



ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

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**EXCELLENCE,
RESPONSIBILITY,
AND INTEGRITY IN A
CHALLENGING ACADEMIC
ENVIRONMENT.**

Winthrop University's Academic Success Center focuses on helping students achieve academic excellence and earn their college degree. The ASC is designed to improve academic performance and foster meaningful learning experiences for students.

**FOR MORE INFO
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Mission

The mission of the Academic Success Center at Winthrop University is to support the academic pursuits of undergraduate students as they persist to graduation and beyond. The Academic Success Center serves students through a variety of personalized and structured experiences and resources that help them succeed academically.

Services

- Individual and group tutoring for many general education courses;
- Academic coaching and skill development;
- Personal assistance with academic questions or concerns;
- Specialized services for students on academic probation;
- Development of academic action plans and success contracts;
- Individual and group study spaces;
- Referrals to other university support services.

The ASC empowers students to be more efficient and effective learners. The Center environment is respectful, nurturing, and challenging. Students are expected to take an active role in their learning.

The ASC provides services to all undergraduate students free of charge. Students have access to intensive advising and a wealth of other academic services. Walk-ins and scheduled appointments are welcome.

The Center collaborates with each of the academic colleges and other support programs on campus to promote success of undergraduates.

Referrals

Faculty, staff, and students can make referrals to the ASC by calling or emailing the center at success@winthrop.edu.

For more information, please visit the ASC website: www.winthrop.edu/success

Tutoring

Peer tutors are hired by the ASC each semester to assist students with many general education courses, as well as learning strategies and time management. Students meet with their tutor throughout the semester during weekly appointments. All tutors are recommended by faculty and complete a College Reading & Learning Association certified training program.

Coaching

The ASC provides Academic Coaching for students who need assistance with building skills that are necessary for academic success. Students struggling with time management, study skills, or test taking can make an appointment with our academic coach.

Workshops

The ASC offers workshops by request on topics including study strategies, time management, note taking, and more. Workshops can be facilitated for classes, residence halls, or organizations. Faculty and students can request workshops by contacting the ASC.

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Success Checklist

- **Understand the choices you make affect your future.**
Your academic progress can be affected by dropping classes, not attending classes, and/or changing majors.
- **Attend your classes.**
This is probably the most important key to academic success. Make sure you attend each and every class because it matters! Get your money's worth by being prompt and prepared.
- **Keep up with each class.**
Cramming does not work—so, don't wait until the last minute to study or complete an assignment. A little studying now saves you from a lot of studying later.
- **Do your reading and homework assignments.**
There is a reason they were assigned. Take notes as you read.
- **Know the syllabus.**
Know how your grade is structured in class and when your assignments are due. Know the attendance policy and your grade at any point in time.
- **Keep track of deadlines and policies.**
Keep up with the deadlines for Winthrop. Know the add/drop and withdrawal dates. Read the Undergraduate Catalog for policies that affect your academics.
- **Know the requirements of your degree.**
Have a copy of your major's degree checklist and use it to register for the classes that would benefit you. Keep in close contact with your academic adviser for assistance with questions or concerns.
- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.**
Talk to your instructor or get help from the Academic Success Center immediately. If you have a question, most likely your classmates do as well.
- **Talk with your professors outside of class.**
Take advantage of your professors' office hours to discuss your concerns and ask for help.
- **Use your Winthrop planner.**
Put all assignments and deadlines where you will see them. Then, schedule your study time.
- **Create a healthy learning environment.**
Make sure your living situation, friends, and sleep schedule all contribute to your success. Make sure to get the recommended hours of sleep and exercise on a regular basis.
- **Learn to calculate your GPA**
The GPA calculator is found on DegreeWorks.
- **Read your Winthrop.edu email daily.**
Important correspondence will come to you through your Winthrop.edu email, so check it every day.
- **Take advantage of resources on campus.**
There are many free resources like the Writing Center, CBA Resource Room, and Math Tutorial Center available to you. Use them.
- **Know the requirements for retaining your financial aid and scholarships.**
Visit the Financial Aid office in Sykes House, 638 Oakland Avenue.
- **Set realistic goals and write them down.**
Goals should be specific, achievable, and precise so that you can measure achievement.
- **Study regularly.**
Don't wait until the assignment is due or the test is coming up. Schedule regular study times and make studying part of your routine. Utilize The Study Cycle.