



## A Guide to Wingate University

*All universities have their own internal language and unique terms, and Wingate University is no different. Below you'll find a quick guide to useful information and key terms.*

**Academic Advising** - The name of your academic advisor can be found at the bottom of your class schedule in WinLINK when using the “text” view. This person will help you decide on your educational and career goals and guide you to the courses you’ll need to reach them. Academic Advising staff members are available to assist you with any questions or concerns until your academic advisor is assigned in August. Learn more on the Academic Advising page of the [wingate.edu](http://wingate.edu) website.

**Academic Calendar** - The academic calendar helps you to stay on track for important dates for classes, exam schedules, holidays and more during your time at Wingate. You can find the Academic Calendar and more by visiting, <https://www.wingate.edu/academics/the-registrar>

**Academic Resource Center** - Located on the second floor of the Ethel K. Smith Library, the ARC offers free peer tutoring, study buddies, supplemental instruction (SI) and even a writing center. Don’t hesitate to use all of these services. Our data shows that if you consistently show up for tutoring and SI, you can improve your grades. Did we mention it’s ALL FREE? Sign up at [www.wingate.go-redrock.com!](http://www.wingate.go-redrock.com)

**Alarms** - You may hear sirens in the case of an emergency on campus. The Emergency Weather Tone, a rise-and-fall tone, is activated for a tornado or other weather related warning. The Emergency Incident Tone, which indicates imminent danger, is a solid, consistent tone and signifies an immediate lockdown. Messages regarding emergencies will also go out via email, text, phone calls and announcements on social media and the Wingate website. Read the complete Crisis Management Response plan on the Campus Safety page of the website. See also Emergencies.

**Alcohol** - Local, state, and federal laws regarding the use, possession, and distribution of alcohol apply. Any use of alcohol that adversely affects your health or leads to inappropriate, disorderly, disruptive, disrespectful, or unsafe behavior is prohibited, as is public consumption.

**Assault** - Since you have taken Wingate's Sexual Assault Prevention course, you've already been briefed about healthy relationships, the importance of consent, and the role of bystander intervention. If you experience or witness an assault, sexual or otherwise, report it immediately to Campus Safety at 704-233-8999. Counseling is available by emailing [counseling@wingate.edu](mailto:counseling@wingate.edu). For more information about assault and Title IX, refer to [www.wingate.edu/title-ix](http://www.wingate.edu/title-ix).

**Athletics** - Wingate's athletes compete in 23 NCAA Division II sports. We have won the South Atlantic Conference Echols Athletic Excellence Award for the past 13 years. More than one in five Wingate undergraduates are athletes. Check out the [wingatebulldogs.com](http://wingatebulldogs.com) page for more, and don't forget that you can attend games free of charge with your Wingate ID.

**Billing** - The Business Office, located on the second floor of the Stegall Building, will help you with financial matters related to tuition, room and board, and other costs. To check your billing statement, go to the WinLINK portal and click Finances and Statement. You'll see your current statement and be able to make an online payment or enroll in a monthly payment plan. For details, call 704-233-8212.

**Bulldog Central** - While it is still being developed, eventually, Bulldog Central will serve as a self-service hub for information, important reminders, and initiating activities such as making an appointment with your advisor or another member of your dedicated success team and simplifying your engagement with administrative offices that are commonly required each semester. It is expected to be available to everyone starting in the Fall 2021 semester at [wingate.edu/bulldogcentral](http://wingate.edu/bulldogcentral).

**Campus Recreation** - Unleash an Active Lifestyle! is the mantra of Campus Recreation. Use your ID card to access the McGee Center which includes a running track, weight and cardio equipment, racquetball and basketball courts, fitness classes and more. Intramurals and club sports are also available. For more information go to [campusrec.wingate.edu](http://campusrec.wingate.edu)

**Canvas** - A learning management tool that many of your professors will use to deliver course content and materials. You'll find your class syllabus, take quizzes and tests, and keep track of course grades in Canvas.

**Career Development** - You can take a self-assessment to explore career options or get help finding the right internship, grad school, or job at Career Development. Email [careerhelp@wingate.edu](mailto:careerhelp@wingate.edu) for details.

**Clubs** - See Registered Student Organizations

**Computer Trouble** - See Information Technology Services.

**Core Curriculum** - Based on a traditional liberal arts education, Wingate's General Education program, called the Core Curriculum, focuses on helping you think critically, communicate clearly and solve complex problems. You will take a wide variety of arts and sciences courses which will help you develop these transferable professional skills needed for all career paths.

