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General Admission Requirements

The University of Virginia practices selective college admission, seeking outstanding students from throughout the United States and abroad. The Committee on Admission endeavors to provide the University community with an academically able, diverse, talented, and creative student body. In addition, the University seeks students who provide evidence of personal integrity.

The committee seeks to balance the strength of a national student body with the importance of a university education for Virginia’s best students. It does not otherwise enforce geographical quotas or observe geographical limitations. The committee does not consider financial need in any way when it evaluates applicants; however, the University is attempting through Access UVa to increase the number of low income students in the undergraduate classes.

Students coming directly from secondary school to the University are admitted in the fall semester to one of four undergraduate schools: the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the School of Architecture, or the School of Nursing. These four schools also admit transfer students. After two academic
The School of Continuing and Professional Studies offers a part-time Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) program. For information about admission to this program see the School of Continuing and Professional Studies section of this Record.

**Admission of Transfer Students**

The University welcomes applications for admission from students who have attended other institutions of higher education. The application deadline for the fall semester is March 1. Limited numbers of transfer students are accepted to the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Nursing (RN to BSN only) for the spring semester. That application deadline is November 1. Transfer applicants must submit high school and college transcripts as well as results of the SAT I or ACT with a $60 non-refundable application fee. Applications and credentials should be sent to the Office of Admission, P.O. Box 400160, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904.

### College of Arts and Sciences

**Transfer Requirements** In every case, an applicant for transfer admission must be in good academic and social standing at any college that he or she is currently attending or has previously attended and must be eligible to return there. To be competitive for admission, we recommend that a transfer student have a cumulative grade point average of B+ or better in all college work attempted and have completed the requirements stated in the College of Arts and Sciences section of this Record (see Competency Requirements and Area Requirements).

The College of Arts and Sciences requires a minimum academic residence of two years to receive a degree. Students transferring after one year of college are expected to have completed at least 24 credits; students transferring after two years of college are expected to have completed at least 54 credits. Of the 120 credits offered for the B.A. or B.S. degree in the College, at least 60 must be earned at the University of Virginia. More are required if the student does not have 60 or more non-UVa credits. All students are expected to complete the degree in a timely fashion, normally within eight semesters. For transfer students, the eight semesters include all full-time semesters spent at other institutions.

**Intra-University Transfers Into The College** Transfer into the College is not assured. With space in the College very limited, students seeking to transfer into the College compete for openings by applying during the spring semester for the following academic year. Thus, all students must complete at least two semesters at the University in the school in which they initially enroll. Information and application forms are available on-line at: [http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/undergrad/special_programs/iut](http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/undergrad/special_programs/iut).

**Transfer Credit** Admitted transfer students receive transfer credit for any course that corresponds to one in the College of Arts and Sciences curriculum, and in which students have received a grade of C or better. Courses taken at an institution that uses the pass/fail grading system, and in which a grade of “passing” or better has been received, are transferred with full credit only after verification that the passing grade represents work at the C level or better. We allow no credit for correspondence courses or work passed elsewhere by examination.

The College evaluates courses submitted for transfer credit prior to matriculation, and notifies transfer students in writing as to transfer credit granted. Once admitted to the College, students need prior permission from the dean’s office in order to apply transfer credits toward a degree.

### School of Architecture

Department of Architecture

Admission of Transfer Students

The Department welcomes applications for admission from students who have attended other institutions of higher education. The application deadline for the fall semester is March 1. Limited numbers of transfer students are accepted for the spring semester. Transfer applicants must submit high school and college transcripts as well as results of the SAT I or ACT with a $60 non-refundable application fee. Applications and credentials should be sent to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 400160, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904.

### Architecture Transfer Requirements

In every case, an applicant for transfer admission must be in good academic and social standing at any college that he or she is currently attending or has previously attended and must be eligible to return there. To be competitive for admission, we recommend that a transfer student have a cumulative grade point average of B+ or better in all college work attempted and have completed the requirements stated in the Architecture section of this Record (see Competency Requirements and Area Requirements).

The Department requires a minimum academic residence of two years to receive a degree. Students transferring after one year of college are expected to have completed at least 24 credits; students transferring after two years of college are expected to have completed at least 54 credits. Of the 120 credits offered for the B.A. or B.S. degree in the Department, at least 60 must be earned at the University of Virginia. More are required if the student does not have 60 or more non-UVa credits. All students are expected to complete the degree in a timely fashion, normally within eight semesters. For transfer students, the eight semesters include all full-time semesters spent at other institutions.

**Intra-University Transfers Into The Department** Transfer into the Department is not assured. With space in the Department very limited, students seeking to transfer into the Department compete for openings by applying during the spring semester for the following academic year. Thus, all students must complete at least two semesters at the University in the school in which they initially enroll. Information and application forms are available on-line at: [http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/undergrad/special_programs/iut](http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/undergrad/special_programs/iut).

**Transfer Credit** Admitted transfer students receive transfer credit for any course that corresponds to one in the Department of Architecture curriculum, and in which students have received a grade of C or better. Courses taken at an institution that uses the pass/fail grading system, and in which a grade of “passing” or better has been received, are transferred with full credit only after verification that the passing grade represents work at the C level or better. We allow no credit for correspondence courses or work passed elsewhere by examination.

