You have the passion.
You have the dream.
Now the only thing you need to do...
is find the one place that’s as passionate about your dream as you are.
Welcome to Richmond.

Set on 350 wooded acres and ranked as one of the most beautiful liberal arts colleges, our campus can be a relaxing place. But don’t be fooled. This is where your journey picks up speed. Our campus is lovely, but the connections you’ll make here are what’s really amazing.
A proud tradition of breaking with tradition.

When you step onto our campus, you become part of a story that began 190 years ago. A lot has changed since then. But not everything. The traditions we keep are what unite us. Everything from the investiture and proclamation ceremonies during your very first week on campus, to the candlelight commencement ceremony around Westhampton Lake, will remind you of one thing: you’re surrounded by thousands who share your passion and commitment.

When you know you have that kind of community supporting you, it makes it much easier to break with tradition and take new approaches to old subjects. That’s what drives the groundbreaking research that takes place here and makes headlines around the world.

Dr. Kelly Lambert, co-coordinator of our neuroscience program, wanted to test whether rats housed in complex, enriched environments with interesting objects learned faster. So with the help of undergraduate students, she taught two groups of rodents, each with different housing situations, how to drive tiny cars around the lab. That kind of thinking doesn’t come from just anywhere. It comes from Richmond.
The courses you’ll take will take you places and help you think in ways you’ve never imagined.

“Take you places”

You'll take will

I love the direct social, ethical, and legal implications of toxicological research. It’s my hope that students will be better prepared to reject them.

Dr. Shannon Jones, Director of Biological Instruction

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Lauren O'Brien '20

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Dr. Wight challenged us to think from different perspectives and practice active learning outside of the classroom. As a result of Dr. Wight's course, I am pursuing an international development internship next summer.”

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**English and Greek**

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**Environmental Studies**

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**Latin**

**Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies (LALIS)**

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**Music**

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**Philosophy**

**Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law**

**Physics**

**Physics-Interdisciplinary**

**Political Science**

**Pre-Engineering**

**Pre-Law**

**Pre-Medicine/Health Professions**

**Psychology**

**Religious Studies**

**Rhetoric and Communication Studies**

**Russian Studies**

**Sociology**

**Spanish (see LALIS)**

**Theatre**

**Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

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“It’s not always about what you study in school—that’s the starting point. It’s really about finding your passion and taking advantage of opportunities.”

TENAJ FERGUSON ’11
FOUNDER OF LADY EPICURE GOURMET

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How you see the world will be how you change the world.

There’s one world, but infinite ways to look at it. Just like there’s one Richmond, but over 100 majors, minors, and concentrations across 3 schools.

And if no one area of study quite captures what you want to do, pick a few—just like two-thirds of our students do.

All you have to do to see the full range of possibilities that Richmond affords is take your phone out of your pocket, look at it, and ask, “What do I see?”

“Smartphones have moved from a luxury good to almost a necessity, given how entrenched they are in our lives. I work with indigenous Bolivians as part of my research, and a small minority of them can afford a cell phone. Cell technology has leapfrogged other technologies as these people still lack household electricity and plumbing, yet I’ve been able to video-chat with the leader of a village in the remote Amazon.”

DR. CHRISTOPHER VON RUEDEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

“I see unlimited connectivity. Technology allows us to connect with subcultures that we identify with across geographic boundaries. We are no longer limited to exploring hobbies, getting advice, or making friends in our local community; rather we have the whole world at our fingertips. But this unlimited connectivity indirectly has us disconnecting from our in-person conversations and relationships. The ability to use technology to nurture rather than compromise in-person interactions will be one of the next big steps in marketing.”

DR. SARA HANSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MARKETING

“I immediately think about the challenge of designing technology to be ready at a moment’s notice by billions of people with changing needs. A computer scientist solves these problems of providing a useful product, making it scale, while being conscious of energy use and psychological impact.”

DR. JORY DENNY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

“I have spent summers teaching biology to Tibetan monks who have been exiled to India, most recently through the UR EnCompass program. Now, when I think of smartphones, I immediately think of a room of monks using their phones to research a question about the diversity of life or excitedly filming a projected image of the first microscopic organism they’ve ever seen.”

DR. DAN PIERCE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

“I consider the vast network of laborers and resources that have to work together for this object to arrive in front of me. Geological actors and processes, as well as the chemicals to extract and process those raw materials. It includes a vast amount of human labor: from miners and chemical factory workers, to the engineers and designers. And I see what we do with those devices: snap photos of our loved ones, read internet news, play games, navigate our travels. I see how easy it is for us to prioritize our minor desires over the health and safety of people who make our way of life possible.”

DR. NATHAN SNAZA, ENGLISH AND WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

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What makes Richmond different?

