



INTERNATIONAL CENTER PRIVACY STATEMENT

Overview

The International Center is the home away from home for our international students, scholars and guests. We also assist Winthrop students in finding meaningful programs of study and service learning outside of the country through year-long, semester, and summer programs, as well as short-term faculty-led study abroad programs. Through internationally oriented programs we broaden the horizons of both Winthrop University and the Rock Hill community.

What information do we collect?

Information collected:

- Information and data points as required by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State related to the hosting of international students and scholars
- Information necessary for Winthrop students to study abroad for semester, short-term, and other international opportunities
- Information collected may include (but is not limited to) name, address, country of origin, contact information, etc.

How do we use your information?

The information collected that relates to international students, scholars, and employees is used to report required information to the U.S. government as required by federal law and guidelines.

Information related to study abroad is used to support study abroad experiences for Winthrop students.

Information collected is also used in support of all Winthrop students' academic success.

How do we protect your information?

Student data is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). With few exceptions, the University cannot disclose any non-directory student information to anyone other than the student unless the student has given specific written consent.

In the case of international students, faculty and scholars, the Center's protection of data will be governed by applicable federal, state, local laws, and regulations.

Can information be corrected?

Our Office works closely with all students regarding appropriate data entries. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the validity of your data, please contact the Center as soon as possible.

Information shared with outside parties

Information may be shared with select third parties who assist us in providing services related to Winthrop student and faculty/staff as relates to (1) required reporting by the federal government along with (2) study abroad programs and support.

Third party links

Occasionally, at our discretion, we may include links to third party sites on our website. Please be aware that we have no control, responsibility, or liability for the content and activities of these linked sites. These third party sites have separate and independent privacy statements and we encourage our users to be informed and aware and to read the privacy statements of any other site that collects your personal information. However, we continually seek to protect the integrity of our site and welcome any comments for improvements, including any links to third party sites.

Compliance with the other jurisdictional privacy regulations

Other states or countries may have privacy regulations which serve to protect their citizens. For example, the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union (EU) legal framework for data privacy and security of personal data for individuals within the EU. The GDPR sets forth obligations for organizations that collect, use, share, and store personal data of constituents who reside in the European Union.

Students, or potential students have created a contractual need with Winthrop University to collect and retain certain data at the time of submitting an application for enrollment. Personal information is required by the University as an essential part of the academic process and must be retained per legal requirements.

For non-students, Winthrop University is committed to securing the appropriate consent (opt-in) in the collection and processing of personal data. If you have any questions, or objections to the collection, use and retention of your personal data, on legitimate grounds, Winthrop University shall consider all requirements of notice, choice, transfer, security, data integrity, and access. Please direct any questions you may have concerning Winthrop University's obligations and compliance with GDPR to privacy@winthrop.edu.

How long do we keep your information?

Personal data will be retained in the Center in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and accreditation guidelines, as well as University policies. Personal data will be destroyed when no longer required by the government or for University services and programs, upon request or after the expiration of any applicable retention period, whichever is later. GDPR, or other jurisdiction privacy regulations, do not supersede legal requirements that the International Center maintain certain data.

Your Consent

By requesting admission to and/or enrolling in Winthrop University you have created a contractual need that requires the sharing of required personal information. Your consent was established at the time of your application submission.

Additionally, by submitting an application to study abroad through Winthrop University for any study abroad program, you have created a contractual need that requires the sharing of required personal information. Your consent was established at the time of application submission.

Changes to this Privacy Statement and University Policy.

Any changes to this policy will be posted to this website and the date noted at the bottom. Winthrop University policies, including our [University Privacy Policy](#), may be found in the Winthrop University [Policy Repository](#).

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Contact Information:

If you have any questions regarding this statement please contact:

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