

## University of Virginia (UVA) Info Guide

### About UVA

- Located in Charlottesville, Virginia
- Founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1954
- #1 Hospital in Virginia, US according to U.S. News and World Report 2020
- #2 Best Value Public University according to Money Magazine 2020
- #4 Best Public National University in the US according to U.S. News and World Report 2021
- #2 Best College out of 48 schools in Virginia
- #42 Best College out of 1,725 Colleges and Universities in the United States

### Admission

- 24% Acceptance Rate
- Application Deadline and SAT/ACT scores must be received by January 1st
- 40,839 applied to UVA in 2019
- 9,778 accepted into UVA in 2019
- 3,920 enrolled into UVA in 2019
- Requires 2 supplemental essays each with a max of 250 words
  - Academic Requirements
    - SAT Score Range: 1340-1520
    - Estimated average SAT composite for admitted freshman: 1430 - 1600
    - 78% applicants submit their SAT score
    - ACT Score Range: 30-34
    - 41% applicants submit their ACT score
    - Average High School GPA: 4.22
    - Required: Test Scores and Completion of College Preparatory Program
    - Recommended: High School GPA, High School Class Rank, Recommendations
    - AP and Dual Credit accepted

## Statistics

- Student to Faculty Ratio is 14:1
- 17.5k Faculty and Staff
- 3.2k Full time Faculty
- 14.3k Full Time Staff
- Tuition
  - \$16,640 for In-State 1st year students in 2019-2020
  - \$49,970 for Out-of-State 1st year students in 2019-2020
- 89% 4-year graduation rate (2014)
- 94% 6-year graduation rate (2012)
- 16k Undergrad Students on grounds
- 7.8k Graduate and Professional Students on grounds
- 86% of undergraduate classes have 50 or fewer students
- 54% of undergraduate classes have fewer than 20 students
- 90% of students admitted were the top 10% of their High School graduating class
  - Demographics
    - 72.5% of Undergraduate Students are from Virginia
    - Age Diversity
      - 32.1% 20-21
      - 29% 18-19
      - 14.1% 22-24
      - 13.2% 25-29
      - 4.9% 30-34
      - 5.8% 35 +
      - 0.7% Under 18
    - Undergraduate Students
      - 45.3% Male Students
      - 54.7% Female Students
      - 59.5% White
      - 12.8% Asian
      - 6.5% Black or African American

- 6.4% Hispanic or Latino
- 4.6% Non-Resident Alien
- 10.5% Ethnicity unknown

■ Faculty

- 51% Male Faculty
- 49% Female Faculty
- 76.8% White
- 9.7% Asian
- 5.3% Non-Resident Alien
- 4.4% Black or African American
- 2.7% Hispanic or Latino
- 1.1% Ethnicity Unknown

## Academics

- Colleges
  - College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
  - School of Engineering and Applied Science
  - McIntire School of Commerce
  - School of Architecture
  - School of Nursing
  - Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy
  - Curry School of Education
  - Darden School of Business
  - School of Continuing & Professional Studies
  - School of Data Science
  - School of Education and Human Development
  - School of Law
- The most popular major at UVA is Economics, General
- UVA offers 49 majors
- Offers online learning classes
- Graduate Studies

- 69 Masters Degree
- 55 Doctoral Degree
- 7.8k students in a graduate or first-professional degree program
- Link for Graduate Information: <https://www.virginia.edu/apply/gradadmission>
- Has financial services: <https://sfs.virginia.edu/>
- Degree Requirements to earn a BA/BS in the College of Arts and Sciences
  - Earn 120 credits of course work in 8 semesters with an average of C/ GPA of 2.000
  - Complete a General Education Curriculum
  - Complete one major
- Alums are very competitive in entry-level job market
- Median starting salary of alumni: \$62,300

### **Student Life**

- 800+ Student Clubs
- 108k+ service hours
- 17 Courts, fields, recreation centers
- Clubs + Organizations at UVA: <https://atuva.student.virginia.edu/organizations>
- 80% of students participate in service during their years at UVA
- Weekend hiking expeditions on Appalachian Trail which is a few miles from UVA
- Has many fraternities and sororities

### **Opportunities**

- Summer Session
  - Every summer UVA offers many courses that are not available during the school year
  - Purpose is to fulfill undergrad and grad degree requirements, supplement academic year course offerings, give students at other colleges/universities/high schools an opportunity to have access to UVA resources
  - 1k+ classes
  - 36% of UVA students take a Summer Session class
- J Term

- Stands for January Term
- Opportunities for students to take new courses that address topics of current interest, study abroad programs, undergrad research seminars + interdisciplinary courses
- 120+ classes
- Education Abroad
  - Gives opportunities to students for education abroad
  - Need to be eligible to participate
  - Financial aid + other funding available
  - Many programs available
- Has many funding opportunities

