

Tuition and Fees

The academic fees listed below represent 2007-2008 fees. Fees are subject to change at any time by action of the Winthrop Board of Trustees. The fees for the 2008-2009 academic year were not available at the time of this publication. Once these fees are set, students will be notified via the tuition bills of the amount due for the academic year.

Academic Fees	Costs per Semester:
Registration Fee (all students)	\$ 10
General Undergraduate Fees 12 credit hours or more	
SC* Resident	\$ 5,105
Out-of-State Resident	\$ 9,517
11 credit hours or fewer (per credit hour)	
SC* Resident	\$ 426
Out-of-State Resident	\$ 794

*South Carolina Residents are those persons who meet the residency requirements specified in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 22.2, and amendments thereto and are eligible to pay in-state fees. All other persons must pay out-of-state fees. See Classification as a SC Resident for Fee Purposes, page 16.

Room and Board (2008-09)

Residence Hall (per semester)	Cost
Double Occupancy (Nance, Richardson, Wofford)	\$ 1,950
Double Occupancy (Wicker, Phelps, Thomson)	\$ 2,005
Single Occupancy (Nance, Richardson, Wofford)	\$ 3,900
Single Occupancy (Wicker, Phelps, Thomson)	\$ 4,010

Rental Fees for Roddey Apartments (per semester):

1 Bedroom apartment	\$ 2,960
2 Bedroom apartment	\$ 3,370

The Courtyard (per semester)

4 Bedroom, 2 Bath	\$ 2,375
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath	2,700
2 Bedroom, 2 Bath	2,800

Meal Plan Cost per Semester*:

Unlimited--Unlimited + \$100 Cafe Cash	\$ 1,120
Gold Plan--13 meals/week + \$200 Cafe Cash	\$ 1,120
Silver Plan--9 meals/week + \$225 Cafe Cash	\$ 1,120
Eagle Plan--5 meals/week + \$275 Cafe Cash	\$ 1,120
Freedom Plan--100 meals/semester + \$255 Cafe Cash	\$ 1,120
Courtyard Plan (Courtyard Residents only)--\$750 Cafe Cash	\$ 750

*Students living in residence halls must select one of the meal plans each semester.

Miscellaneous Fees and Expenses

Enrollment Fee (Admission Deposit). Undergraduate students admitted to the University are required to reserve a place in the incoming class by submitting a **nonrefundable** deposit. The amount of the deposit required is stated in your admissions packet.

Application Fee. A **nonrefundable** application fee must accompany each new application to the University.

Commencement Costs. All students participating in the commencement exercises must wear appropriate academic regalia which is available through The Bookworm (the University's bookstore.) A \$25 graduation fee is assessed at the time of the application for graduation.

Laboratory Fees. For courses in which specialized equipment and consumable supplies are used, a **nonrefundable** laboratory fee is charged. Refer to the Courses of Study section of this catalog to determine specific courses for which there is a charge and for the amount of the charge.

LEAP Program Fee. All students participating in the LEAP Program are required to pay a **nonrefundable** \$400 fee to cover the services provided by the program.

Motor Vehicle Registration Fee. Motor vehicles operated or parked on Winthrop University property by students must be registered. Resident students may register one vehicle. Commuting students may register two vehicles. Registration fees are set annually and are billed to the student's account.

Textbooks and Materials Costs. The cost of textbooks and materials needed for class work is not included in the regularly assessed fees and varies in accordance with the requirements of specific courses. Most textbooks and materials must be acquired at the beginning of a semester and are available for purchase from The Bookworm.

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Fee Payment Schedule

Fee payments are due by 5 p.m. in the Cashier's Office on or before the dates specified in the Winthrop University online *Schedule of Courses* and Wingspan prior to each registration. All checks and money orders are to be made payable to Winthrop University. Payments must be mailed to the Cashier's Office, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29733, or pay via our website at www.winthrop.edu/cashiers. Remittance and correspondence must clearly identify the student whose account is affected through reference to the student's legal name and student number.

Important note for students who have zero or credit balances on their invoice: Even if no balance is due, resulting from financial aid, prepayments, or other credits, students must notify the Cashier's Office by the deadline to avoid cancellation of their registration. Students with zero balances may request validation at our website at www.winthrop.edu/cashiers.

Monthly Payment Plan

Students may pay their academic, room, and board fees monthly by enrolling in the Winthrop Monthly Payment Plan (WPP).

