

Student Exchange Partner University Fact Sheet

A. General Information

University Name:

University of Virginia

About the University:

The University of Virginia (U.Va.) was designed and conceived by Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States and the author of the Declaration of Independence. The University continues to reflect Jefferson's intent to prepare and produce leaders—independent and intelligent citizens ready to make their mark on the future. Founded in 1819, the University had a total enrollment of 21,049 for the 2010-2011 academic year and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The University has ten schools which offer a wide variety of academic disciplines and courses. U.Va. is home to the nation's oldest student-run Honor System, which requires that students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. In the 2010 *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of best colleges, the University of Virginia was ranked the No. 2 best public university in the United States. U.Va. also ranks in the Top 25 among the best of all national universities, public and private, at No. 24.

Facts and Figures:

Founded in: 1819

Undergraduate students: 14,037

Graduate and professional students: 7,010

Number of international students, 2010-2011: 2,111

Number of students studying abroad, 2010-2011: 1,926

Office in charge of international academic student exchange:

International Studies Office

Contact Address:

208 Minor Hall, P.O. Box 400165, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4165, USA

Contact person for students coming on exchange TO U.Va. (name, title, address, email, phone/fax#):

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Contact person for students going on exchange FROM U.Va. (name, title, address, email, phone/fax#):

Varies based on region; please refer to attached Advisor List

Term structure and tentative dates of academic year:

Semesters – Fall Semester (late August – mid December) and Spring Semester (mid January to mid May). Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/calendar.html> for the academic calendar.

B. Application

Deadline for incoming exchange program applications for 2011-2012:

For Spring 2012: October 1, 2011.

For Fall 2012: March 1, 2012.

Anticipated dates for notification of admission:

For Spring 2012: November 15, 2011.

Is an application fee required for incoming exchange students?

No

Information for incoming exchange students (calendar/important dates, on-line application material, etc.) can be accessed here:

Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/index.html> and <http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/j1exchange.htm> for information

Information on the application process can be accessed here:

<http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/j1exchange.html>

C. Academics

Course information :

Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/> for a list of courses. Note that U.Va. cannot guarantee that an exchange student will be able to enroll in any specific course offered.

Please refer to the agreement between your institution and U.Va. to determine which schools incoming exchange students may take classes in.

Academic Strengths:

U.Va. offers a broad curriculum and a variety of academic disciplines. Many of the U.Va. schools and academic departments are among the highest-ranking and most well-regarded in the country; the University's Commerce, Law, and Business Schools, as well as its English, Art History, and Sciences departments, are particularly well-known. For more information please visit http://www.virginia.edu/Facts/Glance_Rankings.html.

Credit and Grading System:

4.0 GPA (Grade Point Average) scale, A – F letter grading system

Language of Instruction:

English

D. Accommodation

Describe the housing application process:

Once accepted to the exchange, students should email the Housing Division at housing@virginia.edu to request accommodation and list their preferences for residence (see the Housing website <http://www.virginia.edu/housing/>). Note that there is the possibility for early arrival if the student applies and pays \$25/day until their accommodation officially opens; contact housing@virginia.edu for more information.

Anticipated application deadline for housing is:

Spring 2012: November 30, 2011.

If housing is not guaranteed for incoming exchange students, do you provide help to exchange students in order to find housing?

Yes, upon request.

E. Language & Visa Requirements

What kind of language test certificate is required? (please state the minimum results required)

Students whose first language is not English must submit TOEFL or IELTS test scores (no more than two years old). Students must score at least 600 on the paper-based TOEFL, 250 on the CBT TOEFL, or 7.0 on the IELTS.

Please describe any special visa requirements:

All incoming exchange students must obtain a J-1 visa in order to study in the United States. Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/j1exchange.html> for more information on visa requirements.

F. Other

Are incoming exchange students eligible to work?

Yes, with permission of Linda Callihan only.

Health insurance requirements and accessibility of medical care:

The UVA Elson Student Health Center is located on campus and provides all students with high-quality and confidential medical care. In addition, the University of Virginia Medical Center is a nationally-recognized hospital, also located on campus and available to provide expert care. Counseling services are also available to all students at UVA. Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/NewWindows/HealthInsScholarExchange.html> for more information on health insurance requirements.

Additional support services available to students at U.Va.:

In addition to health services, students may take advantage of a wide range of additional support services, from career and personal counseling to academic advising and student leadership and student organization opportunities. Many of these services are offered by the U.Va. Office of the Dean of Students; for more information please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/deanofstudents/>. There are also multiple opportunities to participate in community service and to attend University-wide events (concerts, sports events, etc.) while at U.Va.

Living in Charlottesville:

Just 100 miles from Washington, D.C., and 30 minutes from the Blue Ridge National Park, Charlottesville combines small-town charm with a wide array of cultural opportunities, outdoor activities, and historic surroundings. The city's population is over 40,000 with a metropolitan population nearing 200,000. The student-friendly neighborhood called The Corner is located next to campus and is home to many shops and restaurants. Charlottesville's Downtown Mall is a pedestrian-only street lined with several eateries, stores and theatres; it is a wonderful place to enjoy a sunny afternoon walk. Charlottesville is home to many festivals throughout the year, including the Virginia Film Festival, Virginia Festival of the Book and the Festival of the Photograph. Some of the many outdoor activities students can enjoy while living in Charlottesville include hiking, biking, and kayaking. Charlottesville is also located near the homes of three former U.S. Presidents, including Thomas Jefferson's famed estate Monticello. For more information on Charlottesville please see <http://www.virginia.edu/exploring.html>.

Transportation:

Charlottesville is served by an extensive bus and trolley system that connects various parts of the University and the surrounding town. Buses run 24 hours a day and are free to U.Va. students; it is not necessary to have a car. In addition, many students bike or walk to navigate the beautiful University grounds and to access nearby shops and restaurants.

Average cost of living:

Incoming exchange students must provide documentation to demonstrate at least \$5,000 to cover personal expenses for each semester spent in Charlottesville.

Information regarding other fees exchange students will be required to pay.

U.Va. tuition and student fees are waived for exchange students. Student fees do **not** include health insurance. Exchange students must obtain and pay for their own [health insurance](http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/NewWindows/HealthInsScholarExchange.html), housing, and meal plan. Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/iso/issp/NewWindows/HealthInsScholarExchange.html> for more information on the health insurance requirement.

Additional relevant information:

Please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/aboutuva.html> for more information on the University of Virginia.