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Quick Facts

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Karen Kedrowski

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University will welcome a six-member team to campus on April 4 as it undergoes its reaffirmation from its accrediting body, the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)**.

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Karen Kedrowski, director of the **Global Learning Initiative**, said students will encounter more Global Learning components in their core courses, called the **Touchstone Program**, starting with ACAD 101 and HMXP 102.

The initiative will affect students in several ways: they will see more **Global Learning Cultural Events** on campus; they will learn more about study abroad opportunities in their major programs and they may take part in global engagement experiences, such as appropriate service learning projects, or become Peer Mentors in ACAD 101. Finally, students may be involved in sponsoring or performing in Global Learning Cultural Events.

"The global learning initiative builds upon Winthrop commitment to engaged citizenship and diversity. In a rapidly globalizing world, our students must be able to adapt and integrate well with individuals from diverse backgrounds at work and in the community," Kedrowski said.

The team will interview various university officials on April 4 and 5 and then give an exit interview on April 6.

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