Division of Student Affairs

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (The Rotunda, SW Wing, 924-7984, www.virginia.edu/vpsa) This office provides administrative leadership that supports and complements the academic and service mission of the University. The office seeks to expand the intellectual, social, and cultural horizons of the student body through a broad range of support services and programs that parallel the University’s formal academic curriculum. The Division of Student Affairs supports maintaining a diverse student community that consists of the ablest and most promising students from the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond, and is committed to expanding the educational opportunities that maximize student learning and promote student development.

Office of the Dean of Students (Peabody Hall, Second Floor, 924-7133, www.virginia.edu/deanofstudents) By connecting with other departments and offices around Grounds, this Office supports the needs of students and student communities, and identifies resources to respond to those needs. The Office of the Dean of Students serves as an advocate and a support for the student body, student organizations, as well as individual students.

The Office of the Dean of Students is a place that any student or family member can turn when uncertain about where else to go. This Office may provide a referral to a specific program or service to address any problem, or may offer general assistance. The core purpose of the Office of the Dean of Students is most fully realized by helping students turn ideas into realities, overcome hurdles, or solve personal problems.

Center for Alcohol and Substance Education (2400 Old Ivy Road, Suite C, 924-5276, www.virginia.edu/case) The Center for Alcohol and Substance Education (CASE) provides the University of Virginia community with educational activities and prevention programs related to substance abuse concerns. CASE supports peer education and provides training and consultation in order to increase knowledge of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues and decrease the negative consequences associated with high-risk drinking and illegal drug use among UVa students.

Newcomb Hall/University Programs Council (Newcomb Hall, 924-3329, www.virginia.edu/newcombhall) Located centrally on the Grounds, Newcomb Hall is the community center for students, faculty, staff, and guests of the university. Newcomb Hall provides a lively and comfortable atmosphere for many services and events that are an essential part of university life. Newcomb Hall is the hub for student activities, and houses several offices that provide a wide range of cultural, social, and recreational programs.

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (170 Rugby Road, 924-7430, www.virginia.edu/ofsl) The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life works closely with the four Greek governing councils and their respective chapters: the six Black Fraternal Council chapters, eight Multicultural Greek Council chapters, thirty-one Inter-Fraternal Council chapters, and sixteen Inter-Sorority Council chapters, as well as their alumni/ae and general headquarters, to support student self-governance at the chapter and council levels. This office was created to strengthen a fraternity and sorority system that marked its sesquicentennial in the fall of 2002.

Office of Orientation and New Student Programs (1 Poe Alley, 982-4555, www.virginia.edu/orientation) The Office of Orientation and New Student Programs works with other University departments to implement summer and fall orientation for new first-year and transfer students. The office also coordinates other programs, events, and services throughout the academic year, including the Transfer Student Peer Advisor program; SERVE, a community service program that introduces new students to service opportunities in Charlottesville; Family Weekend; and support for the International Students Office’s work with new international students; as well as many other services.

Office of Residence Life (Dabney House, 924-3736, www.virginia.edu/residencelife) The Residence Life Program generates and maintains an environment in University Housing that facilitates the physical well being of students and emphasizes opportunities for personal and intellectual growth, self-governance, social and cultural programming, and informal interaction with faculty members. The Residence Life Program is a model of student, faculty, and staff cooperation and collaboration.

The Residence Life Office includes the student Resident Staff, three deans, four area coordinators, and four administrative assistants. The deans and area coordinators are full-time professionals with advanced degrees and years of experience working with college students in residence halls at the University of Virginia and other institutions. They mentor and supervise Resident Staff and work directly with students in many other capacities. Resident Staff members seek to establish the residence halls as welcoming, secure living areas by representing and promoting high standards of achievement and conduct expected of students at the University of Virginia. In total, over 245 individuals invest their time and talent to create a dynamic learning experience in UVa’s residential communities.

Office of Student Life (Peabody Hall, Second Floor, 924-7133, www.virginia.edu/deanofstudents/studentlife) Student Life staff work on a wide variety of initiatives and programs, and this unit serves as a center for the generalist responsibilities of the Office of the Dean of Students, particularly to students living off Grounds. Some areas of emphasis include outreach and advising for Asian and Asian Pacific American students and Hispanic/Latino students; work with a range of student ethnic and cultural groups and organizations; support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students; programs to encourage the expansion of cultural boundaries such as Passport and Kaleidoscope Center for Cultural Fluency (in partnership with Newcomb Hall); resources and response for sexual assault; and assistance to students with children. The Office of Student Life works with individual students, student groups, families, and faculty members to provide information, advice, counsel, and assistance in solving problems.

