



UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

# Fact Sheet

FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26



International  
Education





## General Information

University Websites:	University of Richmond: <a href="https://www.richmond.edu">https://www.richmond.edu</a> International Education Office: <a href="https://www.international.richmond.edu">https://www.international.richmond.edu</a> Exchange Student Information: <a href="https://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=URExchange">https://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=URExchange</a> <a href="https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/why-ur/exchange.html">https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/why-ur/exchange.html</a>
Academic Requirements:	Minimum GPA of 3.0
English Proficiency Requirements (Please check with your home university to see if this applies to you.)	Test scores must be less than three (3) years old.  TOEFL iBT scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TOEFL iBT Home Edition will be accepted for the 2025-26 application cycle</li> <li>- Minimum TOEFL scores for <b>undergraduates</b>: 90</li> <li>- Minimum TOEFL scores for <b>law students</b>: 100</li> </ul> IELTS scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IELTS Indicator will be accepted for the 2025-26 application cycle</li> <li>- Minimum IELTS scores for <b>undergraduates</b>: grade of 6.5</li> <li>- Minimum IELTS scores for <b>law students</b>: grade of 7.0</li> </ul> Duolingo scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum Duolingo scores for <b>undergraduates</b>: 125</li> <li>- Minimum Duolingo scores for <b>law students</b>: 135</li> </ul> Other scores accepted for <b>undergraduates</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum score for Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) = Grade C</li> <li>- Minimum score for Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE) = Grade C1</li> <li>- CEFR official certificate = C1 or higher</li> </ul>
Application Deadlines:	<b>FALL SEMESTER AND FULL YEAR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>March 1 – PRIORITY</b> deadline for the fall semester and full academic year (To guarantee that you would be able to register for courses alongside UR students)</li> <li>• <b>April 15 – FINAL</b> deadline for the fall semester and full academic year (May need to be flexible with course selections as some courses may be full)</li> </ul>



	<p><b>SPRING SEMESTER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>September 15</b> – <b>PRIORITY</b> deadline for the spring semester and calendar year (<i>To guarantee that you would be able to register for courses alongside UR students</i>)</li><li>• <b>October 1</b> – <b>FINAL</b> deadline for the spring semester and calendar year (<i>May need to be flexible with course selections as some courses may be full</i>)</li></ul>
Academic Calendar and Dates:	<p>Academic Calendar: <a href="http://registrar.richmond.edu/planning/index.html">http://registrar.richmond.edu/planning/index.html</a></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> “Begin Orientation” is for first-year degree-seeking students. This is different from International Orientation, which is for international exchange students and degree-seeking students.</p> <p>Expected Date of Arrival:</p> <p><b>Fall Semester 2025 (for undergraduates):</b> Sunday, August 17, 2025 (<i>tentative</i>)</p> <p><b>Fall Semester 2025 (for law students):</b> <i>To be determined</i></p> <p><b>Spring Semester 2026:</b> Thursday, January 8, 2026 (<i>tentative</i>)</p>
Orientation Programs	<p>All exchange students (regardless of immigration status) are required to attend our mandatory on-campus international orientation program. Law exchange students may need to arrive earlier for the Law School’s orientation program prior to international orientation. There is no cost for the orientation programs.</p> <p><b>Fall Semester 2025 (for undergraduates):</b> August 17-22, 2025 (<i>tentative</i>)</p> <p><b>Fall 2025 (for law students):</b> <i>To be determined</i></p> <p><b>Spring Semester 2026:</b> January 8-11, 2026 (<i>tentative</i>)</p>







## Academic Information

### Educational Style

Many exchange students are surprised by the differences between the educational style of their home country and the University of Richmond.

One of the most obvious distinctions is the method of teaching. There is continuous assessment in each class. Professors provide students with a detailed course syllabus for each course. The syllabus details when exams, papers, class presentations, readings and homework assignments are due. Usually there is an assignment due each class meeting. Students are expected to participate in class discussions. In fact, class participation is often calculated as part of the grade a student earns in a course. Attendance is always expected and, in some cases, required. For those who do not attend class according to the attendance policy, there may be a penalty on the final grade.

The University of Richmond offers [undergraduate courses](#) at levels 100 – 400. Not all courses are offered every semester and the level of difficulty of any given course is determined by each individual academic department. For example, some departments consider upper-level courses at the 200 level while other departments have 300 level classes available for freshman and sophomores. Students should check the online course description using the link above as well as any required pre-requisite course(s) listed. For further information, students can contact the [International Education Office](#) or may need to contact the respective department chair for more information.