The Department evaluates courses submitted for transfer credit prior to matriculation, and notifies transfer students in writing as to transfer credit granted. Once admitted to the Department, students need prior permission from the dean’s office in order to apply transfer credits toward a degree.
Transfer Requirements  The School of Architecture welcomes well-qualified transfer students from other colleges and universities. An applicant for transfer admission must be in good academic and social standing at his or her present college and must be eligible to return there.

To be competitive for admission, a transfer student should have a cumulative grade point average of B+ or better in all college work attempted and have completed courses in English, mathematics (calculus), natural science (physics is recommended), social science, and humanities. Evidence of interest in the profession is also considered. See Requirements in the School of Architecture section of this Record.

A minimum academic residence of two years is required for a degree from the School of Architecture. In some cases, summer session study at the University is also required of transfer applicants.

Transfer Credit  The School of Architecture grants transfer credit based on an analysis of the content, level, and comparability of the courses taken, the applicability of the courses to the student’s intended major and degree program, the quality of the student's performance in the courses, and the accreditation of the institution at which the work was completed. Credit is not granted for work completed elsewhere with a grade less than C or its equivalent. The Dean of the School of Architecture governs the awarding of transfer credit. In no case are more than 60 transfer credits applied to an undergraduate degree for the School of Architecture.

McIntire School of Commerce  

Transfer Requirements  A student who wishes to transfer to the School of Commerce from another institution must have completed two years of college work and must have maintained a scholastic average that, in the opinion of the admission committee, predicts successful work at the University. A minimum grade point average of B+ is recommended. Applicants for transfer from other institutions are accepted for September admission only. Students seeking admission to the School of Commerce must have completed a minimum of 54 credits of work prior to enrollment in the fall. The 54 credits should include the following courses:

- Introduction to Business/Computer Applications 3-6 credits
- Introductory Accounting 6 credits (two courses)
- Principles of Economics 6 credits (two courses)
- English Composition(1) 3 credits (one course)
- Mathematics(2) 6 credits (two courses)
- Humanities/Fine Arts(3) 3-6 credits
- Foreign Language 0-14 credits
- Social, Natural/Physical Science(3) 0-3 credits

(1) An additional three credits of English writing (not necessarily an English course) is suggested (not required) before admission. A course in public speaking is strongly recommended (not required) before admission.
(2) Three credits in statistics and three credits in either calculus or probability.
(3) As defined in this Record, College of Arts and Sciences section, Area Requirements section. Three humanities credits are required prior to enrollment. Three additional credits of humanities along with three credits of social, or natural/physical sciences are required before graduation and may be taken either before or after admission to the McIntire School. Commerce will accept additional English or public speaking (1 above) as humanities.

Transfer Credit  Credit toward a degree is allowed for approved work completed in
another college or university, or in other schools of this University, upon presentation
of a satisfactory transcript of record. The School of Commerce grants transfer credit
based on an analysis of the content, level, and comparability of the courses taken, the
applicability of the courses to the student’s intended major and degree program, the
quality of the student’s performance in the course, and the accreditation of the
institution at which the work was completed. However, no credit is given for a required
upper-level commerce course unless that course is taken in the School of Commerce.
No adjustment of transfer credit is made after the student’s first semester in the
School of Commerce.

In general, credit is not granted for work completed with a grade of less than C;
business courses beyond the elementary courses in accounting; or more than one
credit of physical or health education courses.

Curry School of Education

Transfer Requirements Students who wish to transfer to the University of Virginia
must apply directly through the undergraduate Office of Admission. Teacher education
is a five-year program administered jointly by the College of Arts and Sciences and the
Curry School of Education. Students accepted to the College and to Curry enroll in the
College to pursue a liberal arts major with a secondary emphasis in teacher education.
The Master of Teaching degree is completed in the fifth year of the program in the
Curry School. Programs in communications disorders and physical education (including
teaching or sports medicine) enroll students directly in the Curry School in the third
year. To be competitive for admission, a transfer student should have a cumulative
grade point average of B+ or better. The applicant should also submit SAT I or ACT
scores by March 1 and should have completed course work in the humanities, natural
sciences, social sciences, and physical education. For detailed information about
required courses, refer to the Teacher Education Degree Programs, Kinesiology, and
Communication Disorders sections in the Curry School of Education section of this
Record.

Transfer Credit The Curry School grants transfer credit based on an analysis of the
content, level, and comparability of the courses taken, the applicability of the courses
to the student’s intended major and degree program, the quality of the student’s
performance in the courses, and the accreditation of the institution at which the work
was completed.

Transfer credit is allowed for general education courses that correspond to those
offered at the University. A transfer course must be equivalent in credit value and
course content (including the level at which it is taught), and the student must have
received a grade of at least C. Courses corresponding to our general education courses
that have been taken at an institution using the pass/fail grading system, and in which
a grade of “passing” or better has been received, are transferred with full credit.
Transfer is generally not allowed for work passed elsewhere by re-examination. Once a
student is enrolled in the Curry School, all additional transfer credit must be approved
prior to its completion elsewhere. Transfer credit is officially evaluated by the dean of
the Curry School of Education or the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for B.A.-
M.T. students.