Office of African-American Affairs (Luther P. Jackson House, 4 Dawson’s Row, P.O. Box 400132, 924-7923, www.virginia.edu/oaaa) The mission of the Office of African-American Affairs is to assist the University in providing a welcoming environment for African-American students. To this end, it works in partnership with academic and student affairs’ offices and departments. In addition, the OAAA offers a variety of programs. For example, its nationally acclaimed Peer Advisor Program provides personalized and sensitive outreach to assist first-year and entering transfer students with their college transition. The Student-Faculty Mentoring Program offers nurturing experiences for students’ intellectual and career-related development. The Tutorial Service gives support in academic areas ranging from chemistry to foreign language. In areas of cultural growth, the OAAA’s Luther Porter Jackson Cultural Center offers University-wide workshops, lectures, performances, and exhibitions related to the African-American experience. The Nat Turner Library is a repository for print and audiovisual materials documenting the black experience in the United States. The Harris-Bland Computer Lab offers opportunities for expanded Internet research.

The OAAA also has a variety of services, including academic monitoring, outreach, and recognition; personal counseling and advising; University orientation; alumni networking; and student advocacy.

And finally, the OAAA works with parents through its Parents Advisory Association. The organization provides additional support through a variety of activities, such as annual meetings with the administration and faculty, get-acquainted events for incoming families, and emergency loans.
University Career Services (Bryant Hall at Scott Stadium, 924-8900, www.virginia.edu/career) The primary mission of this office is to ensure that undergraduate and graduate students achieve their career-related goals, whether those goals are to continue their education, secure employment, or some combination of the two. UCS accomplishes this mission by providing a variety of programs and services designed to help students explore career options, experience future work environments, learn career decision-making and effective job searching strategies, and make connections with employers.

Within the context of exploring career options, students have the opportunity to begin by assessing their personal values, interests, and skills—a foundational process often referred to as self-assessment. To support students in the self-assessment process, UCS offers individual and small-group advising, career planning courses for academic credit, an extensive career resource library with numerous materials in both print and electronic formats. It also maintains a network of more than 25,000 UVa alumni who have volunteered to provide career advice to currently enrolled students.

UCS offers several programs that allow students to experience future work environments as they continue to clarify their career goals. Foremost among these is the Extern Program, a one-week opportunity in which students gain exposure to specific career fields. Many students use UCS resources to seek internships and gain experience that may or may not be directly related to their academic majors or career interests. A number of programs and services support both externships and internships, the most popular of which is the Internship Job Fair. Annually, approximately 400 employers from a variety of fields visit the Grounds to meet students who may be invited to work for their organizations.

Toward the completion of most academic programs, students find themselves planning their futures. Some pursue graduate or professional schools, while others seek permanent employment opportunities. UCS provides services and programs to support both goals. Students pursuing admission into graduate or professional schools often take advantage of the pre-medical, health professions, pre-law, and graduate school advising services. Students pursuing permanent employment participate in such programs as On-Grounds Interviewing, Minority Career Day and other job fair programs, and electronic job listing services. They also attend numerous workshops covering topics from writing professional résumés to conducting effective job interviews.

Information about all UCS programs and services for University of Virginia students is available on the UCS Web site. This site also connects students to worldwide career and job search information and employment listings, graduate school databases, and the affiliate career services offices supported by the McIntire School of Commerce, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the School of Architecture.

HELP Line (A Program of Madison House, 295-TALK, http://sса.student.virginia.edu/~madison/Help/mhopen.htm) Individuals use this service to speak with trained volunteers who are non-directive, non-judgmental, confidential, and empathic listeners. Referrals to professional and long-term assistance are available. The hotline operates during most of the academic year, Monday through Friday, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 A.M., and 24 hours a day on weekends.

Students with Disabilities (243-5180/V or 243-5189/TTY, Fax: 243-5188, www.virginia.edu/vpsa/services.html) Students who have any physical or emotional impairment that may require reasonable accommodation at the University should contact the Learning Needs and Evaluation Center (LNEC) in the Department of Student Health. Such disabilities may include (but are not limited to) impaired vision, hearing, or mobility, or a specific learning disability, such as dyslexia or ADHD. Students with disabilities must submit appropriate documentation in support of a request for accommodations. As the University continues to make the Grounds and its facilities convenient for everyone, students are assured accessibility by reassignment of classroom space through a need-based program. Students seeking academic accommodation are advised to make early contact with the LNEC to ensure minimum disruption of classes and progress toward their degree program. For more information about LNEC, please see the section on Student Health.

