



PREVIEW

DAY

for accepted students
Saturday, March 22, 2025



VCU

Welcome to VCU's Preview Day!

Check-In

9 to 9:45 a.m.

Various locations

College of Engineering

Engineering Research Building

College of Health Professions

Stuart C. Siegel Center, Lobby

College of Humanities and Sciences

Stuart C. Siegel Center, Lobby

School of the Arts

W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts, Auditorium

School of Business

Snead Hall, Atrium

School of Education

Oliver Hall, Education Wing

School of Pharmacy

Stuart C. Siegel Center, Lobby

L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

Academic Learning Commons, First Floor Lobby

School of Social Work

Academic Learning Commons, First Floor Lobby

Scan QR code to visit
interactive map, then select
Monroe Park campus and
click on the Preview Day tab:



Morning sessions

College of Humanities and Sciences, College of Health Professions and School of Pharmacy

9 to 11:45 a.m.

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Check-In and Student Organization Showcase, Stuart C. Siegel Center
Browse our student organization showcase and pick up your welcome materials.

9:45 to 10 a.m.

Welcome and College Overview, Stuart C. Siegel Center
Welcome from Dr. Krista Scott, associate dean for enrollment and student success, College of Humanities and Sciences, and overview from Cassandra McGill, enrollment coordinator, College of Humanities and Sciences.

10 to 10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion, Stuart C. Siegel Center
Students, advisors and faculty will share their experiences and advice for future students. We encourage you to also ask questions during this time!

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Departmental Breakout Sessions
Learn more about your future academic program. Ambassadors will escort you to your program meetings at the following locations:

African American Studies, Hibbs Hall, Room 326

Bioinformatics, Trani Center for Life Sciences, Room 104

Biology, Trani Center for Life Sciences, Room 151

Chemistry and Science, STEM Building, Room 110

English, Hibbs Hall, Room 308

Environmental Studies, Trani Center for Life Sciences, Room 103

Forensic Science, STEM Building, Room 112

Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, Hibbs Hall, Room 327

Health Services, University Student Commons, SGA Senate Room

History, 811 Cathedral Place, First Floor, Conference Room

Kinesiology and Health Sciences, STEM Building, Sixth Floor

Mathematics, Statistical Sciences and Operations Research, STEM Building, Room 130

Pharmaceutical Sciences, Student Commons, Richmond Salon I

Philosophy, Hibbs Hall, Room 329

Physics, STEM Building, Room 410

Political Science, Academic Learning Commons, Room 2104

Psychology, STEM Building, Room 216

Sociology, Hibbs Hall, Room 328

Undeclared, Hibbs Hall, Room 403

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Morning sessions

College of Humanities and Sciences, College of Health Professions and School of Pharmacy *continued*

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Departmental Breakout Sessions

Learn more about your future academic program. Ambassadors will escort you to your program meetings at the following locations:

Pre-Health Studies, University Student Commons, Commons Theater

- Pre-Dental Hygiene
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Pre-Radiation Sciences

Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture, T. Edward Temple Building, Room 1164

- Advertising
- Media Production
- Journalism
- Public Relations

School of World Studies, STEM Building, Room 304

- Anthropology
- International Studies
- Foreign Language –
French, German and Spanish
- Religious Studies

College of Engineering

9 a.m. to noon

9 to 10 a.m.

Check-In

Engineering Research Building
Kick off your day with a friendly check-in and enjoy a complimentary breakfast! While you're getting settled, feel free to explore the College of Engineering organization and club fair in the East Hall Atrium. Or, why not take a fun tour of East Hall and check out the classrooms you'll soon be making memories in?

10 to 10:20 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Engineering Research Building, Atrium
A big congratulations and warm welcome to the College of Engineering admitted students! During our welcome session, you'll hear from our inspiring College of Engineering leadership and get a sneak peek into the exciting day's program. We can't wait to kick things off with you!

10:20 to 10:45 a.m.

Transition

Take your time as you head to the first department session, or swing by the organization and club fair in the East Hall Atrium for another fun look around!

10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

First Department Session

11:30 a.m. to noon

Second Department Session

We're excited to share that the VCU Engineering Preview Day app, powered by Guidebook, is now available. This app provides the most up-to-date event information and schedule. A paper version of the schedule will also be available at the check-in desk, located at the main entrance on the second floor of the Engineering Research Building.