Minimum course load per semester	3.5 units (undergraduate); 9.0 credits (graduate and law)
Restricted programs for exchange students	<p>Undergraduate: Course numbers ending in "U" are offered by the School of Continuing Studies. These courses may not meet home institution degree requirements, are not available for undergraduates until arrival at Richmond, and will require special approval for registration. Business exchange students are NOT permitted to take courses in the School of Continuing Studies. There are a few courses that are restricted to a certain student population (for example, first year students).</p> <p>Law: A small number of law required courses (noted as LAWR) are not available to exchange students. Students should enroll in LAWE courses.</p>
Course Registration	<p>Online course catalog: <a href="http://registrar.richmond.edu/catalogs/index.html">http://registrar.richmond.edu/catalogs/index.html</a> <i>Please note: not all courses listed in the catalog are offered every semester. The courses offered are determined by individual departments and depend on many factors. It is possible that a course is not offered at all in a given academic year or is only offered every two years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If our office receives exchange student application materials by the priority deadline, students will have the opportunity to register on time and alongside the Richmond students.</li><li>• If the application materials are received after the priority deadline, course choices may be severely limited as Richmond students and other exchange students will have already registered.</li></ul> <p>Exchange students must have all course prerequisites and are encouraged to take no more than 4 units per term. We recommend exchange students take at least one course in a subject regarding the United States (e.g., art, music, theater, political science, history, religion, etc) or at least one course outside of the major. Taking all of your courses in a given department will be overwhelming and therefore highly discouraged. Richmond students tend to enroll in 1-2 courses outside of their major each semester to balance their course load.</p>



## Practical Information

Housing	<p><a href="https://residencelife.richmond.edu/">https://residencelife.richmond.edu/</a></p> <p>Exchange students who meet all stated deadlines are guaranteed on campus housing.</p> <p>Approximately 92% of undergraduates live on campus. Exchange students are not permitted to live off-campus. Furnished short-term off-campus housing is difficult to find and public transportation is limited.</p> <p>There are <a href="#">two kinds of housing</a> available to undergraduate exchange students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Residence Halls</li><li>2. University Apartments</li></ol> <p>Due to the timing of the exchange applications, exchange students are not able to participate in housing selection. However, they are able to share their housing preference (residence hall or university apartment) and the Residence Life and Housing Office will do their best to assign them based on their preference but it is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Law exchange students will be assigned with <a href="#">law school student housing</a>.</p>
Breaks	<p>Exchange students can remain on-campus during breaks but must apply through Residence Life by the designated deadline for each break period.</p> <p>Summer housing and meals are an additional cost. Meals during this period are not included in the meal plan and must be paid out of pocket.</p>



Social Programs	<p>Students are encouraged to participate in our Host Family program, which connect your students with local families in the Richmond area. More information about program is available at:</p> <p><a href="https://international.richmond.edu/events-programs/cultural-exchange/host-family-program/index.html">https://international.richmond.edu/events-programs/cultural-exchange/host-family-program/index.html</a></p>
Visa Information	<p>Exchange students who are non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents are required to apply for a J-1 student visa. F-1 student visas are required for non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents who complete their MBA program at Richmond. The F-1 student visa may also be recommended for certain nationalities.</p> <p>Accepted students will receive an official acceptance letter along with the DS-2019 or I-20 if it is necessary to apply for a student visa which should be done at the U.S. consulate closest to their permanent residence.</p>
Work Authorization	<p><b>On-campus:</b> Exchange students are permitted to work on campus 20 hours per week while school is in session and full time during official school breaks. Most students work no more than 10 hours per week. Information regarding student employment opportunities can be found here: <a href="http://studentjobs.richmond.edu/">http://studentjobs.richmond.edu/</a>. Exchange students are not permitted to be working until after classes begin.</p> <p><b>Off-campus:</b> Must be authorized prior to commencing employment, work must be related to student's major.</p> <p>More information on the regulations can be found on the web page: <a href="https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/stay/employment/index.html#academic-training">https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/stay/employment/index.html#academic-training</a></p>





## Estimated Expenses

Accommodations and Meals	Spider Unlimited: Unlimited meals/week with 875 dining dollars/semester is the most common meal plan for undergraduates living on campus. This is also the smallest meal plan a student can purchase if they are assigned to a residence hall. If a student is assigned to an apartment on campus, they can choose a smaller meal plan or no meal plan at all. See web page <a href="https://controller.richmond.edu/tuition/fees/index.html">https://controller.richmond.edu/tuition/fees/index.html</a> for current rates for accommodations and meals.
Mandatory Health Insurance	Approximately \$1,700 per semester
Books/Supplies	Approximately \$700 per semester
Personal Expenses	Approximately \$1,800 per semester
Immunization Requirements	Estimated to be \$250 (1 time fee- may be less or \$0 depending on vaccination needs & other medical services)