University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
www.virginia.edu

Fast facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 22,000
- Number of campuses: 1
- Academic year: August - May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: August – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – May
- World Ranking: 121st (The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2017)

Location
The University of Virginia’s beautiful campus is located in Charlottesville, approximately 120 miles or 3 hours’ drive southwest of Washington, DC. Charlottesville is a small, thriving city located in the foothills of Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains.

Things to do
Charlottesville’s downtown area is an eighteen-block, brick-paved pedestrian mall with more than thirty outdoor cafes and restaurants, numerous modern theaters and several music venues. From April through October, Charlottesville celebrates Fridays After Five downtown, with free live music at its amphitheater, the Charlottesville Pavilion.
The John Paul Jones Arena at the University is home to U.Va. men’s and women’s Basketball teams and host to a number of attractions including concerts from performers including U2 and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Top attractions: Blue Ridge Mountains, Monticello (Jefferson’s home), Southern Cafe and Music Hall and The Gardens of Monticello

Travel opportunities
The Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport is located approximately 8 miles from the University, making flights around America very convenient. Charlottesville is a 1½ hr flight (350 miles) from New York City. You could also head down the east coast through North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia towards Florida, stopping off at beaches aplenty along the way.
There are many things to visit in the state of Virginia including the Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Highlands. The State has also preserved numerous battlefields and monuments associated with the Civil War. Virginia has produced eight US presidents, whose homes are national treasures and open to the public.

Climate
The weather in Virginia is generally considered to be “not too hot and not too cold”. Maximum summer temperature is 30°C, whereas winter temperatures can drop just below freezing.

Finance 2017/18
Bursaries available:
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students begining their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)
- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See http://www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

More information:
http://admission.virginia.edu/international

Accommodation
The University offers a number of different residence styles and locations for students. Apartments, single bedrooms in a suite arrangement, residential colleges, and language houses provide a wide variety of experiences for student living. The vast majority of exchange students choose to apply to live on campus.

Some students choose to live off campus. There are a number of properties close to the University that are owned by the University of Virginia Foundation.

Further information is available from:
http://www.virginia.edu/housing/ or
https://offgroundshousing.student.virginia.edu/

Further information
http://issp.virginia.edu/visiting-international-students

Application success rate
2015-16: no data
2016-17: 20%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)