School of Engineering and Applied Science

Transfer Requirements The School of Engineering and Applied Science grants
transfer credit based on an analysis of the content, level, and comparability of the
courses taken, the applicability of the courses to the student’s intended major and
degree program, the quality of the student’s performance in the courses, and the
accreditation of the institution at which the work was completed. In every case, an
applicant for transfer admission must be in good academic and social standing at any
college that he or she is currently attending, or has previously attended, and must be
eligible to return there. A transfer student should have maintained at least a B+ average, or the equivalent, in previous college work. An applicant for transfer admission should have completed course work in the following areas prior to enrollment at the University:

- **Calculus**: 8 credits
- **Chemistry (including lab)**: 4 credits
- **Physics (calculus-based)**: 4 credits
- **English Composition**: 3 credits
- **Computer Science (1)**: 3 credits

(1) Java is preferred.

In evaluating the academic records of transfer applicants, special attention will be given to performance in mathematics and science courses.

**Transfer Credit** A student is granted transfer credit for any course that is equivalent in content and credit value to a course in the School of Engineering and Applied Science’s curriculum, and in which a grade of C or better has been received. No credit is allowed for work passed elsewhere by examination. Courses submitted for transfer credit are evaluated prior to fall registration, and transfer students are notified in writing of transfer credit granted upon arrival.

**School of Nursing**

Transfer students typically enter the traditional nursing program after one year of college-level work; students transferring after two years of college work must still spend three years at the University to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Thus, students enter in the fall semester as second-year nursing students unless application is made to one of the non-traditional programs listed below. A third-year entry option is available for students who have met the criteria and have completed requirements to enter the summer prior to the traditional third year.

Selection of applicants to the School of Nursing is competitive, based primarily on scholastic ability demonstrated by academic records of pre-nursing study, secondary school records, and scores on the SAT I or ACT.

An applicant for transfer admission to the School of Nursing must be in good standing at any college that he or she is currently attending or has previously attended and must be eligible to return there.

The applicant must have maintained a scholastic average that, in the opinion of the Committee on Admission, is indicative of successful work at the University (a cumulative grade point average of B or better is recommended).

Students wishing to transfer after one or two years of college work must have completed a minimum of thirty credits of the following general education requirements:

- **Accelerated Academic Writing - 3 credits**: Accelerated Academic Writing - 3 credits: Students earn exemption by scoring 720 or higher on the SAT II Subject Test in Writing, or by scoring 5 on the AP English language subject test. Students exempt from ENWR 110 must take an additional 3-credit elective.
- **Second Writing Requirement - 3 credits**: A second course with extensive writing assignments is required of all students. Students are required to take this course at
the University of Virginia.

Natural Science and Math - 12 credits: Anatomy and physiology are required. Other acceptable courses include mathematics, chemistry, physics, genetics, environmental science, geology, and ecology. Students considering graduate education are encouraged to take statistics.

Social Science and History - 9 credits: Acceptable courses include history, government, psychology, sociology, economics, Western civilization, political science, anthropology, linguistics, and women's studies.

Humanities and Fine Arts - 9 credits: Acceptable courses include philosophy, ethics, public speaking, art, religion, music, drama, foreign languages, classics, comparative literature, and English and foreign literatures.

After satisfying the above requirements, students must complete another fifteen elective credits from the available course offerings for a total of fifty-one general education requirements credits. Of the fifteen elective credits, only seven credits in physical education or skills courses (e.g., studio art, music performance) may be counted toward the general education requirements.

**R.N. to B.S.N. Option** Registered nurses who have completed general education prerequisite courses may apply for transfer admission to a program in the School of Nursing that leads to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

**Transfer Credit** The School of Nursing grants transfer credit for academic course work taken at another institution based on an analysis of the content, level, comparability of the courses taken, the applicability of the courses to the student's intended major and degree program, the quality of the student's performance in the courses, and the accreditation of the institution at which the work was completed. Students accepted for transfer must present an official transcript; credit will only be granted if the grade earned was at least a C or better. The School of Nursing accepts a maximum of 60 credits of transfer credit from institutions other than the University of Virginia toward the baccalaureate degree. Questions regarding acceptability of specific general education courses for transfer should be referred to the Office of Admissions and Student Services in the School of Nursing. Questions about transfer of nursing courses should be directed to the Office of the Associate Dean.

**Application Procedures** Transfer students applying for admission after one year of college-level work enter the School of Nursing at the beginning of the regular academic session in the fall.

**Interview** A personal interview with a member of the faculty or staff of the School of Nursing is not required.

**School of Continuing and Professional Studies-B.I.S. Program**

The School of Continuing and Professional Studies offers a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree program for students who have completed two years of college work at another college or university. For more information about admission to the B.I.S. degree program, see the School of Continuing and Professional Studies section of this Record.

**International Student Admission**

Since 1826, as principal to its core mission, when the first international student was enrolled, the University of Virginia has accepted a commitment to providing