2027-28

FACT SHEET UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

General Information

University Websites:	University of Richmond: https://www.richmond.edu Center for Global Engagement: https://global.richmond.edu/ Exchange Student Information: https://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=URExchange https://global.richmond.edu/international-students/why-ur/exchange.html
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 no more than three years old at the time of application. TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Home Edition scores: - Minimum TOEFL scores for **undergraduates**: 90 or 4.5 (Updated Scoring) - Minimum TOEFL scores for **law students**: 100 or 5.5 (Updated Scoring) IELTS scores: - Minimum IELTS scores for **undergraduates:** grade of 6.5 - Minimum IELTS scores for **law students:** grade of 7.0 Duolingo scores: - Minimum Duolingo scores for **undergraduates:** 125 - Minimum Duolingo scores for **law students:** 135 Other scores accepted for **undergraduates**: - Minimum score for Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) = Grade C - Minimum score for Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE) = Grade C1 - CEFR official certificate = C1 or higher
Application Deadlines:	**FALL SEMESTER AND FULL YEAR:** • **March 1** – **PRIORITY** deadline for the fall semester and full academic year *(To guarantee that you would be able to register for courses alongside other students)* • **April 15** – **FINAL** deadline for the fall semester and full academic year *(May need to be flexible with course selections as some courses may be full)*

	SPRING SEMESTER: • **September 15** – **PRIORITY** deadline for the spring semester and calendar year *(To guarantee that you would be able to register for courses alongside other students)* • **October 1** – **FINAL** deadline for the spring semester and calendar year *(May need to be flexible with course selections as some courses may be full)*
Academic Calendar and Dates:	Academic Calendar: http://registrar.richmond.edu/planning/index.html **NOTE**: "Begin Orientation" is for first-year degree-seeking students. This is different from International Orientation, which is required for international exchange and degree-seeking students. Expected Date of Arrival: **Fall Semester 2027 (for undergraduates):** Monday, August 16, 2027 (*tentative)* **Fall Semester 2027 (for law students):** *To be determined* **Spring Semester 2028:** Thursday, January 6, 2028 *(tentative)*
Orientation Programs	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. **Fall Semester 2027 (for undergraduates):** August 16-20, 2027 *(tentative)* **Fall Semester 2027 (for law students):** *To be determined* **Spring Semester 2028:** January 6-9, 2028 *(tentative)*

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. Students can contact the Center for Global Engagement with questions but 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	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). Law: A small number of law required courses (noted as LAW**R**) are not available to law exchange students. Students should enroll in LAW**E** courses.
Course Registration	Online course catalog: http://registrar.richmond.edu/catalogs/index.html *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.* • 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. • 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. 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 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.

Practical Information

Housing	https://residencelife.richmond.edu/ 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. Exchange students who meet all stated deadlines are guaranteed and automatically assigned on campus housing. Due to the timing of the exchange applications, exchange students cannot provide specific housing requests. Undergraduate exchange students are typically placed in upperclassmen residence halls or the University Forest Apartments (UFAs). The housing application exchange students will complete is used to pair students with a roommate whose lifestyle is most compatible to theirs. Students can request a specific roommate, the Residence Life and Housing Office will do their best to assign them together, but it is not guaranteed. Law exchange students will be assigned to law student housing (Atlantic House and Pacific House) and in some cases the University Forest Apartments (UFAs).
Breaks	Exchange students can remain on-campus during breaks but must apply through Residence Life by the designated deadline for each break period. Summer housing and meals are an additional cost and only available to exchange students who study at UR for the full calendar year (January – December). Meals during this period are not included in the meal plan and must be paid out of pocket.

Social Programs	Students are encouraged to participate in our Host Family program, which connect your students with local families in the Richmond area.
Visa Information	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. 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 must be done at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their country of nationality.
Work Authorization	**On-campus:** Exchange students who are non-U.S. citizens 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: http://studentjobs.richmond.edu/. Exchange students are not permitted to begin working until after classes begin. **Off-campus:** Must be authorized prior to commencing employment, work must be related to student's major. More information on the regulations can be found on our web page. *Exchange students cannot work remotely for a company abroad during their exchange program in the U.S.* *Exchange students who are U.S. citizens are not eligible to work on-campus due to tax policies. However, they are eligible to work off-campus and do not need prior work authorization from our office.*
Disability Services	Please note that your home university does not share special accommodation with us as part of your exchange application. Additionally, special accommodations are not automatically transferred to the University of Richmond if you were granted any at your home university. If you need special accommodations for academic, dining, housing, or other purposes at the University of Richmond, you must apply and receive approval here.

Estimated Expenses

Accommodations and Meals	Spider Unlimited: Unlimited meals/week with 895 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 https://controller.richmond.edu/tuition/fees/index.html 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)