The features of WPP are as follows:

1. Only academic, room and board fees are deferrable—any previous balance and all miscellaneous charges such as traffic fines, library fines, etc. are payable in full each month.
2. Incoming freshmen or transfer students are automatically eligible to participate. Returning students will be eligible as long as they have a satisfactory credit history with Winthrop.
3. An application for participating in the WPP will be included in each semester's billing for academic, room, and board fees. The student needs only to complete the application and return the required payment by the fee payment deadline.
4. There will be four payments per semester. Payments are due on or about the 1st of each month.
5. Failure to make monthly payments as agreed may result in the student being assessed a late fee. In addition, the student may be ineligible for participation in future semesters.
6. There is an administrative fee each semester for participating in the WPP. The student must sign up for WPP for each semester desired.
7. A late fee will be assessed each month in which the payment is not received by the due date.

Any questions about the WPP should be directed to the Controller's Office in 19 Tillman, by phoning 803-323-2165, or by accessing our website at www.winthrop.edu/cashiers/wpp.asp.

Tuition Adjustments for Withdrawals

Students who are admitted and register for courses at Winthrop University are financially responsible for fees and charges associated with those courses. Therefore, students are encouraged to complete all courses for which they register. In the event it becomes necessary for a student to drop one or more courses or completely withdraw from the University, an academic charge adjustment may be made using the following guidelines.

Academic Fee Adjustments for Courses Dropped - All Students

Should a student need to drop one or more courses (which brings them below 12 credit hours) but not completely withdraw from the University, the following adjustments to academic charges will be made.

<i>Date Course(s) Dropped*</i>	<i>Percentage of Adjustment</i>
Before the end of the 1 st week of classes	100%
Before the end of the 2 nd week of classes	75%
Before the end of the 3 rd week of classes	50%
Before the end of the 4 th week of classes	25%

*The week for academic fee adjustments begins with the 1st day of classes scheduled for the term.

Academic Fee Adjustments for First Time Freshmen Who Withdraw

First time freshmen who withdraw from the University before 60% of the term is completed will be eligible for a prorated adjustment of academic fees. This adjustment will be calculated using the number of weeks enrolled divided by the number of weeks in the term, rounded down to the next 10%.

<i>Date of Withdrawal*</i>	<i>Percentage of Adjustment</i>
Before classes begin or	
Before the end of the 1 st week of classes	100%
Before the end of the 2 nd week of classes	80%
Before the end of the 3 rd week of classes	80%
Before the end of the 4 th week of classes	70%
Before the end of the 5 th week of classes	60%
Before the end of the 6 th week of classes	60%
Before the end of the 7 th week of classes	50%
Before the end of the 8 th week of classes	40%
Before the end of the 9 th week of classes	40%

*The week for academic fee adjustments begins with the 1st day of classes scheduled for the term.

Academic Fee Adjustments for all other Students Who Withdraw

Students, other than first time freshmen, who withdraw from the University will be eligible for academic fee adjustments listed below.

<i>Date of Withdrawal*</i>	<i>Percentage of Adjustment</i>
Before the end of the 1 st week of classes	100%
Before the end of the 2 nd week of classes	75%
Before the end of the 3 rd week of classes	50%
Before the end of the 4 th week of classes	25%

*The week for academic fee adjustments begins with the 1st day of classes scheduled for the term.

NOTICE: Adjustments to tuition and fees are calculated from the date of official withdrawal or reduction of course load. Students must complete the appropriate forms for either reduction in course load or withdrawal. Both of these processes are initiated in the Office of Records and Registration, 126 Tillman.

Housing and Meal Adjustments are determined in the Residence Life Office. A schedule of adjustments is available to students in the Residence Life Office, 233 Dinkins.

IMPORTANT: Students Receiving Title IV Federal Financial Aid

Students who receive funds from the Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Direct or PLUS Loans and withdraw from the University are subject to the Return of Title IV Funds regulations.

Simply stated, students with funds from any of these programs “earn” their financial aid dollars while enrolled. If a student withdraws prior to completing 60% of a term, a prorated portion of the federal financial aid dollars must be considered “unearned” and returned to the federal programs. Unearned financial aid dollars which have to be returned to the federal aid programs could cause students to owe the University a significant amount upon withdrawal.

In addition to the amount of federal aid that Winthrop must return, students who received financial aid for other educational costs, including off-campus living expenses, may be required to repay a portion of those funds to the federal programs. Failure to return aid due back to the federal aid programs will result in loss of eligibility for federal financial aid assistance.

Federal aid funds to be returned are distributed to the programs in the following order:

- Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan
- Subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal SEOG
- Other Title IV programs

Treatment of State, Institutional, and Outside Grants and Scholarships for Student Withdrawal

Students will be allowed to retain the same percentage of state and institutional scholarships and grants as the percentage of academic fees charged to them. Funds from outside sources will be treated in accordance with program guidelines from the agency providing the award.

Refunds Due to Student Withdrawal

Any credit balance which may occur due to withdrawal will be processed and returned to the student after the required amounts of financial aid have been returned to the financial assistance programs. When forms required for reduction of course load or complete withdrawal are filed in a timely manner, it is anticipated that this process would be completed in 14 days from the date these forms are submitted.