Student Legal Services Program (204 University Way, 924-7524, www.student.virginia.edu/~stud-leg) Legal counsel is available through this office to those students who pay the student activities fee. One lawyer and an administrative assistant, supported by student clerks and interns, assist students with a wide variety of civil and criminal legal matters, including contracts, criminal/traffic, consumer, uncontested divorce, landlord/tenant, name change, non-profit organizations, and wills. The program also provides referrals for issues outside of its domain (e.g., bankruptcy, estates, immigration, real estate, personal injury, taxes). The initial consultation is free, and subsequent fees are very low.

Transfer Student Peer Advisor Program (TSPA) (Office of Orientation and New Student Programs, 1 Poe Alley, 982-4555, www.virginia.edu/orientation/tspa.html) The primary goal of this program is to assist transfer student integration to the University. Every year, approximately 30 students are selected to serve as TSPAs. Each initiates contact with 15 to 20 transfer students during the summer and then serves as a primary resource and guide for these students as they enter the University.

Department of Student Health (Elson Student Health Center, 400 Brandon Avenue, www.virginia.edu/studenthealth) Student Health provides outpatient care in general medicine, gynecology, and counseling and psychological services to enrolled students. Confidentiality is strictly observed, consistent with applicable law. When necessary, students are referred for specialty services and hospitalization. Through its Office of Health Promotion, the professional staff and Peer Health Educators of Student Health provide education and support programs within the center and on Grounds.

Eligibility and Costs All students who pay the UVa comprehensive fee along with tuition are eligible for services at Student Health. Students in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies and students who pay a reduced fee to maintain “non-resident” status are not eligible. The comprehensive fee covers the costs of professional services described below; there are fees charged for lab tests, medications, and some medical supplies and equipment. Please call (434) 243-2794 with questions.

Hours of Operation Student Health is open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Hours vary during breaks and summer session. Clinicians are seen by appointment. When Student Health is closed, telephone consultation is available for urgent advice and health questions (call 972-7004). The University of Virginia Hospital Emergency Room will provide emergency treatment.

General Medicine The clinical care staff in General Medicine provides primary care services to students for a wide range of medical problems. In addition to diagnosis and treatment of illness, health education and disease prevention are emphasized. Students are seen by appointment (call 982-3915), and acute care is available without an appointment for students with urgent medical problems. Students are urged to make appointments to avoid long waits.

Gynecology The clinical staff provides comprehensive preventive and problem-oriented primary care gynecology services to students. Referrals are made within Student Health for non-gynecologic problems. Students are seen during the visit or to providers outside Student Health if the need for consultation or specialized care is indicated. Appointments can be made by calling 924-2773. Education and outreach activities are conducted by the Gynecology and Health Promotion staff and through the Peer Health Education Program.

Harrison Bowne “Tersh” Smith, Jr., Memorial Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) The center provides a broad and comprehensive range of psychological services: psychological and psychiatric assessment, referral, individual and group psychotherapy, psychiatric medication consultation, 24-hour on-call crisis consultation, emergency walk-in and crisis intervention,
and consultation to administrators, faculty, students, families, and allied professionals. A substance abuse clinician provides consultation and referral to students concerned about their use of alcohol and other drugs. CAPS provides suicide prevention programming and outreach to numerous faculty and student organizations. For an appointment, call the center from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at 924-5556. For an after-hours emergency, call 972-7004.

As with all other clinical services at Student Health, CAPS abides by laws regulating confidentiality.

Learning Needs and Evaluation Center (LNEC) For students with diagnosed disabilities, the LNEC mediates academic accommodation with faculty and deans; provides reading services, word processing and written language assistance, interpreters, and class notes during periods of absence related to the disability; and serves as liaison with standardized test bureaus, Recording for the Blind, and agencies for specific disabilities or rehabilitation. Students with disabilities should be prepared to submit appropriate documentation in support of a request for accommodations. The LNEC also offers limited screening services to identify and address academic problems of matriculated students. Brief individual and/or group study skills assistance is available each term. Please call 243-5180.