I don’t know of another institution that has faculty who are more dedicated to students and our educational mission, both inside and outside the classroom. Richmond is also unique in how we focus on interdisciplinary inquiry. We teach (and learn) at the intersection of established disciplines.

What kind of student really thrives here?

This is a great environment for curious students who are willing to take risks, and those who are willing to fail at times. The ideal students are willing to try new things and realize it’s not all about them.

What’s the dynamic between faculty and students here?

Teaching is not limited to the confines of the classroom. I regularly mentor undergraduate researchers from both the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the psychology department. All told, I have published over 20 peer-reviewed manuscripts with current or former undergraduate students and have presented over 50 jointly authored conference presentations with current or former University of Richmond undergraduates.

What do you hope your students take away from your class?

I hope my students learn how to actively engage in their community and how to ask the hard questions. I hope my students will have a well-developed sense of social responsibility. I’ll steal the words of Toni Morrison here. I hope they learn that “if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else.”
You’re going to make an impact on the world. We want to help you make it sooner and make it bigger. That’s why every Richmond undergraduate is eligible to receive up to $4,000 for an unpaid summer internship or faculty-mentored research project, either on campus or 12 time zones away. What’s your idea? We’re in.

IZZY PEZZULO ’18 spent four months studying in northern India. With the help of a fellowship, she spent her fifth month abroad making an independent documentary about farmers, food, and community in Nepal.

EMMA NASH ’20 used her fellowship to work with the World Pediatric Project and make communication breakthroughs with young patients from abroad who had come to the U.S. for life-changing surgeries.

CHRISTIAN VOTO ’16 helped coordinate the first government-approved drone delivery of medication to patients in rural southwest Virginia. Officials on hand (including Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, at right) described the project as a “Kitty Hawk moment.”
Running. Diving. Throwing. *Quidditch*-ing? If you’re looking for a way to compete and stay active, we’ve got a team to help you do it. From the most elite levels of the NCAA to a Tuesday night pickup game in the Weinstein Center, Spiders in motion tend to stay in motion.

The highest level of college athletic competition. Players represent Richmond against NCAA rivals and may be eligible for athletic scholarships. Each week, the University of Richmond’s 17 Division I teams set an example of leadership and drive for every student, professor, and staff member on campus.

Intramurals welcome players of every background and skill level to compete with other teams within the University. For those moved simply by the love of the game, teams are open to every student and faculty and staff member.

Square off against other colleges everywhere from the field to the court to the pool. More than 30 teams (and the list keeps growing).
We’re bursting with enthusiasm: for classical music, for Oxford-style debating, for street art, for Greek food, for astronomy, for nearly anything and everything. The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) provides funding, space, and resources of all kinds to more than 180 recognized student organizations. More than just a chance to connect with friends, these diverse and inclusive organizations are also great places to develop skills like leadership, budgeting, risk management, and marketing.

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No matter how far you go, you’ll never go it alone.

Your journey will be enriched by the people you meet, and the classroom is only one place you’ll find them. The most magical places on campus aren’t the advanced labs or the lakeside gazebos. The real magic lives in the places you’ll visit every day—the places where you’ll build your community.

TYLER HAYNES COMMONS
The bridge between both halves of campus, and to the world outside academics. Our 180+ student organizations are supported from here, and every week the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement also gives students the opportunity to work within the Richmond area community. It’s also where you can find our bookstore, meeting spaces, and the most gorgeous lake view any foosball table has ever seen.

DINING
Heilman Dining Center is one of the South’s most stunning campus dining halls, according to Southern Living. The food is in the top 20 of 385 schools as ranked by The Princeton Review, the dessert bar is transcendent, and the company isn’t bad either. And when you’re in the mood for something a little different, visit one of our other seven on-campus dining locations like Tyler’s Grill or The Cellar.

WELL-BEING CENTER
Instead of building a traditional university health center, we’ve created an upstream health unit devoted to prevention, healthy habit formation, and mental health. More than a campus clinic, it’s a place where students, counselors, meditation experts, nutritionists, psychologists, and educators come together with therapy animals, a demonstration kitchen, Himalayan salt room, and quiet spaces to help you find health and balance.

WEINSTEIN CENTER FOR RECREATION
And right next door to the Well-Being Center is one of the busiest buildings on campus. One of several LEED Gold-certified buildings on campus, it’s fully accessible for students of all abilities. You can play a pickup game, take a vinyasa yoga class, swim a few laps, relax in the sauna, or simply hit the weights. Or grab a friend, rent a couple of mountain bikes, and leave the grid entirely.
**Widen your horizons.**

Richmond, the city, is just the right size to get your arms around. And once you’ve got your arms around it, you’ll see you’re holding a lot of opportunities. See exhibits that don’t come within 50 miles of most small colleges. Forge the future of digital creativity in a downtown co-working space. Earn your political stripes alongside policymakers in the state capital. When it comes time to leave college and begin your life’s work, you’ll realize you already have.
MY APARTMENT IS FILLED WITH THE POKÉMON PLUSH COLLECTION

“Coming here has greatly expanded my network.”