To quickly access the app,
simply scan the QR code here:

Morning sessions

School of the Arts

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

9 to 9:45 a.m.

Check-In, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Check in, pick up your welcome materials and get ready for a fun day. While you wait for the Welcome and Overview to begin, you can enjoy refreshments and chat with current VCUarts students!

9:45 to 10 a.m.

Welcome and Overview, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Congratulations, and welcome to the School of the Arts! During our welcome, you will hear from School of the Arts' leadership and learn how to make the most of your Preview Day.

10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Accepted Student Workshops, various locations

Celebrate your acceptance with current students, department chairs, faculty and your future classmates with hands-on workshops and demos. Current VCUarts students will take accepted students to their workshops following the Welcome.

10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Parent and Guest Panel Discussion, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

While students are in their workshops, parents and guests who attend this session will learn how VCUarts students are supported inside and outside the classroom in this discussion featuring current students as well as representatives from academic advising, career services and VCU Police.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Departmental Breakout Sessions

Learn more about your major, meet faculty and current students, and tour the facilities.

Art Education, Franklin Terrace, Suite 200

Art Foundation, Bowe Street Parking Deck, Fifth Floor

Art History, Buford House, Room 202

Cinema, The Depot, Second Floor

Communication Arts, The Exchange

Craft/Material Studies, Murry N. DePillars Building, Second Floor

Dance and Choreography, Dance Center, Lobby

Fashion Design, Pollak Building, Room 405

Fashion Merchandising, Pollak Building, Room 221

Graphic Design, Pollak Building, Room 321

Interior Design, Pollak Building, Room 409

Kinetic Imaging, Depot Annex

Music, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Painting + Printmaking, Murry N. DePillars Building, Room 342

Photography + Film, Pollak Building, Room 305

Sculpture + Extended Media, Murry N. DePillars Building, Room 115

Theatre, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts, Hodges Theatre

Morning sessions

School of Business

9 a.m. to noon

9 to 9:45 a.m.

Check-In, Snead Hall, Atrium

Congratulations and welcome, future business Rams! While you wait for our sessions, enjoy a bagel from Nate's Bagels, order a beverage from Eddie Rose's coffee cart, visit our photo booth, take a tour of Snead Hall, chat with current business students and create a fun piece of art in the loop outside.

10 to 10:45 a.m.

Welcome and Student and Family Sessions

Student session, Snead Hall, Room B1115

Family and guest session, Snead Hall, Room B1127

10:45 a.m. to noon

Program and Resource Fair

Meet with department chairs, professors and current students from all areas of business. All academic programs will be represented, as well as Business Career Services, Undergraduate Academic Advising, the Office of Student Engagement and the Financial Success Center by Virginia Credit Union.

Business Tours

Business student ambassadors will give tours of Snead Hall during the event. Please sign up at the Business Student Ambassadors' table.

Morning sessions

School of Education

9:45 to 11:30 a.m.

9:45 to 10 a.m.

Check-In, Oliver Hall, Room 4084

10 to 10:15 a.m.

Welcome, Oliver Hall, Room 4084

VCU's School of Education welcomes you to our Spring 2025 Preview Day! During our welcome, you will have the opportunity to hear from our School of Education leadership. You will also hear about all the exciting opportunities we have planned for you today to engage with our faculty, staff and current students.

10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

The Student Experience Panel Discussion, Oliver Hall, Room 4084B

Engage in an informative discussion with current VCU and School of Education students. Students will share their experiences in our programs and how they have engaged with the VCU and Richmond community. This is a great time to meet students and ask them your questions.

10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Academic Program Questions, Oliver Hall, Room 4084

Connect with representatives from your School of Education program to learn more about your future academic experience.

Future Student Questions, Oliver Hall, Room 2118

Have questions about VCU, the student experience and starting your program? Meet with current students and the Undergraduate Recruitment Coordinator to get your questions answered.

Resource Scavenger Hunt, Oliver Hall, Room 4084

Explore Oliver Hall and connect with our staff, faculty and other resources!

RTR Program, Oliver Hall, Room 4084B

RTR is a yearlong teacher residency program for future teachers to receive financial and career support while serving students in high-needs schools. If you want to teach for change, learn more about RTR.

Student Services, Oliver Hall, Room 2125

Learn more about your licensure pathway, the Teacher Preparation program and more.