**Corq App** - Your guide to getting out and getting involved at Wingate. Download the app to find events, Lyceums, club meetings and other happenings on campus. This is an easy place to go to RSVP for Lyceum events (which are required, see Lyceums).

**Counseling** - The Office of Counseling Services, located in the Holbrook Building, provides confidential, free, short-term mental health counseling to help you with a range of issues, including homesickness, abuse, anxiety, conflict management, depression, grief, stress and trauma. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, Monday-Friday. Make an appointment by emailing [counseling@wingate.edu](mailto:counseling@wingate.edu)

**Dining** - See Wingate Eats

If you live on campus, your meal plan is included in your room-and-board fee. Commuters may buy a plan online or at the register in the Food Hall. Eateries include the W.T. Harris Dining Hall; the Klondike food court; Einsteins Bros. Bagels inside the Ethel K. Smith Library; Starbucks in the Dickson-Palmer Building; and Pizza Hut on Main Street. To learn more, click on Dining under the Around Campus tab on the website homepage.

**Disability Support Services** - Disability Support Services works with students on a case-by-case basis, determining reasonable accommodations. When appropriate, DSS can make accommodations related to classes, housing and other areas affecting the student's Wingate experience. If you need assistance, fill out the appropriate forms on the Disability Support Services link on Mygate ([wingate.edu/mygate](http://wingate.edu/mygate)). Call 704-233-8271 or email [access@wingate.edu](mailto:access@wingate.edu) for more information.

**Drugs** - Using, possessing, distributing, selling, manufacturing or transferring illegal drugs is prohibited on Wingate's campus. This includes prescription drugs that are not prescribed to you. Possession of unlawful paraphernalia associated with any illegal or controlled substance is also prohibited.

**Emergencies** - Stuff happens. When that "stuff" involves blood loss, unconsciousness, smoke and flames or anything else that should involve a trained professional, call 911. If there's an emergency on campus that requires action on your part, we'll notify you by text, email and phone call IF we have your correct contact information. You can keep this updated via the Emergency Notification System link on MyGate. It's also a good idea to add the Campus Safety number - 704-233-8999 - to your phone. See also Alarms.

**Faith** - Wingate is a place where students are encouraged to grow in their understanding and application of our motto: faith, knowledge, service. Our Campus Minister can be reached at 704-233-8026. Links to more than a half-dozen faith-based student organizations that are active on campus can be found on the University website under the Around Campus tab.

**Family Weekend** - Held in the fall (this year's event is Sept. 11-12), Family Weekend is a special opportunity for you to introduce the family who raised you to your newfound family on Wingate's campus. Check out the University website for a list of events and go ahead and get the date on your calendar.

**FERPA** - Does mom want to check-in on your grades? That's a no from us, unless you say it's OK. FERPA, or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, relates to your rights concerning educational records and information. FERPA gives you the right to inspect and review your records, including grade transcripts and other academic records. If you wish to share them with anyone, including your family, you must complete the Student Waiver of FERPA Rights accessible on the Registrar's page found under the Academics tab of the website.

**Financial Aid** - To apply for financial aid, you must complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) each year. Wingate's school code is 002985, and the application is available Oct. 1. You can review your current financial aid status online through your Net Partner account at [aid.wingate.edu](http://aid.wingate.edu). Be sure to pay attention to any missing requirements by selecting the "Financial Aid Requirements" option from the top left menu. Email [finaid@wingate.edu](mailto:finaid@wingate.edu) if you have questions.

**Fitness Center** - See Campus Recreation

**Grades** - Professors use a variety of tools to keep track of individual grades. Students should track this information for each class. Grades are officially posted twice a semester in WinLINK -- Midterms and final grades.

**Guests** - You can have a visitor stay in your room or apartment for a maximum of three nights in a two-week period. Your roommate must approve if you're having an overnight guest - remember it is a shared space! Guests must abide by all University regulations, and you are responsible for the conduct of your guests. Be sure to talk to your roommate about your guests.

**Guns** - Don't bring one of any kind. See Weapons.

**Health Center** - If you are sick or injured or need an allergy shot, immunization or sports physical, go to the Health Center in the Holbrook Building, but schedule an appointment first through the WU Health portal, accessible via MyGate under the Current Students tab. Click on Health Center. Bring your insurance card and your ID with you to each visit. The Health Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-ins may be worked in. For details, call 704-233-8102.

**HIPAA** -Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. These are the regulations that ensure that your health information cannot be released to anyone without your written consent.

