, and national residence hall organizations. At each level, conferences are held where resident student leaders from around the state and country come together and share ideas and concerns.

RSA represents the thoughts and ideas of 2,500 residential students and acts as a liaison between the residents and the University, residents who wish to voice their opinions through RSA are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings. Please visit www.birdnest.org/rsa for the meeting time and location. Residents who desire more direct involvement and wish to participate in the constant improvement of Winthrop University and its residence halls, may become one of two voting representatives for their building (each residence hall has two voting members – see your Residential Learning Coordinator or Residence Director to express your interest).

If you want to become a part of these exciting opportunities, be an active member of RSA!

Two-Year Academic Live On Requirement

First and second year students, as well as transfer students entering the University with less than 24 semester hours of completed coursework, are required to live on campus. If a prospective student lives within a 50-mile radius with a parent or legal guardian; is at least 21 years of age; is married; a single parent; or a veteran, an exemption request may be made by submitting the appropriate documentation to the Department of Residence Life prior to the beginning of the Residence Hall Contract term. Students who are enrolled and have not been exempted from the residency requirement, will automatically be billed for a semester's housing fees and may be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

Housing Contract and Fees

The Residence Hall contract and associated fees may be found on the following website:
www.winthrop.edu/reslife.

Residence Life Staff

The residence halls are divided into the north and south areas of campus. Each area of campus is managed by an Assistant Director of Residence Life who is responsible for staff development, facilities, educational programming, and student conduct.

Each residence hall is directly supervised by a full-time professional Residential Learning Coordinator/Academic Associate or Residence Director. Resident Assistants (RAs) are student leaders who are assigned to a floor in each building to serve as on-site peer mentors. The Residence Life staff team is skilled in helping students adjust to living on campus at Winthrop.

Safety and Security

Students may enter and leave their residence hall at their discretion. Residence hall doors are locked 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

For security purposes most residence halls have a Night Host on duty from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. When students return to the hall during these hours, they must present their ID cards to the Night Host for identification purposes. A non-resident guest may be admitted with a valid picture ID and appropriate registry in the residence hall guest log.

Additional Information

If you have questions regarding any residence hall policy or additional concerns not addressed in this section, please consult the Residence Hall Contract and the Student Conduct Code, or contact the Department of Residence Life, 237 DiGiorgio campus Center, (803) 323-2223. Website: www.winthrop.edu/reslife.