Student Success, Oliver Hall, Room 2117

Learn more about our advising team and the support services available to set you up for success!

Morning sessions

L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

9 to 11:30 a.m.

9 to 9:45 a.m.

Check-In, Academic Learning Commons, First Floor Lobby

9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Welcome and Overview With Academic Advising and Student Services, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1102

10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion With Current Wilder School Students, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1102

10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Panel Discussion With Wilder School Faculty, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1102

10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Program Meetings

Please attend one of the following program meetings:

- **Criminal Justice**, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1102
- **Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1104
- **Urban and Regional Studies**, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1105

School of Social Work

9 a.m. to noon

9 to 9:45 a.m.

Check-In, Academic Learning Commons, First Floor Lobby

9:45 a.m. to noon

Welcome and Overview Session, Academic Learning Commons, Room 2201

Experience the exciting world of social work firsthand. Stop by and connect with faculty, staff, advisors and current social work students to gain insight into the B.S.W. program. The agenda for our morning together will include a curriculum overview, information about the numerous possible careers in social work, a mini B.S.W. lesson presented by our passionate faculty, a community service learning project led by our awesome students and a Q&A session.

Orientation and Transition Programs

Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Orientation Advance Registration, University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom
Join Orientation and Transition Programs for an opportunity to register early and lock in your summer Orientation date. Our team will be available to answer questions and assist you with the registration process. If you haven't already, we encourage you to pay your New Student Deposit ahead of time so that you can complete your Orientation registration on-site using a smartphone or tablet. You can also pay your admissions deposit today in the James River Terrace in the University Student Commons! Go to page 12 for details on paying your admissions deposit while you're on campus today. See the session titled "Pay Your Deposit."

Helpful Resources for Admitted Students

How to Accept Your Offer of Admission

1. Log in to your accepted student portal by scanning the QR code or visiting ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/status.
2. Say yes on your Offer of Admission Response Form to officially join the RAMily!

Important Deadline: Make sure to accept your offer of admission by National Decision Day: May 1, 2025.



Pay Your Tuition Deposit Online

To pay your tuition deposit online, you will need your eID, password and V-number. Follow these steps:

1. Scan the QR code or visit admissions.vcu.edu/accepted-students.
2. Click the accepted student checklist that applies to you.
3. Under Step 1, click "Pay your tuition deposit" in the drop-down menu.
4. Follow the instructions for paying your tuition deposit.

Note: If you're receiving a scholarship or financial aid, you may request a tuition deposit waiver on the response form. If you have any questions, stop by the "Pay Your Deposit" stations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Go to page 12 for more information.



File Your FAFSA or VASA

All admitted students are encouraged to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you have not done so already. If you are a Virginia resident and unable to complete the FAFSA or have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, the Virginia Alternative State Aid application (VASA) is an option available to you to apply for state financial aid.

Use VCU's school code, 003735, when completing your application. While VCU's FAFSA and VASA priority filing deadline was March 1, we encourage you to apply, as you may still be eligible for some types of assistance.

Need help? Stop by the Student Financial Management Center while you're on campus for Preview Day (see page 14). You can also visit their website for more resources: sfs.vcu.edu.

File the FAFSA



File the VASA



Afternoon sessions

Informational Overviews

Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Health Sciences Spotlight: Student Panel and Q&A Session, University Student Commons, Commons Theater

Join the offices of Pre-Health Advising and Pre-Professional Health Advising for an informational panel of current pre-health and pre-professional health students. Both students and staff will be present to answer your questions and provide information to help you get started on your path to careers in health care. The majors and minors included in these offices are:

Pre-medical laboratory sciences, Pre-dental hygiene, Pre-dentistry, Pre-medicine, Pre-nursing, Pre-occupational therapy, Pre-optometry, Pre-pharmacy, Pre-physician assistant, Pre-physical therapy, Pre-radiation sciences, Pre-veterinary medicine

12:30 to 1 p.m.
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Residential Life and Housing Presentation, Academic Learning Commons, Room 1107

Residential Life and Housing at VCU is a preeminent urban, public, on-campus community providing a one-of-a-kind residential experience. We provide safe, inclusive and well-maintained facilities, where we work together to build intentional communities to empower residents in their academic excellence, citizenship and personal growth. Find out how to apply for on-campus living, join us as we show you a virtual tour of some of our facilities and get all of your questions answered.

12:30 to 1 p.m.