**Homecoming** - A celebration of all things Wingate, Homecoming happens in the fall (this year, it is Oct. 2) and kicks off with a Blue Carpet Gala to recognize Sports Hall of Fame inductees and Alumni Award winners. That Saturday brings music, tailgating and more. And the weekend wraps up with football and fireworks.

**Honor Code** - You are asked to sign the following pledge on all tests and work submitted: "I pledge on my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this work, and I am unaware of any violation of the Honor Code by others." The Wingate Honor Code encompasses community standards and ethical decision-making as well as plagiarism and cheating.

**Illegal Substances** - See Drugs.

**Information Technology Services** - ITS offers a Help Desk on the first floor of the Ethel K. Smith Library. Stop in or email [helpdesk@wingate.edu](mailto:helpdesk@wingate.edu). You can also call 704-233-8333.

**Intramural Sports** - See Campus Recreation

**Involvement** - Research on college student success indicates it only takes ONE significant mentor relationship or campus involvement opportunity to positively impact your experience. If you are looking for ways to become more involved at Wingate University, this is the first step toward making university life a truly memorable experience. Join an RSO, a Greek Organization, go to StreetFair, conduct research with a professor, apply for a work study position, cheer on our Bulldogs in Cuddy, just get out and experience life as a Bulldog!

**Knowledge** - The second element of Wingate's motto: Faith, Knowledge, Service. The idea is that, inspired by your faith, you will use the knowledge you are gaining to serve others.

**Library** - The Ethel K. Smith Library is an ideal place to study and get research assistance. In addition to its extensive collection of materials, EKS offers group study spaces, individual study rooms, and study carrels. Learn more at [library.wingate.edu](http://library.wingate.edu).

**Lyceums** - To graduate, you must attend 24 Lyceums - eight electives and four in each of these categories: Academic Lectures, Faith & Character Development, Fine Arts Presentations & Performances, and Personal & Professional Growth. You'll receive an email notice each week detailing event dates, times, locations and dress codes. Transfer students are required to attend fewer events, depending on how many credits they transfer in.

**Mail** - See PawPrint.

**Majors** - Wingate offers 35 majors. For a full list, see the Academics page of the website. Also see Academic Advising in this glossary.

**Meal Plans** - See Dining.

**Mental Health** - See Counseling or Disability Support Services.

**Motto** - "Faith, Knowledge, Service" is Wingate's University's motto.

**MyGate** - Accessible via a link at the top of the wingate.edu homepage, this navigation tool will get you to all kinds of helpful resources.

**One Day, One Dog** - Held each year in April, this is a day dedicated to giving, serving and celebrating. You won't have classes, so you can spend time helping the community via one of a couple dozen volunteer projects. You'll serve alongside faculty and staff and get to celebrate as alumni and supporters pledge their financial gifts to keep the University going strong. This year's event is set for April 7.

**Orientation** - Programs and processes to help you successfully transition to university life. At Wingate, orientation begins about six months before you enroll and continues through your first semester. We provide support for you through a communication center staffed by peer orientation leaders and the Dean of General Education, faculty and staff advisers, live information sessions, guided campus tours, and an online course.

**Parking** - All vehicles must be registered each year with parking decals displayed in the left corner of the rear window. To avoid fines, park only in spaces that are clearly marked in properly designated lots: R for Residential, C for Commuter, and FS for Faculty and Staff. If your decal is damaged or lost, visit Campus Safety to request another. Parking violations may be appealed to the University Honor Council. Visit the Office of Community Standards WUSync page to complete an appeal form.

**Partnership Portal** - See Service or log onto [wingate.galaxydigital.com](http://wingate.galaxydigital.com).

**PawPrint** - Located on the northwest corner of Wilson and Main streets, PawPrint serves as the University's mailroom and printing facility. It is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You'll receive an email notification when a letter or package arrives for you, and you are asked to wait an hour before picking it up. Have your friends and family send those goodies to Your Name, 102 W. Wilson St., Campus Box XXXX, Wingate, NC 28174. Email [PawPrint@wingate.edu](mailto:PawPrint@wingate.edu) if you have questions.

**Quiet Hours** - As a courtesy to those you live with, you should be mindful of the noise you are creating during all hours. Designated quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. on weekdays and 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. on weekends. Residence halls should be quiet at all hours beginning the day before Final Exams.

**Recreation** - See Campus Recreation

**Registered Student Organizations** - Check out the WUSync platform under the Around Campus tab on the website by clicking Organizations to learn about the variety of clubs on campus. Or, gather a group of like-minded friends, find a sponsor and start your own!

**Room Changes** - If you and your roommate are not a great match and you need help working out issues, talk with your resident assistant to set up a mediation. If it's still not working after the mediation, seek guidance from your residence director or area coordinator.