How has UR’s location affected your college experience?

Because of our proximity to the city, I have been able to carry out my Bonner Scholars Program internship for three years without much stress. This internship has positively affected my college experience thus far.

I’ve been able to see the Richmond Ballet a couple of times at the Carpenter Theatre, which is very close to campus. Richmond is a city that encourages the arts, and different companies and groups perform here at an affordable price or even sometimes for free. I think anyone who appreciates the arts would thrive in the Richmond area.

As for Carytown, I think anyone who breathes will enjoy it! There are many restaurants catering to different tastes and price ranges. Who doesn’t like good food?

There are quite a few big companies with headquarters in Richmond like Capital One, Dominion Energy, and Hamilton Beach. Being here, I am also close to Washington, D.C. and relatively close to New York, which gives me a broader range of possibilities after graduation.

What should people know about Richmond—the university and the city?

I’d say that coming here has greatly expanded my network. The academics here are rigorous and they are a priority for the typical student. But there are still plenty of opportunities to have fun and enjoy the college experience beyond the classroom.

With the city so close and the amount of activities and clubs the University of Richmond offers, Spiders end up being overbooked people because there is so much to do!
Further than you imagine is closer than you think.

From where you are now, you might not see everything your future could be. You can’t yet see what you don’t expect. You can’t see all the practical level-ups, intellectual wormholes, and technological breakthroughs that will help you make a bigger impact than you ever imagined. But here, you’ll see these possibilities everywhere, every day. How do we know?

Just take a look at our graduates:

KEN ATKINSON '90. A legend in Spider basketball, Atkinson didn’t get drafted by the NBA. At least not in the way he thought. After years of playing in Europe, he broke into coaching, and was hired as the head coach for the Brooklyn Nets for the 2016–2020 seasons. In 2019 he led the Nets to the NBA playoffs.

JENNIFER MCCCLELLAN ’94. Going far isn’t always a matter of traveling far. McClellan went from studying law at Richmond to representing Richmond in the Virginia House of Delegates and now the Virginia Senate.

JOSH ABRAMSON ’03. Abramson came to Richmond to study business administration, and it didn’t take him long to get his entrepreneurial feet wet. While still a freshman, he co-founded CollegeHumor.com.

YICHI ZHANG ’13. Zhang majored in Spider basketball, Atkinson didn’t get drafted by the NBA. At least not in the way he thought. After years of playing in Europe, he broke into coaching, and was hired as the head coach for the Brooklyn Nets for the 2016–2020 seasons. In 2019 he led the Nets to the NBA playoffs.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MEMBERS MAY WEAR A RED AND GOLD HONOR CORD TO THEIR MORTARBOARD

BONNER SCHOLARS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR STUDIES TO LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE WEAR A SMALL MEDALLION HUNG FROM A RED AND BLUE RIBBON ON THEIR SHOULDER.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WEARS A GOLD AND BLACK SASH OR A SMALL MEDALLION HUNG FROM A RED AND BLACK RIBBON ON THEIR SHOULDER.

THE HONOR OF CARRYING THE UNIVERSITY PROCESSIONAL, A HANDED TO A GRADUATE WITHING 5 MINUTES OF GRADUATION, WEARS A PURPLE CORD TO THEIR REGULAR MORTARBOARD.

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MEMBERS ADD RED AND GOLD HONOR CORDS TO THEIR REGULAR MORTARBOARD.

**To remain green, all students wear environmentally conscious GreenWeaver® regalia. The fabric for this line of graduation wear is made from 100% post-consumer recycled plastic bottles.**
Spiders are everywhere.

WILL I BE ABLE TO STUDY ABROAD?
Try a semester, short-term, or summer program. In fact, studying abroad is not only a possibility, we’ll actively support it. By helping with travel expenses, covering international health and travel insurance, and arranging pre-semester orientation and language courses if necessary. In addition to our exchange/direct-enroll partner institutions in 36 countries, we have agreements with other programs around the world. Tell us where you want to study, and together we’ll find a way to get you there.

WHAT ABOUT THE FULBRIGHT?
The Fulbright Program funds research, teaching, and exploration in countries around the world. This isn’t the end of your Richmond experience. This is just the beginning. No matter where you decide to go—on any continent, across any ocean, or flying high above it all—chances are, you’ll find another Spider there, ready to show you around.