VCU da Vinci Center for Innovation, University Student Commons, Richmond Salon I

The VCU da Vinci Center for Innovation is a unique collegiate model that advances innovation and entrepreneurship through cross-disciplinary collaboration. The center's academic and experiential offerings are rooted in design thinking and leave students better prepared to engage in our increasingly global world. The da Vinci Center fosters a supportive environment for students to develop the skills necessary to engage in difficult dialogue, to disagree productively, to reframe failure and to make change.

Learn more at davincicenter.vcu.edu.

1 to 1:30 p.m.

Study Abroad and Global Learning: Connect With Cultures and Communities, University Student Commons, Richmond Salon II

Explore one of the most rewarding opportunities available to VCU students in this special information session. The Global Education Office will discuss opportunities for VCU students to gain global learning experiences on and off campus through study abroad, virtual global learning and local global programs such as VCU's Peace Corps Prep certificate and more.

1 to 2 p.m.

The Honors College and Guaranteed Admission Programs, University Student Commons, Commons Theater

Participate in a conversation with Honors College Associate Dean Carrie Connolly, featuring a panel of current VCU Honors Ambassadors sharing firsthand student experiences. Explore the benefits and opportunities of joining the Honors College in this discussion. Students accepted into or interested in applying to the Honors College are welcome and encouraged to attend. At the end of the session, attendees are invited to tour the Honors College residence hall.

Afternoon sessions

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Interdisciplinary Studies Open House, Harris Hall 5116

Learn about the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, which allows students to combine minors, certificates and coursework from across the university to create their own individualized degrees. Come meet our leadership, faculty and advisors and begin discussing a unique path that aligns with your personal goals, interests and passions. Accepted IDS students, please stop by for a special welcome gift.

1:30 to 2 p.m.

First-Generation Families: Finding Your Success, University Student Commons, Richmond Salon I

What is a first-generation student? The formal definition is one whose parents did not complete a four-year college degree. In this interactive session, you will learn about the programs and resources available to support our first-generation students and their families on their path to success.

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Summer Studies and Summer Scholars, University Student Commons, Richmond Salon I

Too excited about attending VCU to wait until fall? Ready to jump-start your college career? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, you should join other students interested in attending VCU Summer Studies. This session will help you explore your summer options. Choose from numerous engaging courses that will count toward your degree, or take part in Summer Scholars, a five-week residential academic program designed just for you.

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Meet the Ambassadors! Panel Discussion, University Student Commons, Commons Theater

Engage in an informative discussion with our VCU Ambassadors. This is a great time to meet current students and ask them your questions in a queue-based format. Students will share their experiences, highlighting their campus involvement and life in the city of Richmond.

Additional opportunities

Ram Resources

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pay Your Deposit, University Student Commons, James River Terrace

Ready to officially become a VCU Ram? Come join the Office of Admissions to make it official! We will have self-serve stations where you can pay your deposit on-site. You will also be able to sign up for Orientation right away without having to wait for processing time! VCU Office of Admissions staff members will be present to assist you and celebrate this big decision. We can't wait to welcome you to the RAMily!

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VCU Career Services, University Student Commons, Room 143

Learn how VCU Career Services can help with exploring undergraduate and graduate academic programs and career paths, in addition to building resumes, writing cover letters, preparing for interviews and negotiating salaries. If you are interested in a part-time job, internship or experiential learning opportunity, Career Services can provide information about them. VCU students have access to Handshake, VCU's official job search database, as well as online resources at careers.vcu.edu.

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student Services and Resource Fair, University Student Commons, Virginia Rooms

Visit with students and staff from university services and resources to find out more about what awaits you as a new VCU student. Offices that will be in attendance include:

Academic Advising, Alumni Office, Campus Card Services, Campus Learning Center, Campus Police, da Vinci Center, Developing Men of Color, Diversity P.A.T.H.S., Global Education Office (GEO), Interdisciplinary Studies, James Branch Cabell Library, Office of Student Leadership and Engaged Learning, Military Student Services, Parking and Transportation, RecWell, Student Accessibility and Educational Opportunities (SAEO), TRIO, VCU Career Services, VCU Family Programs, Writing Center and more

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Future Ram Block Party, University Student Commons, Commons Plaza

Let's celebrate! Don't miss out on the chance to hang out with our amazing Office of Admissions ambassadors and connect with current student organizations. Plus, get ready to groove with line dancing in the Commons Plaza! It's the perfect way to make new friends and have some fun!