Health Promotion The Office of Health Promotion staff works in partnership with students, helping them learn the skills and knowledge required to achieve optimal health. Through direct services, collaboration, and public relations connections, the Office of Health Promotion works toward building and supporting a healthier university community. Services include: health consulting, nutrition consultations, research and social marketing, academic and other courses, patient education, outreach, data collection and special events. All services are provided by health education and nutrition faculty as well as Peer Health Educators and interns (specially trained students). For information or appointments, call 924-1509.

Exclusions Student Health provides professional services only. Lab tests, prescriptions, medical supplies, and all services outside Student Health are not paid for by the University. A student’s health insurance is always billed first for services provided outside Student Health. The student is responsible for charges not covered by insurance.

Students in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies pay no health fees and are not eligible for Student Health services.

Student Health Requirements see Non-Academic Regulations in Chapter 5.

Anyone with questions relating to the health of students should write to the Director, Department of Student Health, 400 Brandon Avenue, P.O. Box 800760, Charlottesville, VA 22908-0760.

Additional Student Services

In addition to the academic advisory services available to students in their departments and schools, the University provides student services through the following offices.

Office of Undergraduate Admission (Miller Hall, 982-3200, www.virginia.edu/undergradadmission) The Dean of Undergraduate Admissions is responsible for implementing established admission policies. The services of this office and the guidelines for admission to the regular session of the University are set forth in chapter 2.

Cavalier Advantage Debit Card Program (Observatory Hill Dining Hall, Lower Level, 982-5735, www.virginia.edu/cavalieradvantage) This program allows students to use their ID card as a debit card for University provided services. The debit card function is activated by depositing funds into the student’s account. Deposits can be made by visiting the website and making on-line deposits; visiting or contacting the Cavalier Advantage Office, the UVa Bookstore or TJ’s Locker; or depositing cash at one of the seven cash deposit machines located Grounds-wide. Cavalier Advantage is accepted at all University dining locations, all bookstore locations, laundry, vending and copy machines, and a variety of other services on-grounds. For additional information, visit the website or contact the Cavalier Advantage Office.

University Child Development Center (Children’s World Learning Center, Copeley Road, 293-6110, www.virginia.edu/childdevelopmentcenter) Child care services for faculty, staff, and students are available at the Child Development Center. Information on rates and the eligibility priority system can be obtained from the Center’s Director.

Consumer Information (1939 Ivy Road, P.O. Box 400727, (434) 924-3417) The University’s Consumer Information Officer (CIO) is available to assist students or prospective students in obtaining information about financial aid programs, the rights and responsibilities of students receiving financial aid under one of the many programs, the cost of attending the University, the refund policy currently in effect, the University’s academic programs, student retention data, and student program completion data (if available). The CIO may be contacted by writing to George A. Stovall, Director of Institutional Studies, 1939 Ivy Road, P.O. Box 400727, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4727, gsto001@virginia.edu.

Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (Washington Hall, East Range; 924-3200, www.virginia.edu/eop) This office is both an administrative unit of, and a resource center for, the University community. While the EOP develops policies and procedures, it also provides leadership, coordination, and oversight of the University’s equal opportunity and affirmative action initiatives.

The University prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, or veteran status. Students who believe that they have been discriminated against because of their status as listed above, or who have questions about prohibited conduct, are welcome to visit or call the office. Although the staff is always available to answer questions or provide information, appointments are recommended in order to better serve students’ needs.

Intramural-Recreational Sports (Aquatic & Fitness Center, 924-3791, Fax: 924-3858, www.virginia.edu/ims) Intramural-Recreational Sports provides comprehensive recreation facilities seven days a week with a variety of recreation programs to meet the needs of students, faculty, and their spouses. Programs include competitive intramural sport leagues and tournaments; fitness programs, such as aerobics classes, weight training workshops, personal training services, massage therapy, and fitness assessments; recreation instruction in aquatics, racquet sports, martial arts, relaxation, dance, first aid, and CPR; outdoor trips and workshops such as horseback riding, kayaking, rock climbing, fly fishing, and skiing; experiential learning and training programs; youth sports instruction and summer day camp for children; and approximately 70 student-organized club sports.

Facilities include the Aquatic & Fitness Center, Slaughter Recreation Center, Memorial Gymnasium, North Grounds Recreation Center, Outdoor Recreation Center, Snyder Tennis Center, The Park, Dell outdoor tennis/basketball courts, and numerous outdoor playing fields. Together, these facilities house cardiovascular and strength training equipment; basketball, volleyball, squash, racquetball, handball, and volleyball courts; indoor running tracks; swimming pools, whirlpool, and saunas; multi-purpose rooms, showers and locker rooms; an outdoor equipment rental center; and a resource library.

