University of Richmond Summary:
Founded in 1830, Richmond is a private, highly selective liberal arts university, which features primarily undergraduate programs, as well as graduate programs. The University was recently ranked No. 25 on the list of best U.S. liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report* and No. 16 nationally among undergraduate business programs by *Bloomberg Businessweek*. In 2014, The Princeton Review rated the University of Richmond No. 3 for “Best Science Lab Facilities,” No. 16 for “Best Classroom Experience,” No. 6 for “Best Career Services,” No. 17 for “Great Financial Aid” and No. 11 for “Best Athletic Facilities.” Dr. Edward L. Ayers became the University’s ninth president in July 2007.

Schools:
School of Arts and Sciences, Robins School of Business, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond School of Law, School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Academics:
More than 100 majors, minors, and concentrations, and three undergraduate degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration).

Students:
3,000 full-time, undergraduate students. 87 percent live on campus all four years.

Demographics:
Students from 46 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and 74 countries; 12 percent international students.

Outcomes:
One year after graduation, 96 percent of the Class of 2013 was employed full-time or engaged in scholarly pursuits or community service (graduate school, Peace Corps, Teach for America, etc.).

Student Research and Internships:
Beginning in 2013, the new UR Summer Fellowship program awarded over 300 students up to $4,000 each to pursue a research project or unpaid internship, with a total University commitment of $1 million per summer. More than 50 percent of Richmond students participate in at least one intense research experience during their undergraduate years, and more than 70 percent complete at least one internship before graduation.

Sophomore Retention Rate:
94 percent, with a four-year graduation rate of 82 percent.

Student/Faculty Interaction:
318 full-time faculty members in undergraduate divisions. Student/Faculty Ratio of 8:1. Average class size of 15 students. Zero classes taught by teaching assistants.

Study Abroad:
Over 70 programs in 30 countries. 59 percent of all Richmond students study abroad at least once during their undergraduate years, either for a semester or a full year. Ranked No. 1 in study abroad participation by *Open Doors*. 
Campus:
Richmond is located on a 350-acre, residential, suburban campus — which features a 10-acre lake — located six miles from downtown Richmond. The campus is consistently cited by The Princeton Review as one of the most beautiful in the United States.

Location:
Western suburbs of Richmond, Virginia, with a greater metropolitan population of 1.2 million; centrally located two hours from Washington, D.C., the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Virginia’s beaches.

Dining:
University of Richmond Dining Services was named the 2010 Gold Award winner by the National Association of College and University Food Services. The Princeton Review ranked Richmond 14th on its list for “best campus food.” On-campus dining options include a dining hall, a fast-food style restaurant, an on-campus pub, two convenience stores, a smoothie bar, two cafés, and a coffee shop.

Housing:
Eighty-seven percent of students live on campus all four years. Both single-sex and co-ed residence halls for all undergraduates and on-campus apartments are available to upperclassmen. Living and Learning Communities focused on a theme or specific academic course are also available for all students. Examples include: Women in Math and Science; Human Rights and Modern-Day Slavery; Stories of Work, Life, and Fulfillment; What is Art For?; and Earth Lodge.

Construction Updates:
A new student activities center — featuring seven new sorority cottages — opened in fall 2012.
More than 330 University of Richmond students returning to campus this fall will live in two brand-new facilities — Gateway Village and Westhampton Hall. These two new residence complexes feature apartments or suite-style rooms, in addition to shared balconies, courtyards, and community space. To enhance the safety of students, these new living spaces feature keyless entry, and students must use their campus ID card and a unique four-digit PIN to gain entry to their rooms.

Internet:
100 percent high-speed, in-room Internet access. PC and Mac workstations available throughout campus.

Clubs and Organizations:
Richmond students enjoy 175 student organizations including 32 club sports, seven honorary societies, 16 religious groups, 14 fraternities and sororities, a student newspaper, and a radio station.

Athletics:
The University of Richmond features 17 Division I sports for men and women. Richmond’s new men’s lacrosse team played their inaugural season in 2013-2014.

The City:
Richmond is the capital city of Virginia, which features six Fortune 500 companies, many museums, five professional theatre companies, three leading cultural entities (Richmond Symphony, Richmond Ballet, Virginia Opera), several venues for major concerts and touring events, two professional minor league sports franchises, and more than 900 restaurants. Home to the James River — which boasts the only U.S. Class IV rapids within a city’s limits — Richmond was also named “Best River City Ever” by Outside magazine, and America’s No. 1 “Happiest Metropolitan Area” by the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research.

2014-2015 Fees:
Tuition: $46,680; Room and board fees: $10,790; Total = $57,470
Endowment:
The University of Richmond nurtures an endowment valued at $2.1 billion.

Financial Aid and Scholarships:
In 2013-2014, $66 million in grants and scholarships were awarded to Richmond students, $60 million from Richmond’s own endowment. The average need-based financial aid package was $42,000 in 2013-2014. Need-blind in admission decisions for undergraduates who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents, and Richmond meets 100 percent of demonstrated eligibility for need-based aid for all undergraduates. Approximately 45 Richmond Scholars scholarships and 20 Presidential scholarships are awarded to entering first-year students each year.

Richmond’s Promise to Virginia:
Beginning in fall 2014, admitted, first-year Virginia students who qualify for need-based aid and have a total family income of $60,000 or less qualify for free tuition, room, and board, without loans.

Please note that all statistics are accurate as of August 2014.