VCU Preview Day Shuttle

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

VCU Preview Day Shuttle

Take the VCU Preview Day shuttle from the Welcome Center to Snead Hall and the University Student Commons. The shuttle runs from each location approximately every 15 minutes. Look for the signs.

Tours

11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

RecWell's Cary Street Gym Tours, 101 S. Linden St.

Take a comprehensive guided tour of RecWell's Cary Street Gym, featuring amenities such as two heated indoor pools, a whirlpool spa, a rock-climbing wall, an 18,000-square-foot fitness center, a four-court gymnasium, an indoor running track, racquetball courts, an indoor artificial turf multiactivity center and more. Tours will be hosted by RecWell staff members and will begin in the main lobby at the gym's Linden Street entrance. Tours will take approximately 15 minutes, with the final tour of the day beginning at 1:45 p.m.

1:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

STEM Building Tours, 817 W. Franklin St.

Join us on a tour of our STEM building with a current student RAMbassador. Opened in the fall of 2023, the 169,000-square-foot, six-floor building is dedicated to anthropology, biology, chemistry, forensic science, kinesiology and health sciences, mathematics, physics, psychology and interdisciplinary science students. It also features the Campus Learning Center, Science Hub and ample student study space.

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Campus Tours, University Student Commons, Commons Plaza

Take a walking tour of the Monroe Park Campus hosted by a student ambassador. Visit new facilities and see historical buildings that now house academic departments. Tours depart from the University Student Commons lobby approximately every 10 minutes. The last tour will depart at 2 p.m.

Noon to 2 p.m.

James Branch Cabell Library, 901 Park Ave., Lobby

Join VCU Libraries staff for a 20-minute tour of Cabell Library, THE hub for academic exploration on campus. Tours depart from just inside the main entrance, at the Fall Line bench. You'll explore spaces for individual and group study, a makerspace with cutting-edge equipment, a Starbucks café and more. Staff-led tours are offered at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Printed self-guided tours are available at the library's Information Desk.

Noon to 3 p.m.

Residential Life and Housing Tours

Get ready for an exclusive tour that unveils the unique charm of living in a first-year residence hall. The tours will highlight the distinct room styles of Brandt Hall, Gladding Residence Center and Rhoads Hall. It's not just a tour; it's an immersive experience where you'll have the chance to engage with residents and RLH staff members. Don't limit yourself to just one hall – explore the magic of all our first-year residences! The last tour leaves at 3 p.m., so mark your calendars for a day filled with discovery and excitement.

Here are the addresses for each of the first-year residence halls:

Brandt Hall: 710 W. Franklin St.

Gladding Residence Center: 711 W. Main St.

Rhoads Hall: 710 W. Franklin St.

Additional opportunities

Stop By for a Visit

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barnes & Noble @ VCU, 1111 W. Broad St.

Visit VCU's official bookstore on campus. Students and guests receive 10% off a spirit shop item purchased today. Show your Preview Day program at the register for this discount. ***This 10% coupon is not applicable to RamTech items.***

9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

James Branch Cabell Library, 901 Park Ave.

Explore Cabell Library! Enjoy free Wi-Fi, order a Starbucks drink (open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or visit our new Reflection Room for prayer or meditation. Nursing parents can request access to the lactation room, and our helpful staff at the Information Desk are available for directions or a self-guided tour.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admissions Ask It!, University Student Commons Lobby, Academic Learning Commons Lobby and Shafer Court Dining Center

Admissions counselors and student ambassadors will be available to answer any questions you may have about the admissions process and VCU.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Student Financial Management Center, Grace E. Harris Hall, 1015 Floyd Ave., First Floor

Financial counselors will be available in the Student Financial Management Center to answer questions about financial aid, student billing and college planning. Want to maximize your time during Preview Day? Join our virtual line by texting VCU RamQ to 804-313-6906. After joining the line, you will receive text message updates about your status. This will allow you to plan around the wait time. We look forward to meeting with you!

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.








VCU Career Services, University Student Commons, Room 143

Virginia Commonwealth University Monroe Park Campus

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Map Legend

 VCU Parking Decks	 VCU Buildings	 Public Parking	 Check-in location
 VCU Parking Lots	 Residence Halls	 Mobility Hub	



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