

Winthrop University is committed to educating students for personal and social responsibility. To that end, we have adopted the Core Commitments developed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities that emphasize five dimensions of personal and social responsibility:

- 1. Striving for excellence:** developing a strong work ethic and consciously doing one's very best in all aspects of college;
- 2. Cultivating personal and academic integrity:** recognizing and acting on a sense of honor, ranging from honesty in relationships to principled engagement with a formal academic honor code;
- 3. Contributing to a larger community:** recognizing and acting on one's responsibility to the educational community and the wider society, locally, nationally, and globally;
- 4. Taking seriously the perspectives of others:** recognizing and acting on the obligation to inform one's own judgment; engaging diverse and competing perspectives as a resource for learning, citizenship, and work;
- 5. Developing competence in ethical and moral reasoning:** developing ethical and moral reasoning in ways that incorporate the other four responsibilities; using such reasoning in learning and in life.