

University Overview

Institutional Focus

Nationally recognized for its quality and value, Winthrop is a learning community that embodies the characteristics essential to being one of the best universities of its kind: a carefully selected student body of high academic achievement and cultural diversity; a national caliber curriculum of the arts, sciences and professions; a residential educational experience emphasizing personal identity and close relationships; and values that emphasize critical thinking, quality teaching and engaged public service. Winthrop students have the opportunity to develop their individual talents to become leaders in their professions and communities through a variety of highly personalized, engaging and progressively developmental academic and co-curricular programs predicated on national standards of excellence.

History

Winthrop's 137-year history dates to 1886, when 21 students gathered in a borrowed one-room building in Columbia, S.C. David Bancroft Johnson, a dedicated and gifted superintendent of schools, headed up the fledgling institution, whose mission was the education of teachers. Winthrop has changed dramatically since moving to its permanent Rock Hill home in 1895, growing from a single classroom to a comprehensive university of distinction. Winthrop's historic campus is a setting of exceptional beauty, as is its recreational area known as The Farm. Today, some 5,000 students take courses in arts and sciences, education, business administration and visual and performing arts, all of which are supported by University College.

Academic Programs

Winthrop is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Bachelor's, Master's and specialist degrees. A total of 44 undergraduate and 24 graduate degree programs are available in the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the Richard W. Riley College of Education, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts. An engaging liberal arts core provides the foundation for all degree programs. Additionally, the university is one of the few in the region that has achieved 100 percent national, specialized accreditation in all eligible programs.

Faculty

Winthrop's selective faculty recruitment process ensures that students learn from an outstanding faculty known for its focus on learning and student engagement. All classes are taught by faculty, and classroom instruction is further enriched by the expertise of distinguished visiting scholars, artists, and practitioners.

Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs consists of six departments* that comprise more than 30 discrete functional areas whose mission is to provide an engaging, inclusive student-centered experience through intentional learning opportunities, purposeful programs, and nurturing relationships to transform student lives at Winthrop and beyond. The primary responsibility of the members of the Division of Student Affairs is to provide developmental programs and support services which lead to student persistence and maximize student success.

Four residence halls and the apartment-style Roddey Apartments and The Courtyard at Winthrop provide a variety of living arrangements on campus. The vibrant residence life program provides a supportive environment where students live, learn, and have fun together. Further opportunities for service, involvement, and leadership are available through more than 100+ student organizations and an energetic array of intramural and club sports. The DiGiorgio Student Union programming board has earned national acclaim for its programming efforts. The Winthrop Eagles are championship caliber and compete in NCAA Division I. Scholar-athletes at Winthrop compete in men's and women's basketball, golf, track and field, Esports, cross-country, and soccer; women's softball and volleyball; and men's baseball and women's lacrosse.

Alumni

The Winthrop Alumni Association is a worldwide network of more than 60,000 alumni that offers many benefits and services without charging an annual membership fee. Once you are a Winthrop graduate, there are numerous ways to stay connected to Winthrop and your fellow alumni!

Campus

Located about 30 minutes from Charlotte, N.C. is Winthrop's tree-lined campus, which encompasses a rich architectural blend of neo-Georgian buildings and is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Behind its stately facade is a community of learners who engage in their educational pursuits in spacious academic facilities, enhanced with SMART technology, and in laboratories and performance venues suitably equipped for rising professionals. Approximately one half of Winthrop's students live on campus, only a short walk from classrooms, dining locations, art galleries, Dacus Library, DiGiorgio Campus Center and the Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center. A large, attractive recreational area is located about a mile away and surrounds Winthrop Lake. It includes a 6,000-seat coliseum, a 1,800-seat ballpark, softball, tracksoccer and tennis complexes, a 9-hole golf course, an 18-hole, internationally recognized, disc golf course, and numerous recreational athletic fields.

Alma Mater

The Chapel holds our history, Each new day Tillman rings,
Your halls are rich with memories, To which we'll always cling.
A part of each one here remains, As a part of you we claim,
Alma Mater, may your name be grand, Winthrop ever stand.

The friends we've made, the memories, Will last a lifetime long,
We soar to reach the goals, We've set as Eagles bold and strong.
May others see our loyalty, Ever honored you will be,
Alma Mater, may your name be grand, Winthrop ever stand.

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