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Quick Facts

- In the rankings Winthrop placed 203 out of 301 worldwide institutions and placed 42 out of the 50 U.S. colleges and universities on the list.
- Winthrop was the only South Carolina university included in the rankings.
- The world university rankings, now in their fourth year, help universities assess and compare campus sustainability efforts.



Chris Johnson

ROCK HILL, S.C. – Winthrop University has been named to the 2014 Universitas Indonesia's GreenMetric University Sustainability Rankings. The world university rankings, now in their fourth year, help universities assess and compare campus sustainability efforts.

In the rankings **Winthrop placed 203 out of 301 worldwide institutions** and placed **42 out of the 50 U.S. colleges and universities** on the list. Winthrop was the **only South Carolina university included** in the rankings. The University of Nottingham, England, claimed the top spot in the overall rankings.

UI GreenMetric organized the 2013 data into six main categories and weighted them as follows: setting and infrastructure (15 percent), energy and climate change (21 percent), waste management (18 percent), water use (10 percent), transportation (18 percent) and education (18 percent).

The rankings are intended to draw more attention to global climate change, energy and water conservation, waste recycling and green transportation by acknowledging those universities and colleges that are leading the way with sustainable management practices.

"While this certification validates that Winthrop University is committed to sustainability and exemplifies its efforts to serve as a positive example, recycling, water and energy efficiency only begin to address the need for behavioral changes as they relate to their impact on human and natural systems. Therefore, on this **44th anniversary of Earth Day**, we will continue to evolve our understanding about how behaviors can simultaneously advance economic vitality, ecological integrity and social welfare," said **Chris Johnson '99**, Winthrop's sustainability coordinator.

This is another third-party validation of Winthrop's sustainability efforts. In 2013 the **Princeton Review** named the university to its "**Guide to 322 Green Colleges**" in which it praised Winthrop's impressive resumé of green-related affiliations and accreditations.

For more information on Winthrop's sustainability efforts, please visit <http://www.winthrop.edu/sustainability/> or contact Chris Johnson at 803/323-2389.

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