

About the University

Richmond Mission

Richmond provides its students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual, social, and personal skills necessary to exercise influence and achieve success and personal fulfillment in an increasingly interdependent world: a world where the ability to understand other cultures and communicate effectively across national and cultural boundaries is as vital as traditional academic achievement. Richmond offers a quality undergraduate education in the American liberal arts tradition as well as a challenging graduate program that emphasizes the link between study and professional achievement. Underlying its academic programs, which are taught to a multicultural student body by an internationally minded faculty, is a commitment to the value of understanding and appreciating human differences and commonalities.

Accreditation

Richmond is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education. Richmond is licensed to award Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and the Master of Business Administration degrees by the Department of Education in the State of Delaware. Richmond is also accredited in the United Kingdom by the Open University Validation Services and holds related degree validation. Its degrees are also designated by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (Recognized Awards) Statutory Order 1996 (SI 2564) dated October 9, 1996.

Richmond is also a member of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities, whose members are located throughout Europe and the Middle East.

It does not discriminate in admissions, employment, or access to programs. The policy of the University is that all students, applicants, or candidates for positions of employment are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin, or age. The University complies with the UK Disability Discrimination Act. The University is incorporated as a not-for-profit educational institution in the State of Delaware in the USA and is a recognized 501(c)(3) public educational charity under US law.

Richmond is a dynamic institution and improvements are regularly introduced to raise the quality of the educational experience the University offers. Consequently, Richmond

reserves the right to alter course offerings, programs, calendar procedures, and rules and regulations. However, when it does so, every effort will be made to inform students of such changes. Further, students already enrolled will normally follow the degree requirements in effect at the time of their admission.

University Facilities

Courses are offered at the University's two London campuses, in Richmond and Kensington, and at its international study centers in Florence and Rome, Italy. The academic calendar is organized into two fifteen-week semesters and two five-week summer semesters. Students begin their studies at Richmond Hill, and most move to Kensington to complete their studies, generally spending two years on each campus. Some programs, including the BS in Computing, offer all four years at the Richmond Hill campus. As part of a four-year BA or BS degree program, students may spend a semester or a year studying at one of Richmond's international study centers. Details about the programs offered at each center may be found in the section *Florence and Rome Study Centers*. The graduate program is offered at the Kensington Campus. Student housing is available on each campus and an orientation program introduces new students to the academic and social life on each campus.

Richmond Hill Campus

The Richmond Hill campus, for first- and second-year students, consists of an impressive nineteenth-century neo-gothic building, set in a five-acre site at the top of Richmond Hill. The campus houses the Taylor Library, classrooms, computer and science laboratories, a dining hall, a student common room, an auditorium, student accommodation, administrative and faculty offices and other facilities.

Kensington Campus

Richmond's Kensington campus, situated in one of central London's most beautiful residential neighborhoods, is attended by most third-year, fourth-year, and graduate students, as well as by the majority of study abroad students. The Kensington campus facilities are contained in five major buildings and include classrooms, a library, computer laboratories, a center for new media with graphics and video-editing facilities, art and photographic studios, darkrooms, a dining hall, a student common room, administrative and faculty offices, and student accommodation.