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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

The University of Virginia (U.Va.), located in Charlottesville, is distinctive among institutions of higher education, and consistently ranks among the top two public universities in the United States. The University was founded in 1819 by Thomas Jefferson and sustains an ideal of developing, through education, leaders who are well-prepared to help shape the future of the nation.

U.Va. has long been a leading institution in humanities, social sciences, and arts scholarship. The University is now committed to enhancing research in key interdisciplinary areas of science and engineering including: morphogenesis and regenerative medicine; nano and quantum science and engineering; computer and information science and engineering; healthy aging; and environment, energy, and sustainability. In building these complementary strengths, U.Va. cultivates a university research culture that supports innovation and ultimately leads to discoveries that will transform society.

RANKINGS

The University of Virginia remains the No. 2 best public university in the 2010 edition of the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. In the 12 years since *U.S. News* began ranking public universities as a separate category, U.Va. has ranked either No. 1 or No. 2.

U.Va. continues to rank in the Top 25 among the best of all national universities, public and private, tying with UCLA and Wake Forest at No. 25 in 2010.

The University of Virginia is ranked No. 1 for the second year in a row among 50 "best value" public colleges and universities, according to *The Princeton Review*, one of America's most widely known education services and test preparation companies.

The University of Virginia Medical Center is one of only 15 major teaching hospitals to be ranked among the nation's top 100 hospitals, according to Thomson Reuters' 100 Top Hospitals: National Benchmarks study. In addition, the U.Va. Medical Center is one of only two hospitals from the Commonwealth to be selected.

In April, 2009, 47 U.Va. Health System doctors were selected for inclusion in the annual guide *America's Top Doctors*TM (eighth edition).

Schools, Departments and Programs

(Not all schools or programs are rated every year, so the date of the last ranking is posted in parentheses.)

- 5th McIntire School of Commerce (2011)**
- 10th Law School (2011)**
- 10th English Department, Graduate Programs ((2010)**
- 19th Biomedical Engineering Department (2011)**
- 14th Physics Department, Graduate Program (2010)**
- 13th Darden Graduate School of Business Administration (2011)**
- 13th Political Theory, Ph.D. Program (2010)**
- 19th**
 - Nursing School, Graduate Programs (2008)**
 - History Department, Graduate Programs (2010)**
- 20th**
- 21st Curry School of Education (2011)**
- 23rd Psychology Department (2010)**
- 25th School of Medicine, Research (2011)**
- 36th School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (2011)**

2010

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Based on the quality of both its academic and financial aid offerings, the University of Virginia ranks third among more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities across the nation for "best value," according to an annual ranking by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine.

The University of Virginia was ranked 10th among large universities in having the most volunteers on the Peace Corps' annual list of "Top Producing Colleges and Universities." U.Va. has 64 alumni currently serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

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Forbes released a biennial survey of America's best business schools and ranked Darden 9th in the nation. The survey ranks schools based on "return on investment," which is

determined by compensation five years after graduation minus tuition and the forgone salary during school.

For the second consecutive year, in 2009 the *Princeton Review* ranked the faculty at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business as the best in the business. The University of Virginia offers students the best education for their money of all the nation's public universities, according to "Best Value Colleges for 2009," a ranking released by *The Princeton Review* and *USA TODAY*.

In the 2009 edition of its "Best 174 Law Schools," the Princeton Review ranked U.Va.'s School of Law first in the "Quality of Life" category. Other rankings for U.Va. Law: No. 3 in Best Career Prospects, No. 4 in "Professors Rock" (Legally Speaking), and No. 5 in Best Classroom Experience.

For the 15th straight year, the University of Virginia's African-American students posted the highest graduation rate among those at all public universities in the nation, according to the annual compilation published by the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (JBHE).

2008

Forbes published a listing that ranked U.Va. No. 1 among national public universities by the Center for College Affordability & Productivity, a research organization in Washington, D.C. that evaluates colleges based on results.

An economist at Vanderbilt University took the top 50 business programs in the nation, as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*, and reordered them according to the gains in salary that the school appears to provide. Using this system, Cornell University came out on top, followed by Indiana University at Bloomington and the University of Virginia.



The University of Virginia and Columbia University tied in *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education's* statistical ranking for enrolling the highest percentage of black students in their first-year classes.

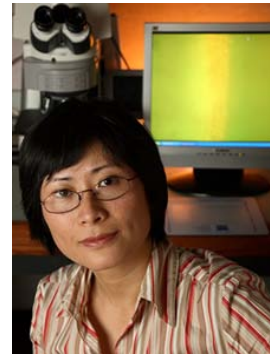
University of Virginia's College at Wise

The 2009 *U.S. News & World* report ranked the University of Virginia College at Wise No. 4 for 2010 among liberal art colleges in the Least Debt category. While 59 percent of students at the College at Wise graduate with debt, at an average debt of \$10,252, it is the fourth lowest among national liberal arts colleges.

