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Darden School of Business
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CONSISTENTLY TOP-RANKED FOR LIFESTYLE, HEALTH AND BUSINESS, CHARLOTTESVILLE BRINGS TOGETHER THE CULTURAL AMENITIES OF A LARGE CITY WITH THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS.
Close Proximity to

Washington, D.C.

Due to Charlottesville’s central location just a short train ride away, U.Va. and Darden have numerous programs and community members in Washington, D.C. Darden is also close to three major airports with direct flights around the world.

University of Virginia

With a total student body of approximately 21,000 and a faculty of more than 2,000, the University of Virginia has been ranked first or second among the nation’s public universities for three decades. Founded in 1819 by Thomas Jefferson, this prestigious university maintains a strong tradition of student self-governance and close faculty and student interaction. Its historic mission, to develop leaders who are well-prepared to shape the nation’s future, dates to the laying of its cornerstone by three U.S. presidents: Jefferson, Madison and Monroe. U.Va. is the only university in the United States to be designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
CHARLOTTESVILLE HAS A PLETHORA OF THEATERS, MUSIC VENUES AND NIGHTCLUBS THAT CREATE A THRIVING ENTERTAINMENT SCENE.

**John Paul Jones Arena** • Charlottesville’s 16,000-seat venue has featured Paul McCartney, Justin Timberlake, Taylor Swift and Jay Z.

**NTelos Wireless Pavilion** • Site for “Fridays After Five”— free Friday evening concerts in the summer — as well as other featured shows including fun., Phoenix, SOJA, The xx, Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa.

**Live Arts** • Live Arts is a high-caliber volunteer theater that has given a home to drama, dance, comedy, music and performance art since 1990.

**The Paramount Theater** • Historic theater in Charlottesville presenting movies, concerts and live theatrical performances.

**The Jefferson Theater** • This restored vaudeville house/cinema is now a mid-sized music venue hosting a variety of national and local acts.
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More than half of Virginia’s 2,000 vineyard acres grow within the Monticello region of Virginia. Darden students also enjoy touring the area’s numerous wineries on the Monticello Wine Trail or visiting the cideries and microbreweries around the area.

Student Recommendations:

Restaurants
ZOALO  Latin American
COMMONWEALTH SKYBAR  American
TEN  Japanese/sushi
TAVOLA  Italian
THE CLIFTON INN  Fine dining
MAS  Spanish tapas
CITIZEN BURGER BAR  Gourmet burgers
BLUEGRASS GRILL & BAKERY  Breakfast/brunch
FEAST!  Specialty foods/grocery
REVOLUTIONARY SOUP  Lunch
BELMONT BBQ  Barbeque

Vineyards, Cideries and Breweries

Student Recommendations:

Wineries & Breweries
Albemarle CiderWorks
Blue Mountain Brewery
Bold Rock Hard Cider
Castle Hill Cider
Devils Backbone Brewing
King Family Vineyards
Pippin Hill Farm and Vineyards
Starr Hill Brewery
Veritas Vineyard & Winery

CHARLOTTESVILLE OFFERS A DIVERSE SELECTION OF CULINARY OPTIONS, FROM GOURMET EXPERIENCES TO ETHNIC CUISINES TO FAMILY-FRIENDLY SPOTS.
Sports and Recreation

Indoor recreation is available through the University’s four Intramural-Recreational sports facilities, which include an Olympic-sized pool, indoor basketball courts, running tracks and multipurpose rooms for aerobics, yoga, dance, racquetball and martial arts. Darden students and faculty enjoy the convenience of having one of the facilities located directly on the Darden Grounds.

UVA SPORTS & FACILITIES

Outdoor Recreation

The area is home to some of the best camping and hiking in the United States. In addition to an extensive park and hiking trail system in Charlottesville and Albemarle, nearby national parks include the George Washington National Forest and the Shenandoah National Park. Regional rivers and lakes offer ample opportunities for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and tubing. The Blue Ridge Mountains showcase gorgeous foliage in the fall and extraordinary views from many roads and trails year-round.