### **On - Grounds Housing**

- All first-year students are required to live on grounds
- Apply ASAP so you are more likely to have your first choice!
- First years should complete housing application after May 1 and before June 1
- Room + roommate assignment is received in July
- Requested roommates are not guaranteed due to limited space
- Open housing roommate option: Allows students to request roommates regardless of sex + gender identity
- University ID card is your room key
- Able to apply as a group of up to 6 people
- Old Dorms might not have AC installed
- Website has FAQ on what to bring and what is prohibited:  
<https://housing.virginia.edu/what-to-bring-faq>
- Incoming First Year Undergraduates
  - Alderman Road Hall Style
    - Best new dorms are Lile-Maupin/Tuttle-Dunnington
    - If you have Kellogg be prepared to climb a lot of stairs
    - Nearby to O-hill Dining, Laundry facilities, Crossroads Food Court + Store, Slaughter Rec center, etc.
  - Alderman Road Suite Style

- Ceiling fans + AC
- Nearby O-hill Dining, Runk Dining, Mailroom, Crossroads Grill, Aquatic + Fitness Center, etc.
- Brown Residential College
  - Suite-Style
  - AC installed
  - Two single-occupancy bedrooms + adjoining shared bathroom
  - Close-knit community
  - Nearby Nem Gym, library, Newcomb Hall, etc.
- Gooch/Dillard Suite-Style
  - Suite-Style
  - Far from Central Grounds
  - AC
  - Nearby Crossroads Food Court + Store, O-hill Dining, Runk Dining, Aquatic + Fitness Center, etc.
- Hereford Residential College
  - AC
  - Usually double-occupancy for first years and single-occupancy for second-years
  - Also far from Central Ground (Near Gooch/Dillard)
  - Nearby Runk Dining, playing fields, scott stadium, walking + biking trails, etc.
  - Bus service every 20 min
- International Residential College
  - About 70% domestic and 30% foreign students
  - Some singles have private bath, all doubles share a bathroom
  - Kitchens and study lounges provided within the complex
  - AC
  - Nearby vending machines, nem gym, computer lab, tv lounge, etc.
- McCormick Road Hall-Style
  - AC

- Two-upper class RA's live on each floor
- Nearby O-Hill Dining, Newcomb Dining, Mailroom, Laundry Facilities, Aquatic + Fitness Center, etc.



**\*Not the full map!! For the interactive map of UVA:**

<https://visitormap.virginia.edu/#/-78.50783/38.03280/15>

### **Off - Grounds Housing**

- Provides website to view rentals: <https://offgroundshousing.student.virginia.edu/>
- Estimated costs for 2019-2020
  - 1-bedroom apartment = \$650 – \$1799. Average cost = \$1183.
  - 2-bedroom apartment = \$750 – \$2298. Average cost = \$1601 (\$800/room).
  - 3-bedroom apartment = \$1400 – \$2892. Average cost = \$2014 (\$671/room).
  - 4-bedroom apartment = \$1700 – \$3496. Average cost = \$2566 (\$641/room).
- No housing shortage in Charlottesville
- Contact Countess Hughes at [countess@virginia.edu](mailto:countess@virginia.edu) or 434.924.3314 for Off-Grounds Housing support and information

## **Parking and Transportation**

- University Transit Service
  - Fare-free transit service for UVA students, faculty, and staff
  - To find the nearest bus stop download the TransLoc Rider app or TransLoc online. Also lets you see arrival estimate time, track the bus, and receive service impact notifications
  - Website has further information on bus service throughout the year:  
<https://parking.virginia.edu/university-transit-service>
- Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT)
  - Bus system that links major shopping places, downtowns, and neighborhoods
  - UVA ID can be scanned to pay for bus fares
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- Bike pumps available for free rental through several UVA libraries
- In case your bike gets stolen, register your bike with the University Police
- Shower facilities for bike commuters
- Lighted pathway map for pedestrians
- EScooters + EBikes are not allowed on sidewalks
- Provides air transportation in a jet capable of seating up to eight people.

## **Surrounding Area**

- No. 4 Safest College Campus by ADT Security
- No. 1 America's Best Small Towns for Food, 2013
- Skyline Drive + Blue Ridge Parkway is a drive near Charlottesville
- Three- hour drive to the beach
- Richmond is an hour drive and Washington D.C. is a two hour drive
- Average high temperature in July is 87 degrees and average low in January is 25 degrees
- The famous home built by Thomas jefferson, Monticello is near UVA
- Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport is located eight miles away from UVA
- Train and Bus services available