Full-time University students are eligible to use facilities and register for programs using their student I.D. card. Student spouses must purchase a recreation membership in order to participate. Recreation memberships may be purchased in person, by mail, or by fax at the Intramural-Recreational Sports Business Office at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

University Ombudsman (Washington Hall, East Range; 924-7819; www.virginia.edu/eop/ombudsman) The ombudsman is a confidential resource available to assist students with unresolved problems or complaints. The ombudsman assists in identifying University resources or departments that address specific problems or concerns; explaining University policies or procedures; and resolving problems or complaints through inquiry or other informal means. The goal of the ombudsman is to see that all members of the University are treated fairly.
Student Identification Card
(University I.D. Card Office, Observatory Hill Dining Hall, 924-4508; www.virginia.edu/idoffice)
Each student registered at the University (except through the School of Continuing and Professional Studies) is entitled to receive a student identification card. The privileges associated with this card depend on the number of credits for which the student is enrolled. Full-time students receive all benefits, including circulation privileges at the libraries, use of Student Health facilities, access to recreational facilities, charge privileges at the University Bookstore, admission to football games and eligibility to purchase student guest tickets, passage on University transit, access to Student Legal Services, and a supply of ARTS. Upon payment of the appropriate fees, the card can also be used as a meal pass and a Cavalier Advantage debit card.

Part-time or research-only students do not receive access to athletic events or Student Legal Services. Students enrolled for non-resident status or through the School of Continuing and Professional Studies do not receive any I.D. card privileges.

Students are provided one I.D. card at no charge, usually during orientation. Lost, damaged, or stolen cards can be replaced at the card office in the Observatory Hill Dining Hall weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. for a fee of $15, which may be paid using cash, check, or Cavalier Advantage. Payment must be made before the card will be produced. Cards replaced due to malfunction or a change of name or identification number are provided at no charge with the return of the existing card.

Students in the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing who need access to medical facilities are also provided a UVa Health System identification card by the UVa Health System I.D. Office.

University of Virginia Bookstore
(Fourth Floor, Central Grounds Parking Garage, 924-3721, www.bookstore.virginia.edu) Owned and operated by the University, the University of Virginia Bookstore is the primary source of new and used textbooks and custom-published course materials for all classes (with the exception of the Law, Medical, and Darden schools). Its general book department (The Bookshop) features the most extensive selection of academic and scholarly works in the area, as well as popular fiction and non-fiction, best-sellers, travel, and children’s books. The Bookshop also offers an out-of-print search service and a complimentary special order service for those books not normally in its inventory. All students qualify for free membership in its Frequent Reader’s Club: purchase 10 books from The Bookshop and receive a $5 discount on the next purchase. The Bookshop discounts BookSense Best-sellers (20%), staff recommendations (10%), and all titles in its New Fiction and New Non-Fiction sections (10%). It supports the University’s academic mission by hosting and sponsoring academic programs, lectures, and readings by new and established authors. It supports the Virginia Film Festival, The Virginia Festival of the Book, Public Television, and the University’s radio station (WTJU).

Rounding out the Bookstore’s offerings is a very extensive selection of UVa clothing and gifts, as well as toiletries, sundries, and school, office, and computer supplies. In addition, the Bookstore provides a UPS and U.S.P.S. mailing and packaging service, an engraving service, photocopying and faxing, a film processing service, video sales, a dry cleaning service, and bus service to Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Northern Virginia. It also accepts deposits made to Cavalier Advantage accounts. The Bookstore’s full service on-line store can be accessed at www.bookstore.virginia.edu.

Each year, surpluses from the Bookstore are returned to the University in the form of an endowment to be used for, among other things, need-based scholarships. Additional surpluses from the store’s operations support book grants and student programming.

The Bookstore accepts cash, personal checks, all major credit cards, Student Charge, and Cavalier Advantage. Hours of operation during the school year are 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday; and 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday. A calendar of store events and hours is available on-line.

