



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 as **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)

[Video: Life at UVA Law](#)

The University & Charlottesville

The University of Virginia encompasses twelve schools in Charlottesville, has more than 23,000 students and a faculty of more than 3,200.

In 2023, the UVA was ranked **third best public university** by U.S. News & World Report. In the 23 years since U.S. News began ranking public universities as a separate category, UVA has ranked in the top four and continues to rank in the Top 30 among the best of all national universities, public and private.

Located 30 minutes from the 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 metropolitan area: 220,569 (2021)

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

Application Procedure	<p>Nominations should be sent via email to the Student Records Office, at studentrecords@law.virginia.edu. Upon receipt of nominations, nominees will receive information about the application procedures.</p> <p>Complete the online application for UVA Law School To formally apply, students must complete the application for incoming exchange 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"> • You need to upload a letter of recommendation and support from a faculty member or exchange coordinator. • You will upload copies of all transcripts. You may be asked to send official hardcopies later. • 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. • 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. <p>Complete applicable visa paperwork 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 exchange@virginia.edu.</p>
Nomination Deadline Application Deadline	<p>March 31, 2023 April 28, 2023</p> <p>If an extension is needed on either of the deadlines, please reach out to the Student Records Office.</p>
Academic Requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program	<p>Students must have completed at least one year of law studies at home institution prior to participation in exchange and be in good academic standing at the home institution.</p>
Semester Dates 2023	<p><i>Fall Semester Dates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 23 - December 21 <p><i>Exam Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 9 - December 21

	<p><i>Fall Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 9 - October 11 <p><i>Thanksgiving Recess</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 22 - November 24
Orientation Program	<p>The UVA School of Law holds a mandatory orientation program on August 14th with a session for LLMs and International Exchange students.</p> <p>The International Studies Office of UVA holds a mandatory orientation session. Date is TBD and will be announced on http://issp.virginia.edu/orientation.</p>
Course Enrollment/Registration	<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>Any other comments? Class sizes vary and there is no guarantee of enrollment in all desired courses. Enrollment is often limited to a certain number of student 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>
Mandatory Course Load for Exchange Students	<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>
On-Campus Housing	<p>http://issp.virginia.edu/housing</p> <p>On-campus housing is in short supply and may not be available for exchange students.</p>
Off-Campus Housing	<p>http://offgroundshousing.student.virginia.edu/</p>

Health Insurance Requirements	http://issp.virginia.edu/health-insurance-requirement Students will need to submit the pre-entrance health form: https://www.studenthealth.virginia.edu/pre-entrance-health-form
Immigration Information	http://issp.virginia.edu/admissions
Estimated Cost of Living per Semester	http://issp.virginia.edu/costs The cost of living is estimated at US\$9,860 per semester for the 2022-2023 academic year. Fall 2023 costs are TBD.
Other Information	<p>** 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. **</p> <p>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.</p>
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