**Safety** - The Office of Campus Safety is available 24/7 and can be reached at 704-233-8999. Call for an escort to your vehicle or room, if you have car trouble or in any emergency situation. Blue-light help phones are located throughout campus and provide a direct link to an emergency dispatcher. You can read the complete Crisis Management Response plan on the Campus Safety page of the Wingate website.

**Service** - The final element of the University's motto, service is something we hope you'll embrace as a lifestyle. You'll have opportunities to serve through student organizations, One Day, One Dog, Gateway classes, etc. To find volunteer opportunities click on Serve at the top of the University website to visit the Partnership Portal and sign up. You can track your service for your entire Wingate career and print out a service resume at any point.

**Sexual Assault** - Don't do it. See Assault.

**Smoking** - Don't do it. See Tobacco.

**Sports** - See Athletics.

**Student Handbook** - This resource, available under the Helpful Resources section of the MyGate website, outlines policies and expectations for your behavior and explains the Community Standards process as well as potential sanctions for violations.

**Study Abroad** - Wingate sent 335 participants to 13 different countries during the 2019-2020 academic year. In addition to W'International, you could study abroad for a semester or for a summer. Find out more at the International Programs tab under Academics on the Wingate website.

**Student Success** - A one-stop shop for support. Helping you succeed is our first priority, so if you are not sure what to do or where to go, Student Success can help, regardless of your situation. If employees there do not have an immediate answer, they will find the best office to assist you. Simply email [studentsuccess@wingate.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@wingate.edu) or call 704-233-8036.

**Syllabus** - Every college course has a syllabus, which details what the course is about, how to contact the professor, expectations, course requirements including textbooks and readings, course assignments and due dates, and attendance policies. Every syllabus is different, so it is very important to read these carefully and refer to them often.

**Textbooks** - Yes, you'll need them. In fact, students who try to get by without them often set themselves up to fail. Wingate's bookstore is online. Go to MyGate, click on Order Textbooks Online and log in to view course materials.

**Title IX** - This portion of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 is a federal law that states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." If you have Title IX questions, complaints or concerns, the Title IX website, accessible from a link at the bottom of the website homepage, is full of helpful resources.

**Tobacco** - Wingate is a tobacco-free campus, so you can't smoke or chew tobacco. Vaping (e-juice, mods, Juuling, etc.) is prohibited inside. You can vape outside, but not within 20 feet of campus buildings.

**Tutoring** - See Academic Resource Center.

**Vaping** - See Tobacco.

**Vehicles** - See Parking.

**Veterans' Benefits** - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers a number of programs to help with tuition. If you think you might qualify, click on the education tab at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) to learn more. You can also call 704-233-8005.

**Visitors** - See Guests.

**Weapons** - Weapons and firearms, including paintball, airsoft and BB guns and large hunting knives, are not allowed on campus at any time.

**Welcome Week** - Welcome Week starts a few days before classes begin and runs through the following week. Students enjoy Wingate traditions, Convocation, social events, educational speakers, entertainers and more!

**Wingate Eats** - If you live on campus, your meal plan is included in your room-and-board fee. Commuters may buy a plan online or at the register in the Food Hall. Eateries include the W.T. Harris Dining Hall; the Klondike food court; Einsteins Bros. Bagels inside the Ethel K. Smith Library; Starbucks in the Dickson-Palmer Building; and Pizza Hut on Main Street. To learn more, click on Dining under the Around Campus tab on the website homepage.

**WinLink** - Consider this your personal information hub. It's where you'll register for courses, view your transcript, check your financial aid status and more.

**W'International** - A signature Wingate program, W'International is your ticket to study abroad for 10 days for \$1,500 or less. You must be a junior, have a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or better and be passing your W'International seminar to qualify. Find out more at the International Programs tab under Academics on the Wingate website.

**Writing Center** - An important part of the Academic Resource Center, the Writing Center is on the second floor of the library but you can also find it in the ARC Canvas page. Writing tutors won't "fix" papers or write them for you, but they will help you identify and improve your writing problem areas. Sign up at [www.wingate.go-redrock.com](http://www.wingate.go-redrock.com).

**Wingate Outfitters** - Located in the Crowder Welcome Center, this is where you can buy all your Bulldog apparel, gifts and accessories. Learn more or order online at [www.wingateoutfitters.com](http://www.wingateoutfitters.com).

**WUSync** - WUSync (<http://wingate.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations>) is your way to connect to organizations, communicate with other students and explore the Wingate involvement community. From event calendars to RSO pages, there is plenty to explore.