



### Law School and Student Life

Founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819, the University of Virginia School of Law is the second-oldest continuously operating law school in the United States.

**National standing:** The Law School is perennially ranked among the **top 10 law schools of the US**. The 2023 Princeton Review rankings rated UVA Law:

- No. 1 in Quality of Life
- No. 2 in Best Career Prospects and
- No. 4 for Best Professors, Best Classroom Experience and Best for Federal Clerkships.

**Academics:** more than 250 courses, incl. 24 clinics

**Student-faculty ratio:** 6.2 to 1 (as of fall 2022)

**Student-run academic journals:** 10

**Student organizations:** More than 70, including 19 affinity groups.

Video: [Life at UVA Law](#)

### The University & Charlottesville

The University of Virginia encompasses twelve schools in Charlottesville, has more than **22,000 students** and a faculty of more than 3,200.

**Located** 30 minutes from the Blue Ridge Mountains, two hours from Washington, D.C., and three hours from the Atlantic Ocean beaches, Charlottesville is known for its ideal combination of urban amenities and gorgeous natural setting ([Charlottesville Facts](#)).

**Climate:** The average July high is 87 degrees. The average January low is 25 degrees. Charlottesville averages more than 219 days of sunshine a year.

**Charlottesville population:** 45,672 (2021)

**Charlottesville metropolitan area:** 220,569 (2021)

[More on Charlottesville](#)

<b>Name of University</b>	University of Virginia School of Law
<b>Exchange Program Website</b>	<a href="http://www.law.virginia.edu">www.law.virginia.edu</a> (main website)
<b>Exchange Program Contact Details</b>	<p><b><u>Mailing &amp; Street Address:</u></b>  University of Virginia School of Law  580 Massie Road  Charlottesville, VA 22903-1738  U.S.A.</p> <p><b><u>Student Records Office (SRO)</u></b>  (Questions about academic administration, class enrollment, exams, etc.)</p> <p><b>Leonie Williams</b>  Associate Director of Academic Services  Phone: +1 (434) 243-2389  <a href="mailto:studentrecords@law.virginia.edu">studentrecords@law.virginia.edu</a></p> <p><b>Jason Dugas</b>  Assistant Dean for Academic Services and Registrar  Phone: +1 (434) 924-6024  <a href="mailto:studentrecords@law.virginia.edu">studentrecords@law.virginia.edu</a></p> <p><b><u>Student Affairs Office</u></b>  (Questions about student life, academic support, accommodations, etc.)</p> <p><b>Megan Durkee</b>  Director of Student Affairs  Phone: +1 (434) 924-1173  Email: <a href="mailto:studentaffairs@law.virginia.edu">studentaffairs@law.virginia.edu</a></p>
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English
<b>Language Requirements</b>	TOEFL test (less than 3 years old); look for minimum scores of 600PBT. On iBT: total score ( <b>90</b> ) with a breakdown of reading ( <b>23</b> ); listening ( <b>23</b> ); speaking ( <b>22</b> ); writing ( <b>22</b> )

<p><b>Application Procedure</b></p>	<p>Nominations should be sent via email to the Student Records Office, at <a href="mailto:studentrecords@law.virginia.edu">studentrecords@law.virginia.edu</a>. Upon receipt of nominations, nominees will receive information about the application procedures.</p> <p><b>Complete the online application for UVA Law School</b> To formally apply, students must <a href="#">complete the application for incoming exchange</a> through the UVA International Studies Office (ISO). Requests for assistance should be sent to the Student Records Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You need to upload a letter of recommendation and support from a faculty member or exchange coordinator.</li> <li>• You will upload copies of all transcripts. You may be asked to send official hard copies later.</li> <li>• If English is not your native language or if English is not the official language of instruction at your university, you will need to provide proof of English proficiency.</li> <li>• If English is not your native language, but it is the language of instruction of the university, you will need to submit a letter from the exchange coordinator to verify.</li> </ul> <p><b>Complete applicable visa paperwork</b> Once your application is complete and processed, you will need to complete all required paperwork for your student visa. Please reply to all emails from <a href="mailto:exchange@virginia.edu">exchange@virginia.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>Nomination Deadline</b></p> <p><b>Application Deadline</b></p>	<p>Jan 1, 2024 for applicants to UVA LAW LLM program April 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 Exchange students</p> <p>February 1, 2024 for applicants to UVA LAW LLM program May 15, 2024 for Fall 2024 Exchange students</p> <p>If an extension is needed on any of the above deadlines, please reach out to the Student Records Office.</p>
<p><b>Academic Requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program</b></p>	<p>Students must have completed at least one year of law studies at the home institution prior to participation in exchange and be in good academic standing at the home institution.</p>
<p><b>Semester Dates 2024-25</b></p>	<p><i>Fall Semester Dates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 21 - December 19</li> </ul>