Cavalier Computers (Bookstore Branch: Fourth Floor, Central Grounds Parking Garage, 924-4745; Hospital Branch: 1222 Lee Street, 924-4600; www.cavcomp.virginia.edu) A division of the University of Virginia Bookstore, Cavalier Computers is dedicated to supporting information technology at the University by providing students, faculty, departments, and staff with high-quality, educationally-priced computer hardware and software, along with outstanding customer support. Offering computers from Apple, Dell, Gateway, IBM, Sony, Compaq & Toshiba, as well as printers from Epson and Hewlett Packard, Cavalier Computers is an active participant in UVa’s Desktop Computing Initiative (DCI); it is the sole provider of net-ready computers configured to meet all UVa DCI established standards.

Cavalier Computers services all equipment that it sells, and its service personnel are factory trained and authorized. In tandem with ITC, Cavalier also provides user support on all equipment it sells.

The store accepts cash, personal and traveler’s checks, Visa, MC, Discover, and Cavalier Advantage. Hours of operation, pricing, and ordering information are available on-line.

Courts and Commerce (First Floor, Slaughter Hall, North Grounds, 924-3333) A division of the University of Virginia Bookstore, servicing the University of Virginia School of Law. The store provides new and used textbooks for all classes at the Law School as well as an extensive selection of law study guides and reference material. Courts & Commerce carries a full line of office and school supplies, greeting cards, law clothing and gifts. It also offers fax services, UPS, dry cleaning, film processing, and postage stamps. Each year, surpluses from the University’s bookstores are returned to the University in the form of an endowment to be used for, among other things, need-based scholarships. Additional surpluses from these stores’ operations support student programming. Courts & Commerce accepts cash, personal and traveler’s checks, major credit cards, student charge, cavalier advantage. Hours of operation during the school year are 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday; 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Friday. Fax: (434) 924-3444; email: canon@virginia.edu; www.bookstore.virginia.edu.

Darden Exchange (North Grounds, Sponsors Executive Residence Center, Room 426, 243-5315) A division of the University of Virginia Bookstore, Darden Exchange is the provider of textbooks and course books for classes at the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration. The store also features an extensive selection of general business books, many recommended by the Darden Faculty. Each year, surpluses from the University’s bookstores are returned to the University in the form of an endowment to be used for, among other things, need-based scholarships. Additional surpluses from these stores’ operations support student programming. Darden Exchange carries a full line of office and school supplies, greeting cards, and Darden imprinted gifts and clothing. It also offers fax services, postage stamps, UPS package delivery, dry cleaning, and film processing. General information as well as selection of our clothing and gifts may be viewed on-line at www.darden.virginia.edu/dardenexchange/index.htm. Additional Darden merchandise can be seen at the University of Virginia Bookstore’s website is www.bookstore.virginia.edu. Darden Exchange accepts cash, personal and traveler’s checks, major credit cards, Student Charge and Cavalier Advantage. Hours of operation during the school year are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; and Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Medical Center Bookstore: (1222 Lee St., First Floor West Parking Garage, 924-3851) The Medical Center Bookstore, a division of the University of Virginia Bookstore, is located at 1222 Lee St. directly across from the University of Virginia Hospital’s Primary Care Center, on the first floor of the West Parking Garage next to the UVa Community Credit Union. Hours are 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday though Friday. The store carries all textbooks for the Medical and Nursing Schools as well as a broad selection of reference books, school and medical supplies, clothing and gifts. Since it shares the facility with Cavalier Computers Hospital Branch, also available is a wide variety of computers, PDAs and educationally discounted software for academic and medical use. The store offers a complimentary special order service for books not normally in stock. The Medical Center Bookstore accepts Student Charge and Cavalier Advantage as well as Visa, Discover, MasterCard, cash, and checks.
T.J.’s Locker (1st Floor, Aquatic and Fitness Center, 924-0628) A division of the University of Virginia Bookstore, T.J.’s Locker supports the activities of the Aquatic and Fitness Center, as well as faculty, staff, and student life on the West Grounds. T.J.’s prides itself on enhancing life at the University through sponsorship of academic and athletic programming. T.J.’s carries a full line of athletic wear and shoes from Nike, Adidas, and New Balance, swimswear and accessories from Speedo; and a wide variety of other sports equipment. In addition, T.J.’s offers a selection of school and office supplies, magazines, CDs and DVDs, toiletries, greeting cards, and University of Virginia gifts and clothing. It also offers tennis racquet restringing, film processing, and a bus service to Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Northern Virginia. The on-line store can be accessed at www.bookstore.virginia.edu. T.J.’s accepts cash, personal checks, all major credit cards, and Cavalier Advantage. Among its most popular methods of payment is Student Charge, which enables students to charge their purchases using their student ID card. Bills are sent home on a monthly basis. Hours of operation and a calendar of T.J.’s events are available on-line.

