

# **Student Activities & Engagement**

## **Council of Student Leaders**

The Council of Student Leaders is Winthrop University's official student voice to the Board of Trustees and administration. The structure was updated by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees in 2011 and consists of a representative body of Winthrop student leaders, an elected president and vice president, and other concerned students. CSL provides students a significant role in institutional decision-making and self-governance.

The Council serves to strengthen relations among the administration, faculty, students, and the Rock Hill community while performing such functions as are necessary to advance student welfare.

In furtherance of its responsibility, the Council carries out the following tasks:

- Appointment of student representatives to University governance committees.
- Reviews and approves charter applications from student organizations in accordance with current University procedures as outlined in the Student Organizations Handbook.
- Approves and distributes student activity funds to eligible campus student organizations through the Student Allocations Committee.
- Assists in planning and implementing campus wide institutional events such as Homecoming and Convocation.
- Provides a forum for students to raise and discuss issues relevant to the Winthrop Community.

For more information regarding the Council of Student Leaders or to learn how to become involved, call the Office of Student Activities at (803) 323-2248 located in 269 DiGiorgio Campus Center. Meetings are open to all and are held on Monday nights at 7:00pm in the DIGS 114.

## **DiGiorgio Student Union**

DiGiorgio Student Union (DSU), the student programming board responsible for campus wide entertainment for the Winthrop community, offers numerous opportunities for interested students to become involved in student activities. Each semester DSU brings comedians, singers, bands, movies, lectures, and novelty acts to campus. Leadership positions include the DSU president, vice president, committee chairs, general board committee members, and a public relations team. DSU's mission aims to both entertain and provide ample educational opportunities for students, through the promotion of diversity and academic related experiences outside of the classroom. For more information on the DSU programming board, please refer to [www.winthrop.edu/dsu](http://www.winthrop.edu/dsu) , come by 212 DiGiorgio Campus Center, or call (803) 323-2299.

## **Fraternity and Sorority Life**

Winthrop University has 19 active nationally affiliated Fraternity and Sorority organizations. Ten fraternities and nine sororities which are organized under three governing councils. These 19 Greek-letter organizations are committed to cultivating personal and professional growth while serving the campus and community. Greeks at Winthrop are very involved with community service, philanthropies, and various aspects of student life. Fraternity and Sorority Life offers an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills while learning a greater appreciation for a true fraternal experience. Participation in Fraternity and Sorority Life offers students a well-rounded academic experience as well as an opportunity to enhance communication skills and build character while promoting high academic standards.

Students must be academically eligible to participate in a joining process of these organizations. Academic eligibility is enrollment as an active Winthrop University Student, completion of 12 university credit hours, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Please note these are minimum requirements as most chapters have a higher GPA requirement. Becoming a member varies among the three councils:

Interfraternity Council (IFC) chapters conduct a 365 recruitment process where any man that meets university eligibility requirements may participate in a recruitment process throughout the academic year.

Panhellenic Council (CPC) hosts a formal recruitment weekend each spring semester where any woman with that meets university eligibility requirements may enroll and participate.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) chapters have individualized intake processes whereby potential candidates seek membership. To participate in membership intake, students must meet university eligibility requirements and attend the informational session, Unwritten Rules held every second Wednesday of each semester during the semester students wish to pursue membership. For more information about intake, contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.

For more information on Winthrop's Fraternity & Sorority Life or to learn how to get involved, contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at (803) 323-2248 or visit the website at [www.winthrop.edu/ofsa/](http://www.winthrop.edu/ofsa/).

## **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Winthrop University offers 18 sports on the intercollegiate level including indoor/outdoor track, volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, cross country, soccer, softball and lacrosse for women, as well as soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, indoor/outdoor track, cross country and golf for men. Athletic grants-in-aid are available in all sports.

Winthrop holds memberships in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I and the Big South Conference.

Students may refer to the Winthrop Athletic website: [www.winthropeagles.com](http://www.winthropeagles.com) , the Johnsonian and other campus publicity sources for times and dates of home athletic contests. For more information, contact the Athletic Department at (803) 323-2129, ext. 6245 or 6246.

## **Recreational Facilities**

Winthrop offers a wide range of athletic and recreational facilities to challenge students' abilities outside the classroom.

### **Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center**

The Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center is the site of both academic and wellness pursuits. Offices located in the facility include Health and Physical Education, Sports Management, and Recreational Services. The West Center provides access to a variety of recreational amenities, including a climbing wall, four racquetball courts, an 8-lane, 25-yard pool, four basketball courts that can also be used for badminton and volleyball, an indoor track (1/8 mile), over 11,000 square feet of weight and cardio space (with brand new cardio equipment) and two activity rooms. For complete information about the West Center including policies and hours of operation please visit the following website: [www.winthrop.edu/recservices](http://www.winthrop.edu/recservices). You may also call (803) 323-2652 or stop by West Center 211.

*\*A valid Winthrop University Student ID or guest pass is necessary for entry and use of the West Center.*

### **Sand Volleyball Courts**

Two sand volleyball courts are located next to the Recreational Services Fields and are available for use by Winthrop students. To reserve the court for structured use please call the Recreational Services Office, (803) 323- 2652.

### **Student Activity Center**

The Student Activity Center is located adjacent to Wither/ W.T.S. Building with the main entrance off of Eden Terrace. The facility is used for events ranging from sport practices and tournaments to weekend dances. This multi-purpose facility is scheduled through the Office of Student Activities, (803) 323-2248.