Ski enthusiasts enjoy the slopes at Wintergreen Resort, just 45 minutes from town, as well as nearby Massanutten, Snowshoe and Canaan Valley resorts. For those who prefer the sand and sea, the beach is also just a short drive away.

GO HOOS!

2015 National Champions: Men's Tennis, Men's Soccer, Baseball
2014-15 ACC Champions: Men's Basketball, Women's Rowing
Darden Students are...

Future CEOs equipped to think about a total enterprise and drive its future direction.
- World's Top General Management curriculum (ranked No. 1 by Financial Times)
- Exceptional emotional intelligence and communications skills

Career Track Concentrations
- Asset Management/Sales & Trading
- Corporate Finance/Investment Banking
- Entrepreneurship
- Consumer Marketing
- Business-to-Business Marketing
- Strategy Consulting
- Supply Chain Management

Theme Track Concentrations
- Corporate Innovation
- Business Development and Growth
- Market Analytics
- Innovation for Sustainability
- Business Analytics
- Global Business

Entrepeneurial thinkers who will generate ideas, manage risk and promote creativity within any organization.
- More than $1 million in annual entrepreneurial scholarships helps students gain critical hands-on experience.
- The Batten Venture Internship Program subsidizes summer internships for students interested in working in venture capital, startup or small-scale business organizations.
- The i.Lab Incubator supports Darden student entrepreneurs with funding, faculty support, technology and legal services.

Socially conscious leaders committed to achieving profitability in an ethical, socially-minded and environmentally-responsible manner.
- Darden is No. 4 globally in Corporate Social Responsibility (Financial Times).
- Many courses focus solely or partially on sustainability and ethical leadership.
- Darden's Innovation for Sustainability academic concentration won the grand prize of the Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula.
- Darden is committed to becoming a zero-waste, carbon-neutral enterprise by 2020.

Scholarships at Darden
Darden supports its students with scholarships and financial aid. There are over 30 full scholarships available, including the prestigious Jefferson Fellowship, granted to the most exceptional candidates who apply for admission at Darden. These candidates demonstrate qualities such as ethical leadership, diplomatic devisiveness, a track record of putting ideas into action and a superb record of academic achievement.

For a full list of available scholarships, please visit: darden.virginia.edu/mba/financial-aid/scholarships/

During their time at Darden, students can take advantage of:

Global Opportunities in 20+ Countries
- Global business experiences: 1-2 week courses traveling abroad with faculty
- Global consulting projects: team-based engagement with international organizations or companies
- Global exchanges

Darden Research Centers
- Institute for Business in Society (IBiS) and the Tri-Sector Fellows program
- Mayo Center for Asset Management and Darden Capital Management: Charlottesville is in the top 20 communities in the United States for asset management and private equity
- Batten Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, i.Lab Incubator and business plan competitions
- Center for Global Initiatives (CGI)

Dual Degree Programs with U.Va.
- MBA/JD
- MBA/MA IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES
- MBA/MD
- MBA/MA IN GOV’T OR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
- MBA/MED
- MBA/MSN
- MBA/MPP
- MBA/PHD

Other University Resources
Darden students can take up to six credits towards graduation from any U.Va. department in 63 fields of study.
- U.Va. Miller Center of Public Affairs
- Data Science Institute
Charlottesville is a great place for families, with top-rated schools and a nationally renowned hospital. There are also numerous parks, museums, orchards, natural areas for hiking and outdoor recreation, and opportunities to get involved in theater and sports leagues.

Darden students also have a great resource in the Darden Partners Association (DPA), an active group for partners and families.

THE DARDEN PARTNERS ASSOCIATION PLANS AND PROVIDES FAMILY RESOURCES, JOB NETWORKING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EVENTS.
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Virginia Tourism
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