SUPERLATIVES/RECENT ACCOLADES

Faculty

- 14 members of the Institute of Medicine
- 3 Sloan Research Fellowships
- 3 Packard Foundation Awards
- 2 Pew Scholars in Biomedicine
- 12 National Academy of Engineering members
- 3 MacArthur fellows
- 25 Guggenheim fellows
- 26 Fulbright Scholars
- 6 National Endowment for the Humanities fellows
- 4 members of the National Academy of Science
- 24 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2 Presidential Young Investigators Awards



Area

- Top "Brainiest" Metropolitan Areas - *The Atlantic*
- Number One City for Retirement - *Kiplinger.com*
- Healthiest Place to Live - *Men's Journal* magazine 2010
- Top Place to Retire - *Kiplinger* magazine 2010
- 4th Best Place to Live in the Country - *Kiplinger's Magazine* 2009
- 11th Best Town to Find a Job - *Forbes Magazine* 2009
- One of the 30 Coolest Neighborhoods, Belmont - *Men's Health Magazine* June '09
- 18th Safest Mid-Sized Cities in the Country (populations between 150,000 and 500,000), Farmers Insurance
- AAA Bond Rating by Moody's and Standard and Poor's 2009, Moody's has ranked City AAA since 1973, S & P since 1964
- AARP, Top 10 Healthiest Places to Retire, 2008
- Best Places to Retire, *Black Enterprise Magazine*, 2nd in 2008
- Best City for Living and Launching a Business by *Fortune* and *Money* Magazines - 18th Place in 2008.
- Best Small Market for Business by *Forbes Magazine* - 9th Place in 2008.
- 2008 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, Gold and Flag Award in the Environmental Program (Government) category
- USGBC LEED Gold Certification, Downtown Transit Center, 2008, 1st LEED Gold municipal designation in the state.
- Top Ten Digital City, Center for Digital Government, 3rd 2005, 4th 2006, 6th 2007, 5th 2008, 4th 2009
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Research

- Sponsored Program awards totaled over \$375 million for FY 2010 from all sources (federal and state agencies, industry and private foundations).
- 15 Highly Cited Researchers are among our faculty:
http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/news/highly_cited.html
- To learn more about U.Va's research activities, please visit
<http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/research.html>

FULLTIME ENROLLMENT

(2009-10): 20,895

STUDENT BODY CHARACTERISTICS (2009-10)

Student Enrollment

14,297	Undergraduate
6,598	Graduate

20,895 **Total**

Male/Female

Total- all students on Grounds
56 percent women; 44 percent men

TUITION (2010-11)

IN-STATE TUITION: Undergraduate: \$10,836 Graduate: \$13,880

OUT OF STATE TUITION: Undergraduate: \$33,782; Graduate: \$ 23,876

AFFILIATED SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Curry School of Education
- Darden Graduate School of Business
- Frank Batten School of Public Policy
- McIntire School of Commerce
- School of Architecture
- School of Continuing and Professional Studies
- School of Engineering and Applied Science
- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing



SATELLITE CAMPUSES: [The University of Virginia's College at Wise](#)

NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED (2009-10):

Bachelor's: 3,561
Master's: 1,760
First Professional: 514
Doctorate: 347

SELECTED DEGREES OFFERED

Selected Engineering Degrees	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.
Aerospace Engineering	x	x	x
Applied Mechanics		x	
Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics			x
Biomedical Engineering	x	x	
Chemical Engineering	x	x	x
Civil Engineering	x	x	x
Computer Engineering	x	x	x
Electrical Engineering	x	x	x
Engineering Physics		x	x
Engineering Science	x		
Materials Science		x	x
Mechanical Engineering	x	x	x
Physics	x		x
Systems Engineering	x	x	x

Selected Science-related Degrees	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.
Bioethics		x	
Biological and Physical Sciences		x	
Biology	x	x	x
Biophysics			x
Cell Biology			x
Chemistry	x	x	x
Computer Science	x	x	x
Environmental Sciences	x	x	x
Molecular Medicine and Systems Biology			x
Microbiology			x
Medicine		x	
Neuroscience			x
Nursing	x	x	x
Pharmacology			x

Selected Business Degrees	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.
Accounting		x	
Business Administration		x	x
Commerce	x	x	
Economics	x	x	x
Management Information Systems		x	
Statistics		x	x