WHAT’S NEXT?
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BODY IS INTERNATIONAL
MORE THAN 60 COUNTRIES
IN 10 WORLD LANGUAGES
9% FROM ANCIENT GREEK TO JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN, WE OFFER INSTRUCTION IN 36 COUNTRIES
100% OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE IS PORTABLE TO A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
10% OF OUR STUDENT BODY IS INTERNATIONAL (MAILING FROM MORE THAN 30 COUNTRIES)
75/36 WE HAVE STUDY ABROAD PARTNERSHIPS WITH 75 UNIVERSITIES AND PROGRAMS IN 36 COUNTRIES
#2 IN STUDY ABROAD, ACCORDING TO THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

LEADING THE CDC’S DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, THIS FORMER ENGLISH MAJOR INFORMS OVER 300 MILLION AMERICANS ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM FLU SEASON TO EBOLA OUTBREAKS.

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WHAT’S NEXT?
We happen to be one of the top producers of Fulbright Scholars. TELL US WHERE YOU WANT TO STUDY, AND TOGETHER WE’LL FIND A WAY TO GET YOU THERE.

BRAD MEYERS ’86 ATLANTA, GEORGIA
LEONARD MILLER ’96 NEW YORK, WORKING ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, SPIDERS ARE EVERYWHERE.

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RAISER PIONEERED A LOW-COST HIV GENOTYPING PROCESS THAT IS HELPING PATIENTS ALL OVER AFRICA RECEIVE FASTER, MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT.

DURING A SEMESTER ABROAD, BROWN FELL IN LOVE WITH SOUTH AFRICA. JUST DAYS AFTER GRADUATION, HE FOUNDED HIS OWN WINE LABEL TO BRING SOUTH AFRICAN BLENDS TO AMERICA AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE FAMILIES OF SOUTH AFRICAN VINEYARD WORKERS.

BRITTANY WALKER ’16 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
TO DATE, THERE’S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO’S BEEN DIAGNOSED BY BOTH THE DETROIT LIONS AND NASA. NATURALLY, IT WOULD BE A SPIDER. FROM CHEM LASE TO DREXEL TO CALTECH TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, SPIDERS ARE EVERYWHERE.

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Your future, our commitment.

What makes us different is that we’re deeply invested in your vision. We admit the most talented, accomplished students. Then we do everything we can to ensure they can bring their talents here. That includes financial aid and multiple scholarship programs.

For starters, we’re in the 1% of U.S. colleges and universities that admit applicants through a need-blind admission process for U.S. citizens and permanent residents and meet a student’s full financial need. In fact, 100% of your family’s demonstrated need will be provided through our financial aid packages.

Additionally, all first-year applicants are automatically considered for our Presidential Scholarship—one-third of your tuition—without any additional materials. And, applicants who apply before December 1 are also considered for the Richmond Scholars Program, which awards full tuition, plus room and meals.

YOUR FUTURE SHOULDN’T HAVE TO WAIT

When all your tests have been taken, essays written, and recommendations requested, send everything to us by one of the following dates.

**NOVEMBER 1**
- Early Decision I
- Early Action

**DECEMBER 1**
- Richmond Scholars

**JANUARY 1**
- Early Decision II
- Regular Decision
- Presidential Scholarship

Curious? Need to do a bit more investigating? You’re a natural Spider. Learn more at admission.richmond.edu and check out financialaid.richmond.edu.
"Don’t waste this time creating a boring story."

MEET ALEX
ALEX KELSO ’12
RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR
(RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR)

WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?
I’m the community operations program lead for Uber’s JUMP bikes and scooters product in the United States and Canada. Even six years into my job, I continue to find daily learning experiences and engaging problems that have real impact on how people move through the world.

To be honest, I had no idea what I wanted to do after graduation. I decided to take a year or so to go explore interests I had cultivated during my time at UR. In that year, I led long-distance teenage bicycle tours between Maine and Quebec City, I lived in rural Spain teaching English to primary school students, and I bicycled from California to Maryland.

Just before my cross-country trip, I stayed with a fraternity brother in San Francisco who worked at Twitter. Something clicked while he toured me around the office. I loved the buzz, the energy, the attitude. I needed to be a part of it.

What else should we know about Richmond?
You don’t need to know your major, clubs you want to join, or even who your friend group is during your first year. The breadth of experiences offered—both inside and outside the classroom—helped me cultivate the ability to think critically and communicate effectively.

Let college be a process of trial and error. This is the one time in your life where you have time, energy, and relatively few responsibilities. Don’t waste it creating a boring story.

LINDA HOBGOOD, RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES FACULTY MEMBER AND ALEX’S FACULTY MENTOR
It starts within you. It thrives here.

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