ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE FAIR

Essential Information

Thank you so much for representing U.Va. at the college fair in your area! During the fair you (and representatives from other colleges and universities) will distribute literature to prospective students and answer questions. If the fair is in Virginia you’ll attend along with an admission dean. If the fair is outside of Virginia you’re likely the primary representative for the University. During the fair you’ll have at your disposal:

- Introductory Brochures to distribute to students.
- MyUVA postcard: This postcard is new as of Fall, 2013. We no longer collect the orange or white cards you remember from previous fairs. We now encourage students to go online to create their very own “VIP Page” (which places them on our mailing list).
- a few handbooks called the Prospectus. The Prospectus gives a nice overview of the University. You’ll enjoy it for your own edification and for referral at the fair. Please tell students that this text will be sent directly to them during their senior year. It also is available on our website: www.virginia.edu.
- Advice from Philip Viles, former president of the Club of Eastern Oklahoma.
- Frequently Asked Questions.

Also know that we no longer print the Undergraduate Record but that it can be found online. Students so appreciate seeing the depth and breadth of course offerings and an abundance of other information that is in the Record so please refer them to it when appropriate.

Please remember:
* to bring a UVA tablecloth with you (if your club has one) or a solid color table cloth (if you don’t have access to a UVA tablecloth).
* to arrive early so you can locate your table and display materials before the fair begins.
* to stand during the fair and stay for the entire time so as not to miss any excited candidates.
* smile and be kind. This is probably the most important thing you can do. It is more important than answering all their questions. Remember they can call the Admission Office with inquiries after their initial introduction with you.

ADMISSION OVERVIEW

Please refer questions about the admissibility of a certain student directly to the Admission Office. However, know that it is quite appropriate for alumni volunteers to answer general questions about the admission process. Our entering class is comprised of 3,700 students, approximately 67% in-state and 33% out-of-state. Because we receive more applications from students who reside outside of Virginia, approximately 24% of the out-of-state applicants who apply
will be admitted. Approximately 43% of the in-state and legacy applicants who apply will be admitted. Successful candidates will have very strong grades and take many honors and Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Governor’s School courses in high school. Usually the candidate’s senior courses are the most rigorous offered in the school.

**The Application**

We now are a Common Application school. All applicants apply online through [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org).

**How applications are read**

Early Action deadline is November 1st. Notification date is late January. Early Action is non-binding.

Regular decision deadline is January 1st. Notification date is April 1st.

Let applicants know that about half of the 31,000 applications we received last year were Early Action and about half of our offers of admission were made during the EA process. So, students are admitted during the non-binding EA process. Others are deferred and re-read as part of the Regular Decision pool. Then some are denied admission.

The most important piece of information we'll receive will be the **high school transcript**. We’ll carefully look at the student’s strength of curriculum and grades. As stated above, successful candidates will have very strong grades and take many honors and Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Governor’s School courses in high school. Usually the candidate’s senior courses are the most rigorous offered (or close to the most rigorous) in the school. Then, along with the transcript, we’ll see two required (and possibly more) **recommendations**. They come from the school counselor, teachers, advisors, coaches, etc. Ideally these recommendations are telling and enlightening. Please know these recommendations may be submitted thorough the Common Application or by email or mail.

Since our review is holistic we also ask for a list of **extracurricular activities and awards** as well as **responses to essay questions**. Ideally, this information gives us more insight into what a student has to offer the University. The quality of thinking, as evidenced in the essays, and the depth of commitment to intellectual, community, athletic, artistic, etc. efforts outside of the classroom will affect our decision. This portion of the application is especially important for out-of-state applicants as that applicant pool tends to be quite large and relatively strong.

**Senior mid-year grades** are reviewed before a decision is mailed.

**Testing.** Our middle 50% SAT I testing range is: CR: 620-720, Math: 630-740, WR: 620-720. Our middle 50% ACT range is 28-33, and our average TOEFL score is 106 for the IBT. We also highly recommend that students take two SAT II subject test and we use AP scores as part of our evaluation process.
**Transfer**

Students applying for transfer admission to any of the seven undergraduate schools will have completed at one year, but ideally no more than two years, of study at another institution. Most applicants will be admitted in the fall, but 40 students will be admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences for the spring semester.

Deadlines and dates of notification are:

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**Information on Visiting**

Encourage students to visit Grounds. For more information go to our Visit tab on the Undergraduate Admission page.

**Overnight Visits** for prospective students are offered by the Monroe Society, a student group. Their web address is [https://sites.google.com/site/themonroesociety/](https://sites.google.com/site/themonroesociety/) and hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students may visit from October through April.

**Information Sessions.** No reservation necessary. An admission dean speaks about the University and the admission process. Monday through Friday at 10:15 a.m. Other times are outlined on our web site.

**Tours** are conducted by students Monday through Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. when classes are in session. Again, the web site is helpful here.

**Interviews are not used in the evaluation process.** However, we are happy to speak with students who have questions not likely to be covered in the information session or tour.

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP!**

**There is a wealth of information in the UVa Schools Committee Handbook.**

If you don’t yet have one please call the Alumni Clubs Office or go online to their website at [www.uvaclubs.virginia.edu](http://www.uvaclubs.virginia.edu)

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