What if? 

A non-exhaustive accounting of the things you can count on here.
This is not the time for ambiguity.

You’re smart, determined, and busy.

When considering colleges, you deserve assurance and clarity, not unnecessary adjectives.
Possibility is nice.

But we prefer to lead with the probable. To make clear who we are and what we’re up to. So you can make the decision that’s best for you.

What follows is our best attempt to eliminate the persnickety “if”—by stating plain, clear facts about Richmond.
At Richmond . . .

Your college will have university resources.

With 3,100 fellow students, dynamic and interactive courses, and a world-class faculty that teaches 100 percent of your classes, you’ll get all the best aspects of a small college education.

Renowned schools of arts and sciences, business, and leadership; 100+ programs of study; and world-class research output give you access to the resources and scope of a major university.
You will have friends from many cultures and backgrounds.

Start with a diverse and talented cross-section of the world’s most enterprising students, add equal parts Division I spirit and residential college warmth, and round things out with an affirmative culture that celebrates difference, encourages exchange, and does whatever it can to transform good ideas into even greater realities.
At Richmond . . .

You won’t need a passport to travel the world.

We’re a top destination for the world’s most talented international students. **We partner with universities in 36 countries to offer direct enrollment study abroad programs.**

Whether you travel the globe or never leave campus, you’ll have daily encounters with the citizens, customs, perspectives, language, and food of other cultures.
Your internship funding will be guaranteed.

As a Richmond undergraduate, you will be eligible for up to $4,000 in funding for an unpaid (or underpaid) summer internship or faculty-mentored research project. (To prove that we mean it, we call it The Richmond Guarantee.)
Richmond graduates do well in the world. In part because they’ve shaped personalized programs of study and experience that spring from their interests and point toward their chosen purpose. In part because they can count on devoted mentors who guide them throughout their lives. And in part because of the fierce loyalty of Spider alums, who lend expertise and create opportunities that make all the difference.
Your college will provide all the financial aid your family needs.

Our priority:
To make the Richmond education possible for the most capable, talented, and ambitious applicants regardless of their family’s financial background.

Our promise:
1. Your financial background plays zero role in our admission decisions* (this is called need-blind admission).
2. If we admit you, we meet 100% of your family’s demonstrated financial need.
3. Such “extras” as laundry costs, travel stipends, gym membership, and Division I sports tickets are included in the cost of Richmond.

*We are need blind for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.
We’ve made some bold claims about the Richmond experience. What follows are the substantiating details.

Established in 1830, the University of Richmond is a private, nationally prominent liberal arts university.

Enrollment
3,100 undergraduates from 47 states and 60+ countries
9% of our student body is international.
94% first-year retention rate

Financial Aid
Richmond’s financial aid packages meet 100% of each admitted student’s demonstrated financial need.
Richmond is among a small handful of colleges and universities that are need-blind and meet a student’s full financial need.

Academics
100+ majors, minors, and concentrations across three schools
8-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio
99% of classes have fewer than 30 students
#9 best classroom experience, according to The Princeton Review
0% of classes taught by teaching assistants

Campus life
90% of students live on campus all four years.

Experiential Learning
In 2020, over 400 students received UR funding totaling more than $1.3 million to support unpaid internship or research opportunities.
Richmond is ranked #6 for internships by the Princeton Review.
97% of supervisors said they would hire their UR intern for a future position in their organization.

Last year, Richmond students interned and researched in 31 countries and 27 states.
Richmond is ranked #2 for study abroad (according to the Institute of International Education).
66% of students study abroad

Athletics
Richmond fields 17 Division 1 varsity teams (the nation’s only Spiders), 32 club sports, and more than 180+ student-run clubs and organizations.

Outcomes
94% of Richmond grads seeking jobs in 2019 found one within six months. 23% of 2019 grads are currently in or have already completed a graduate program.
Richmond’s global alumni network of 51,000 includes leaders and influencers in more than 95 countries.
If questions remain, we’d love the chance to answer them.

We will not rest until every last “if” is extinguished.
At Richmond . . .

You will live on the country’s most beautiful campus.
rank of Richmond's campus among the nation’s “Most Beautiful” in the 2021 edition of The Princeton Review’s Best 386 Colleges.