	<p><i>Exam Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 7 - December 19</li> </ul> <p><i>Fall Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 14-Wednesday, October 16</li> </ul> <p><i>Thanksgiving Recess</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 27 - November 29</li> </ul> <p>For the full Academic Calendar, see <a href="#">Law School Academic Calendars</a>.</p>
<p><b>Orientation Program</b></p>	<p>The UVA School of Law holds mandatory orientation for 1L and International Exchange students on <b>Thursday, August 15, Friday, August 16 and Monday, August 19</b> (optional activities on Saturday, August 17).</p> <p>The International Studies Office of UVA holds a mandatory orientation session. Date is TBD and will be announced on <a href="http://issp.virginia.edu/orientation">http://issp.virginia.edu/orientation</a>.</p>
<p><b>Course Enrollment and Registration</b></p>	<p>Are students pre-enrolled or pre-registered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, can students do this themselves online? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do all or some courses have quotas? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>UVA LAW offers <b>more than 250 courses each year</b>, including 24 clinics. Class sizes vary and there is no guarantee of enrollment in all desired courses. Enrollment is often limited to a certain number of students and non-degree students could have lower priority of access than degree candidates.</p> <p>Courses for the fall are usually posted online before the end of June and exchange students typically are enrolled in classes in early August.</p>
<p><b>Mandatory Course Load for Exchange Students</b></p>	<p>UVA requires a minimum course load of 12 American Bar Association (ABA) credits per semester for full-time enrollment. This is also required for U.S. visa purposes.</p>
<p><b>On-Campus Housing</b></p>	<p><a href="http://issp.virginia.edu/housing">http://issp.virginia.edu/housing</a></p> <p>On-campus housing is in short supply and may not be available for exchange students.</p>

<b>Off-Campus Housing</b>	<a href="http://offgroundshousing.student.virginia.edu/">http://offgroundshousing.student.virginia.edu/</a>
<b>Health Insurance Requirement</b>	<a href="http://issp.virginia.edu/health-insurance-requirement">http://issp.virginia.edu/health-insurance-requirement</a> Students will need to submit the pre-entrance health form: <a href="https://www.studenthealth.virginia.edu/pre-entrance-health-form">https://www.studenthealth.virginia.edu/pre-entrance-health-form</a>
<b>Immigration Information</b>	The University of Virginia issues the Certificate of Eligibility for J-1 Status (Form DS-2019) to all international students that will be enrolled as exchange students. The J-1 Exchange Visitor Program allows exchange students to study as a non-degree student at the University of Virginia.  <a href="#">J-1 Visa   International Students &amp; Scholars Program UVA</a>
<b>Estimated Cost of Living per Semester</b>	<a href="http://issp.virginia.edu/costs">http://issp.virginia.edu/costs</a>  The cost of living is estimated at US\$ 12,685 per semester for the 2023-2024 academic year. Fall 2024 costs are TBD.
<b>Other Information</b>	While exchange students are not required to have laptops, exams are taken on laptops so students should be comfortable with computers. Exchange students who do not have a laptop can borrow one from our Technology Office for exams but cannot borrow for the entire semester.  ** The COVID-19 pandemic and its global implications has shown us that there is no guarantee that international exchanges will occur. Exchange students and their advisors will be notified should programs be suspended. Application to the UVA Law program (and subsequent admission) does not guarantee matriculation. **
<b>Helpful Links</b>	Facts and Statistics UVA School of Law: <a href="#">Overview Facts &amp; Stats UVA Law</a>  Life at UVA Law: <a href="#">Video (virtual) Tours UVA Law</a>  Living in Charlottesville: <a href="#">Brochure Living in Charlottesville, 2022-23</a>