In addition to on-campus facilities, the University owns and maintains a 380-acre recreational area surrounding the Winthrop Coliseum and Winthrop Lake:

### **Disc Golf Course**

An 18-hole disc golf course, located at the Winthrop Lake area, is open to students, faculty and staff. For scorecards and more information about the course please contact the Recreational Services Office, (803) 323-2652.

### **Golf Course**

The nine-hole course is open to current Winthrop University students, faculty, and staff, for free by showing a Winthrop University ID. Immediate Family Members of WU faculty and staff will be allowed to play by showing their "Screamin Eagle Card." Screamin Eagle Cards can be picked up at the coliseum. All other guest must purchase a Daily Pass for \$10.00 at the Outdoor Education Center.

### **The Outdoor Education Center (OEC)**

The Outdoor Education Center (OEC) at Winthrop University has been developing teams and groups since 1982 and has served more than 40,000 people. Consisting of an adventurous high ropes course and low challenge course, the OEC provides each group with an opportunity to share in a new, meaningful, and exciting experience! The OEC experience is one of learning and fun! Your team or group will be presented with challenges that will require communication, trust, teamwork, and commitment to group goals. It's more than a group outing – it's an opportunity for self and group discovery! Sessions are scheduled through the PESH Department, (803) 323-2573 or OEC@winthrop.edu. Additional information can be found at [www.winthrop.edu/oec](http://www.winthrop.edu/oec).

### **Recreational Services Fields**

Located at the recreation area, The Farm, are two lighted fields that are used for Intramural Sports, practices, and matches for Club Sports. For more information regarding these fields please call (803) 323- 2652 or stop by 211 West Center.

### **Tennis Complex**

The Tennis Complex is located near the Coliseum area. For complete information on use please refer to <https://www.winthrop.edu/spaceuse/default.aspx?id=41239>.

### **Winthrop Headquarters for Outdoor Adventure (WHOA!)**

The Winthrop Headquarters for Outdoor Adventure (WHOA!) is a new adventure-based equipment resource center organized and operated by the Physical Education, Sport & Human Performance (PESH) Department of Winthrop University. For minimal rental fees, you, the students, faculty and staff of Winthrop University can access a variety of outdoor adventure equipment such as kayaks, canoes, tents, framed backpacks, and other hiking and camping gear. To make reservations, please email WHOA@winthrop.edu or call (803) 323-2573. Additional information can be found at [www.winthrop.edu/oec](http://www.winthrop.edu/oec).

## **Recreational Services**

The Office of Recreational Services, part of the Department of Student Life and Division of Student Affairs, offers recreation, fitness and wellness opportunities through its various programs including (but not limited to) Intramural Sports, Club Sports, Group Fitness, and Personal Training.

The Office of Recreational Services engages a diverse campus community by providing quality programs, services and facilities to promote balanced, active lifestyles. Through participation in various programs, participants can gain a multitude of personal benefits including improved levels of physical fitness and wellness, opportunities for social interaction, time management skills, engagement in a group dynamic setting, a healthy means of stress relief, as well as the creation of a sense of ownership and belonging between students and the Winthrop community.

### **Aquatics**

The West Center is home to an 8-lane, 25-yard pool. The pool ranges in depth from 4 to 13 feet. The pool is used for instructional programs, fitness programs and Intramural Sports. Students can use the pool for a variety of informal recreational activities including lap swim and free swim. Other formal recreational activities include water aerobics and swim lessons.

### **Fitness**

Recreational Services offers an array of group fitness classes that fit all fitness levels such as Cardio Sculpt, Yoga, Circuit Training, Zumba, Butts N' Guts, Ab Attack and much more. Besides group fitness classes, Recreational Services offers a personal training program for all students and West Center members as well as incentive programs that take place throughout the year.

### **Club Sports**

The Club Sports program is comprised of student organizations that are competitive, recreational and/or educational nature. All clubs are open to Winthrop students of all athletic abilities and backgrounds. Established clubs are often provided with funding to further pursue competitive opportunities (by traveling to compete with other universities) and advance the interest of the club within the Winthrop campus community.

As of Fall 2018, active clubs in the Club Sports program include Archery, Disc Golf, Fencing, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Paintball, Rock Climbing, Skydiving, Women's Soccer, Women's Softball and Taekwondo. Do you want to create a club that is not included? Contact Recreational Services today!

### **Intramural Sports**

The Office of Recreational Services hosts over 50 different team and individual/dual sports and activities throughout the academic year. The sports offered within Intramural Sports are contested of teams exclusive to Winthrop students, faculty, staff and alumni. Men's, Women's,

CoRec and Open leagues are offered in various sports, and league and tournament champions are awarded the year's Intramural Sports champion t-shirt!

Sports being offered in 2018-19 include Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Kickball, Indoor Soccer, Sand Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and many, many more!

For more information regarding Recreational Services and the programs offered, please call (803) 323-2652 or stop by West Center 211.

### **Student Organizations Handbook**

The Student Organizations Handbook was created as a resource, policy manual, and helpful tool in keeping the 160+ student organizations aware of the expectations, rights, and responsibilities granted to them by Winthrop. By maintaining active communication with the Department of Student Life and the Office of Student Activities through semesterly workshops and an annual registration, student organizations are afforded the opportunity to further the educational development of their members.

View the complete Student Organizations Handbook online at [www.winthrop.edu/studentorgs](http://www.winthrop.edu/studentorgs). The Office of Student Activities is located in 269 DiGiorgio Campus Center, (803) 323-2248.