Additional Information

For additional information on the following topics related to fee adjustments, please contact the following offices.

Registration for courses	126 Tillman	323-2194
Financial aid programs	119 Tillman	323-2189
Tuition, fee adjustment	19 Tillman	323-2165
Housing and meal adjustment	233 Dinkins	323-2223

Repayment

Repayment refers to the amount of any cash disbursement made to the student that the student must repay to the University after the student has withdrawn.

Any student who owes a repayment will be billed by the Controller’s Office. Students who are unable to fulfill their financial obligations may contact the Controller’s Office to arrange a satisfactory payment agreement. Any student who fails to meet the terms of the agreement will have a “financial hold” placed on their academic record which prohibits receiving a diploma, obtaining grades or a transcript, or registering for subsequent courses at Winthrop

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University. These students may also be subject to collection agency referral.

Federal regulations dictate refund/repayment policies for recipients of Federal Title IV Funds. Financial aid recipients are encouraged to request additional information and examples of the refund calculation from the Office of Financial Aid.

Past Due Indebtedness

Students are expected to keep their accounts current with the University. Any student with past due indebtedness is not allowed to obtain grades, a transcript, or a diploma, or to enroll for any subsequent semester or summer term. The University reserves the right to cancel the enrollment of a student with past due indebtedness; the cancellation of enrollment, however, does not relieve the student of the incurred debt.

Under the provisions of Sections 12-54-410 through 12-54-500 and 12-53-20 of the SC Code of Laws, the South Carolina Tax Commission is authorized to seize refunds otherwise due to taxpayers who have delinquent debts to Winthrop.

In the event an account becomes delinquent, the University reserves the right to assign the account to the credit bureau and/or a collection agency, at which time the student will be responsible for all associated collection costs.

Returned Check Policy

A personal check (or an electronic payment) given in payment of University expenses, which is subsequently returned by the bank unpaid, immediately creates an indebtedness to the University.

Once the Cashier's Office has been notified by the bank of a returned check, a letter is sent to the issuer of the check. The issuer of the check will have ten (10) days from the date of this letter to redeem the check by paying the full amount of the check, plus a returned check penalty equal to the maximum amount permitted by law (SC Code of Laws, section 34-11-70). Payment of a dishonored check must be made by cash, cashier's check, money order, or American Express, Mastercard, or Discover credit cards.

If a returned check remains unpaid, collection efforts will be followed as allowed by the Code of Laws of South Carolina sections 34-11-70.

A student with a total of three returned checks will be placed on the "Cash Only" basis for the remainder of his/her enrollment.

Classification as a South Carolina Resident for Fee Purposes

Winthrop University is required under guidelines enacted by the South Carolina Legislature to determine the residence classification of students for purposes of fees and tuition.

South Carolina's law providing for lower tuition and fees for legal residents of the state defines domicile as "... a person's true, fixed, principal residence and place of habitation. It shall indicate the place where such person intends to remain, and to which such person expects to return upon leaving without establishing a new domicile in another state."—South Carolina Code 59-112 to 59-112-100(1976). The law applies to a student's own legal residence if the student is independent of his/her parent, guardian or spouse. If the student is claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes and/or receives more than half of his/her support from a parent, guardian, or spouse, the law applies to the legal residence of the person who provides the principal support.

The initial determination of one's residence is made at the time of admission by the director of admissions for undergraduate students and by the registrar for graduate students. No other university personnel are authorized to provide information on residency requirements for tuition purposes. The registrar makes determination of residency after a student's initial enrollment. If the residence of a person is in question, the burden of proof resides with the person applying for a change of resident classification. Such person must submit required evidence to document the change to resident status. The completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted by the last day of registration for the semester. Applications received after this date will be considered for the next semester.

Students who wish to appeal a residency decision may submit a request to the dean of enrollment management who is the university's appellate official. Neither the primary residency officials nor the appellate official may waive the provisions of the Statute governing residency for tuition and fee purposes.

Except in cases of institutional error, persons classified incorrectly as residents are subject to reclassification as a nonresident and to payment of all nonresident fees not paid. If incorrect classification from institutional errors occurs, the student will be subjected to reclassification beginning the next academic session. The violator may also be subject to administrative, civil, and financial penalties. Until these charges are paid, such persons will not be allowed to receive transcripts from a South Carolina institution.

Applicants for undergraduate admission should direct questions to: Office of Admissions, Joynes Hall, 803-323-2191 or 800-763-0230. Applicants for graduate admission and continuing students should direct questions to: Records and Registration, 126 Tillman Hall, 803-323-2194. Complete information on South Carolina residency can be found on the following website: www.winthrop.edu/admissions/scresidency/default/htm.