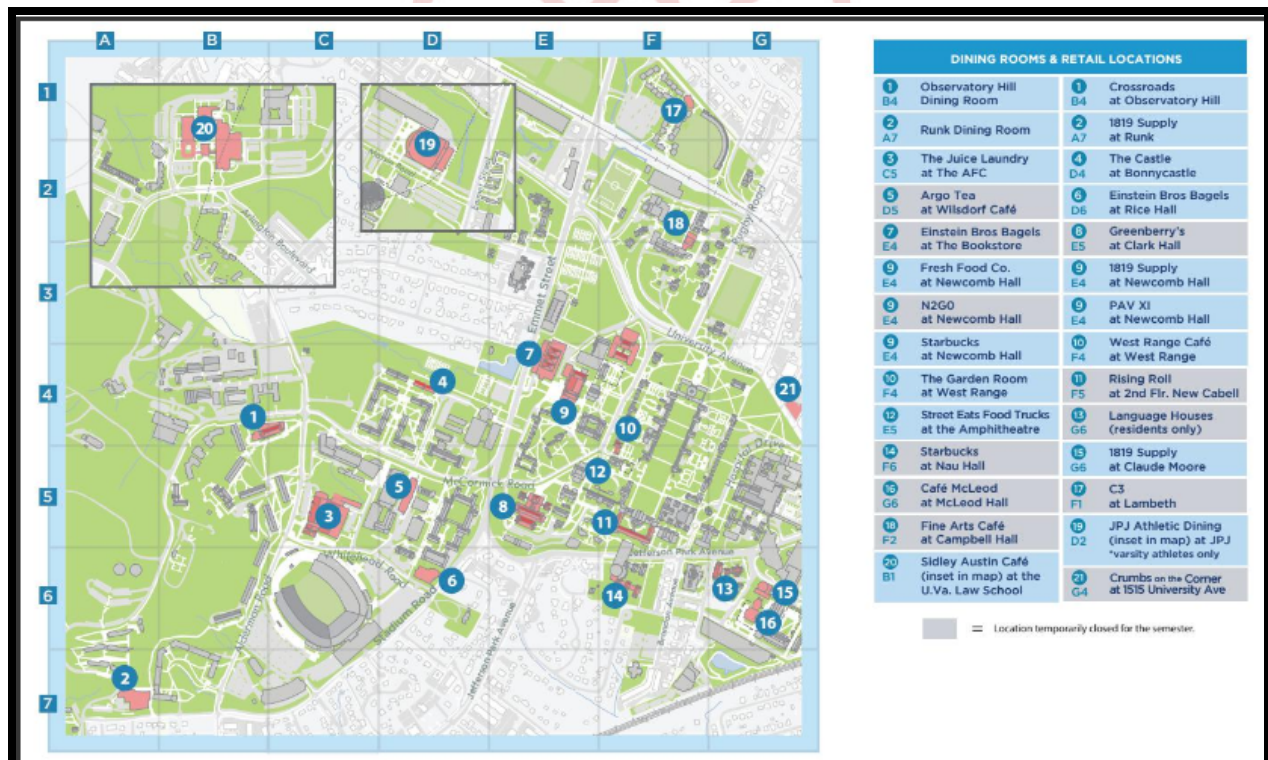


## **Food**

- College Inn is a good place to get food late at night
  - Takes orders up until 2 am
  - Rec: Cheesy bread!!
- Grit Coffee Bar & Cafe
  - Good coffee and place to study
  - Rec: Chai Latte
- Juice Laundry
  - Healthy food option
  - Rec: Coco Verde smoothie bowl
- Sweethaus Cupcake Cafe
  - Can decorate your own cupcakes
  - Good desserts: Everything cupcake, Chocolate chip cookie dough cupcake
- Trinity Irish Pub
  - Good for drinks
  - Rec: SoCo lime shooters
- Christians Pizza
  - Pizza place
  - Crowded on weekend
- TEN Sushi
  - Bit on pricier side for sushi
- Ivy Provisions
  - Good for hangovers
  - Has a deli with pre-made soups and salads
  - Rec: Breakfast sandwiches
- Zocalo
  - Fancy dining
  - Popular during parents weekend
  - Grilled pork porterhouse and grilled salmon are the most popular dishes
- Starbucks
- Chick-fil-A

- Meal Plans

- Unlocks food at 30+ locations
- Includes Meal Swipes, Meal Exchange, and Flex Dollars
- Loaded into your UVA ID card
- Meal Swipes: gives you access to dining halls
- Meal Exchange: allows you a swipe for specific combos at select locations, has a limit
- Flex Dollars: can be used at all UVA dine locations
- Special events and exclusive offered to meal plan members
- Can get to-go meals
- Every first-year student is required to have a All-Access meal plan for both semesters
- Parents always eat free with a student on a meal plan
- To manage your meal plan go to the Cavalier Advantage website or visit the meal plan office



Map of Dining Locations

- Head to the website for more dining options in Charlottesville:  
<https://www.law.virginia.edu/charlottesville/dining/american>

## **Advice**

- Moving- In
  - Bring cleaning products + tools!!
  - Set up your bed first!
  - Bring a fan
  - Remember to not underestimate how much stuff you bring, because at the end of the year you will need to move out
  - Take advantage of all the free food at events
  - Take advantage of the free trolley that goes all around town
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- Study Spaces (You can reserve places, find places for group studies, or find quiet places):  
<https://uvalibrary.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=e6cb8c4cde61410f873bc780c38bd958>