International Student and Scholars Program

The International Studies Office (ISO) is a University-wide resource that supports the University’s international mission by developing and coordinating activities and services designed to create and enhance a globally aware, culturally diverse education and research environment. The area of international studies is crucial to the fulfillment of Thomas Jefferson’s vision of UVa as a symbol of superior intellectual enterprise and accomplishment for women and men around the world.

The staff of the ISO is committed to shaping the vision described in the Plan for the Year 2020: “The University must prepare individuals for a world characterized by heterogeneous and increasingly interdependent societies, (and) a complex global economy.” (Plan for the Year 2020)

ISO administers the University’s:

International Student and Scholar Programs

The International Center Study Abroad

The International Student and Scholars Program (ISSP) administers the F, J, H-1/B, O-1, TN and PR visa programs on behalf of the University. ISSP supports students, researchers, faculty, and official short-term visitors who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the U.S. by:

- Certifying eligible internationals for participation in the above mentioned visa programs
- Advising on matters related to acquiring and maintaining legal presence in the U.S.
- Advising on matters related to acquiring and maintaining relevant visa status
- Supporting transition to American society and culture
- Offering guidance on policies and procedures
- Providing assistance for crisis intervention

ISSP collaborates with University divisions and departments by apprising them of the complex and frequently changing federal regulations. The ISSP’s comprehensive website includes information and forms for international students, scholars, and selected employees, for departmental use: www.virginia.edu/iso/issp.

The Lorna Sundberg International Center

Since 1972, UVa’s International Center (IC) has promoted intercultural exchange through various educational and social programs. The IC provides a comfortable and dynamic forum for learning about the world’s cultures and exploring the rich diversity within our international community of students, scholars, faculty, and local residents. The IC offers:

- Intercultural learning opportunities for individuals to share their expertise and enthusiasm to explore cultural diversity.
- Educational and support services to ease the adjustment and enhance the life experience of our international students, scholars, faculty, and their family members, and to share the welcoming spirit of local residents through hosting opportunities.
- A special collection of resources focusing on intercultural communication and travel, and living in other countries.
- Short-term guest accommodations for University students and scholars from abroad. www.virginia.edu/iso/ic.

Study Abroad

The International Studies Office offers a variety of study abroad programs. All students are encouraged to consider studying abroad for a summer, semester, January term, or full academic year sometime during their undergraduate career. International study relates to every academic department at the University and gives students the opportunity to face a different intellectual tradition and see the world from a different perspective. In a study abroad program, students enjoy the opportunity to learn about their chosen academic field or career from an international perspective, develop intercultural communication skills, and learn how to establish successful relationships with others around the world.

Study Abroad Advisors have weekly advising walk-in hours.

Types of Programs There are many study abroad options available to University of Virginia students. These include exchange programs, affiliated programs, ISO-sponsored programs, and direct enrollment options. Students may also attend non-UVa study abroad programs.

- Exchange Programs: There are numerous benefits to participating in an exchange program. One major advantage is that the tuition is the same as on-Grounds and UVa-awarded financial aid may be available. Another benefit is that faculty both from UVa and the host institution communicate about department requirements and curricula.
- In addition, the primary application and review process occurs through the UVa International Studies Office. Finally, students take regular University courses along with students from the host country.
- Affiliated Program: The International Studies Office has special partnerships with outside educational organizations such as The Denmark International Study Program (DIS) and the International Education of Students (IES). The International Studies Office processes applications. UVa students have priority when they apply, do not pay the application fee, and receive a substantial discount on program fees.
- ISO-Sponsored Programs: UVa offers a variety of faculty-led study tours worldwide. Depending on the program, students receive UVa or transfer credits. More information is available at www.virginia.edu/iso/studyabroad.
- Outside Programs and Direct Enrollment: UVa students may attend non-UVa programs and/or directly enroll in a foreign institution. Students must take a leave of absence from the University and have their classes pre-approved before they go. Catalogs and evaluation forms are available in the Study Abroad Library in 216 Minor Hall.

Transfer Students Transfer students who have previously earned 60 or more non-UVa credits may study abroad through direct UVa direct-credit programs. More information is available at www.virginia.edu/iso/studyabroad.
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