



WINTHROP

UNIVERSITY

Mission Statement

Winthrop University provides personalized and challenging undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education programs of national caliber within a context dedicated to public service to the nation and to the State of South Carolina. Winthrop's longtime commitment to be among the very best institutions of its kind in the nation continually guides the mission of the university.

Building on its 19th century origins as a distinctive women's college, the Winthrop University of the 21st century is achieving national stature as a competitive and distinctive, co-educational, public, residential comprehensive, values-oriented institution. The values of service, excellence, diversity, community, and leadership provide the foundation for Winthrop's continuing development and shape Winthrop's continuing success.

Winthrop enrolls an achievement-oriented, culturally diverse and socially responsible student body between 6,500 and 7,000 students. The University recruits South Carolina's most able students as well as highly qualified students from beyond the state whose presence adds diversity and enrichment to the campus and the state. Winthrop prides itself on being an institution of choice for groups traditionally under-represented on many college campuses.

Winthrop is located in a traditional setting of exceptional beauty, and provides a contemporary, collaborative, and supportive environment that fosters engaged student learning and development. Winthrop has a diverse and able faculty and professional staff of national caliber and supports their work as effective teachers, scholars, researchers, practitioners, and creative artists. Through this talented group, Winthrop students acquire and develop knowledge, skills, capabilities and values that enrich their lives and prepare them to meet the needs and challenges of the contemporary world, including the ability to communicate effectively, appreciate diversity, work collaboratively, synthesize knowledge, solve complex problems and adapt to change. Ongoing assessment of programs and services ensures both that all academic programs challenge students at their highest level of ability and that the library, instructional technology and other academic service areas support courses of study that are consonant with best practices. As a result, Winthrop graduates are eminently well prepared to enter the most competitive graduate or professional schools as well as to be leaders in their chosen professions and in their communities.

Core Values

Service...we serve our future by preparing tomorrow's leaders, and we serve our country by delivering on its investment in higher education.

Excellence...we embrace only those programs and activities we can deliver at an exemplary level.

Learn more...Accreditation, NSSE, Undergraduate Research, Awards and Accolades

Diversity...we recognize that diversity gives meaning to our sense of community, enhances creativity, teaches flexibility, and builds strength from difference.

Community...we share the commitment of leaving Winthrop and the surrounding area better places for our having been here.

Leadership...we respond to change, act in good faith, and make wise decisions.

General Conduct Policy

Ethical Principles for South Carolina State Government Service: Serving the public as an employee of South Carolina State Government requires an appreciation for and dedication to the basic principles of integrity, honesty, respect for others, fairness, and accountability. These principles are fundamental in providing good government and advancing the public interest and are central to and implicit in any personal, professional, or agency code of ethical conduct. Because protecting the public trust and strengthening public confidence in Government requires the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, State employees have an obligation to apply these ethical principles in their individual job duties and responsibilities.

Integrity: State employees should adhere to a personal code of conduct which supports the moral values necessary for good Government and advances the purpose and mission of the State, their profession and their agency.

Honesty: State employees should be truthful and sincere in all their interactions with the public and with each other. They should avoid even the appearance of wrongdoing and should confront and challenge unethical behavior.

Respect for Others: State employees should discharge their duties with care, compassion, and concern for the well-being of all those they serve. They should recognize the inherent worth and dignity of all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, social or economic status.

Fairness: State employees should make decisions in a fair, objective and impartial manner.

Accountability: State employees should take responsibility for their own actions and personal decisions and protect the public trust by upholding the constitutions and laws of the United States of America and the State of South Carolina.