You have the passion, ambition, and commitment.
We have the mentorship, muscle, and reach.
Imagine a place where your potential meets our might.
Welcome to Richmond.

Set on 350 wooded acres, Richmond is featured in The Princeton Review’s “Most Beautiful Campus” list.

Bring your goals. We’ll do our best to help you reach them. Bring your questions. We’ll roll up our sleeves and tackle them with you. Bring your bold ideas. We’ll fund your explorations. Most important, please bring your remarkable self. We’ll introduce you to your second family.

We’ll help you chart your brightest future.
Dr. Kelly Lamert, co-coordinator of our neuroscience program, wanted to test whether rats housed in complex, enriched environments with interesting objects learned faster. 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. This kind of thinking is rare and transformative.

It happens every day at Richmond.
The courses you take will shape your discovery and transform your thinking in ways you’ve never imagined.
One university.
Three schools.
100+ areas of study.

Our three undergraduate schools offer a powerful range of topics and majors to choose among — but you don’t have to decide up front.

Our advice: Follow your interests and indulge your curiosity as you pick.

Explore. Discover. And then decide which school is right for you and how you want to focus.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
A community of learners spanning 24 departments and 11 interdisciplinary programs, it’s the door to a host of opportunities — from NASA-funded environmental research to historically informed dance performances.

JEPSON SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES
The country’s first school of leadership studies. Tackle such fundamental questions as who we are, how we live together, and how we influence the course of history.

ROBINS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
You’ll sharpen your business savvy and skills as you jump between classes to our trading floor, and from our personal branding boot camps to real-world internships.
Choose among a staggering number of majors, minors, and concentrations across our three undergraduate schools.

**The results are predictable.**

**The journey is anything but.**

No matter your major and regardless of career path, your Richmond education will instill a broad and wide-ranging body of knowledge, a keen and analytical mind, and powerful communication skills.

You’ll specialize in one or more areas. You’ll apply your studies through research and possibly an internship. More likely than not, you’ll travel the world.

These are the givens. But how you get there is entirely up to you, and that’s the point.

This is your experience.
We’re here to support, advise, and applaud.
How you see the world will determine how you’ll change it.

There’s only one world, but infinite ways to look at it. There’s one Richmond, but more than 100 majors, minors, and concentrations to choose among. If no one area of study quite captures your questions and curiosity, feel free to explore a few. Two-thirds of our students do.

What do you see when you look at a smartphone?

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

“It’s a great example of the globalization of business. The schematics and rare minerals come from the United States, the display and camera from Japan, the processor and memory from South Korea, and the assembly of the parts takes place in China. Years of building relationships and structuring deals go into making these devices.”

—Sean Foley ’20, Business Administration

“I have spent summers teaching biology to Tibetan monks who have been exiled to India, most recently through the 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

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—Dr. Jory Denny, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

“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 my way of life possible.”

—Dr. Nathan Snaza, English and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

“I think about the exploitation of workers. Manufacturers have allowed and profited off of terrible labor conditions. I question whether it is ethical to endorse this by purchasing their products. I question the leadership of a company that actively harms others for the sake of its own profit. I hope that others do too.”

—Sara Messervey ’20, Leadership Studies

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RILEY PLACE ’22, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT DOUBLE MAJOR

MEET DR. SALISBURY
DR. DAVID SALISBURY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY

What makes Richmond different?
Our faculty and staff are dedicated to working closely with students in and out of the classroom — and help facilitate opportunities for research, creative projects, and community-based learning.

What kind of student really thrives here?
Creative risk takers who are motivated more by process (the learning experience) and product (a useful map or geographic tool) than by grades. People who are self-motivated and work well in groups by pulling their weight and having a healthy respect for diverse ways of knowing and being.

What's the dynamic between you and your students?
I like to find what my students are passionate about and then push them to explore these interests in new and applied ways. I've brought research students to the Peruvian and Brazilian Amazon and took a class to Chile. Two summers ago, five students and I participated in a transboundary mapping workshop in the Peruvian Amazon, working side-by-side with GIS analysts and professors from Brazil and Peru to map human-environment dynamics of the Amazon borderlands.

What do you hope your students take away from your class?
I hope they become life-long learners unafraid to take chances because they know more learning results from the struggle than from the outcome. I hope they become empowered to address climate change and sustainability challenges with a can-do attitude that recognizes there are opportunities to be found in every obstacle.”
Bring us your dreams. We’ll help you reach them.

We know you’re going to make an impact on the world. We just want to help you make it sooner. That’s why every Richmond undergraduate is eligible to receive up to $5,000 for an unpaid summer internship or faculty-mentored research project, on campus or anywhere else. What’s your idea? Doesn’t matter. We’re in.

LOGAN JONES-WILKINS ’23 took a 1,500-mile cycling trip around Ecuador, putting his hobby to use to better understand the country’s roads and the politics surrounding them.

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.

EMMA DAVIS ’21 interned at Frontline, an investigative journalism program of the Public Broadcasting Service. Her work included fact-checking, researching, assessing fair use claims, transcribing interviews, and vetting story proposals. As an aspiring reporter, the attention to detail and multiple rounds of edits to ensure accuracy and journalistic integrity were rewarding and inspiring.
Football. Soccer. Lacrosse. *Quidditch*? If you’re looking for a way to compete, have fun, or stay active, we’ve got you covered. Whether playing on championship-caliber NCAA teams or joining a Tuesday night pickup game in the Weinstein Center, Spiders in motion tend to stay that way.

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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.

Square off against other colleges everywhere from the field to the court to the pool. More than 30 teams (and the list keeps growing).
Right here.

We’re bursting with enthusiasm — for classical music, Oxford-style debating, street art, Greek food, astronomy, and the countless other passions and pastimes our students bring to life. The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) provides funding, space, and resources to more than 190 recognized student organizations, each of which creates an opportunity to connect with fellow students while building leadership, budgeting, risk management, and marketing skills.

Where can I learn, create, respond, prepare, pledge, honor, communicate, belong, advocate, worship, serve, play, compete, lead, and break the mold with more than 3,200 of the most incredible people I’ll ever meet?
Wherever you go, no matter how far, you’ll never go it alone.

As much as we nurture the life of your mind, the rest of your life is equally important here. From our innovative Well-Being Center to award-winning dining services to therapy animals, a salt spa, and vinyasa yoga classes, we invest heavily in ensuring the mental, emotional, and physical health of this community.
The other Richmond

A short drive from campus, downtown Richmond is teeming with opportunities — for internships and research, outdoor adventures, and evenings out with friends. Forge the future of digital creativity in a downtown co-working space. Earn your political stripes alongside policymakers in the state capital. See exhibits that don’t come within 50 miles of most small colleges. 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?

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 can imagine is closer than you think.

From where you are now, it might be hard to see all the good things your future might hold — the practical level-ups, intellectual wormholes, and technological breakthroughs that will help you make a bigger impact than you ever imagined. At Richmond, you’ll encounter new possibilities wherever you go, throughout every day. Those discoveries will transform your life and electrify your future.

How do we know? Just ask our graduates.
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 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. We happen to be one of the top producers of Fulbright Scholars. (Take a look at the map to see just a few of the places our students have studied.)

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS
No matter where you decide to go, when you travel the world chances are good you’ll find other Spiders, ready to welcome you warmly, answer your questions, and show you around.
We help make an exceptional value affordable.

First, we admit the most talented, accomplished students. Then we do everything we can to help make a Richmond education possible — including financial aid assistance and multiple scholarship programs.

Most colleges want to help in this way. The critical distinction for Richmond: We’re among only a handful of U.S. colleges and universities that admit U.S. citizens and permanent residents through a need-blind admission process and meet applicants’ full financial need. What that means: 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 — equal to one-third of your tuition. 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:

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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 senior manager for Uber Eat’s business practices and standards. Even nine 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, what clubs you want to join, or even who your friend group will be 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.

“Alex’s work in the Seminar in Theory & Pedagogy was exemplary, and he went on to serve as an outstanding peer mentor to his undergraduate colleagues. Joining Uber in its earliest phase and then serving loyally as the company has enjoyed tremendous success combines the daring and dependability in Alex’s personality.”

LINDA HOBGOOD,
RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES FACULTY MEMBER AND ALEX’S FACULTY MENTOR
This place stays with you.

STANDARD DISCLAIMER

Those who visit our campus often fall in love. They cite the friendly welcome. The open doors. The tree-lined walkways. If you are undaunted; schedule a tour or register for a virtual admission event.

However you choose to come “see” us, just don’t say we didn’t warn you. You might decide to stay for the rest of your life.

admission.richmond.edu/visit