**Other Areas of Interest**

This tour is by no means inclusive of everything that the University has to offer. If you have time, here are a few places you might be interested in visiting:

**THE SOUTH LAWN**
The South Lawn extends from Central Grounds across Jefferson Park Avenue via a 100-foot-wide terrace. The terrace ends in a circular plaza that sits atop a commons building, with an exterior stair leading down to gardens. The commons building contains lounge spaces and a cafe with three-story glass walls. The South Lawn also includes Nau and Gibson Halls. Both house departments within the College of Arts & Sciences and also contain classrooms, student lounges, computer labs, administrative offices, conference rooms and faculty and student meeting rooms.

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**
Influenced by Jefferson’s passion, UVA has offered classes in architecture since 1832. Established after World War I, the School of Architecture offers its students the unique opportunity to be surrounded by the finest in classical structure and planning and yet focus on the building demands and ideas of the 21st century. To arrange a guided visit, please call 434-924-6442.

**THE SCHOOL OF NURSING**
Established in 1901 as a hospital-based diploma program, the School of Nursing became one of the University’s independent schools in 1956. Located in McLeod Hall, the school has evolved into one of the nation’s top-rated nursing education and research schools. Tours must be arranged in advance, and take place Monday through Friday at noon. Call 434-924-0141 for more information.

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**THE PAVILION GARDENS**
Located behind the Pavilions, each of the ten gardens is unique and deserves to be explored.

**EDGAR ALLAN POE’S ROOM**
Across the street from the Admission Office and located at 13 West Range is the historically preserved room of Edgar Allan Poe, who occupied the room in 1826. The remainder of the rooms on the Range house select graduate students.

**RUGBY ROAD AND GREEK LIFE**
Located just off of University Avenue across from the Rotunda is Rugby Road and the site of a great deal of the University’s Greek life. Roughly 30% of undergraduates choose to join a fraternity or sorority.

**SECRET SOCIETIES**
While walking around Grounds, you may have noticed different symbols and signs painted on buildings and stairs. These are the markings of a few of the University’s secret societies, which include the IMPs, Zs, and 7s. Their appearance on Grounds dates back to around the turn of the 20th century. These groups are good-natured and often philanthropic in nature, donating money to worthy organizations and sponsoring scholarship.

**THE CORNER**
On the other side of University Avenue is the district referred to as “the Corner.” The Corner is the home to many restaurants, shops, nightspots, and more. You will frequently find the area filled with students and faculty.

**ATHLETIC FACILITIES**
The University has a number of athletic facilities which you may wish to visit, including the Aquatics and Fitness Center, Scott Stadium and the John Paul Jones Arena.

**STUDENT SELF GOVERNANCE**
One of UVA’s most enduring traditions and strengths is the entrustment of much decision making to students. The University Judiciary Committee, Honor Committee, Student Council, Lawn Selection Committee, are just a few examples out of the more than 750 independently student governed clubs and organizations.

**THE HONOR SYSTEM**
At Pavilion X, the last pavilion on the east side, you may notice a marker commemorating the birth of the University’s Honor System in 1842. Over the years, the system has developed from a gentlemen’s code of conduct to a codified expression of integrity. Since its inception, the student-run Honor System has been a source of pride for the University. From submission of their admission application to their final walk down the Lawn at graduation, students are bound not to lie, cheat, or steal while at the University. With this promise comes benefits such as the ability to take unproctored exams or write checks in the community with just a student ID. Violations are handled by the Honor Committee, composed of representatives from all the University’s schools.

**THE HONORSYSTEM**

**SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR**

Welcome to our Grounds! We’re pleased that you are interested in the University of Virginia and hope that you enjoy this self-guided tour. UVA, founded in 1819 by Thomas Jefferson, is a world-renowned institution that blends its rich history and traditions with new and creative ideas, concepts, and cutting-edge technology furthering the ends of our founder’s mission of “ameliorating the condition, promoting the virtue, and advancing the happiness of man.”

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The University of Virginia offers the vast intellectual resources of a major research University, but it fosters the intimacy, sense of community, and dedication to undergraduate life typically found at a small liberal arts college. UVa is public, it’s one of the top-ranked public universities in the United States, and welcomes women and men of every background. Yet, it is highly selective and attracts the same students who are prized by the best private universities in the country, students who will benefit fully from the University experience and will, in turn, contribute to our community as students, citizens, and leaders.

1. PEABODY HALL
Your tour begins at Peabody Hall, which houses the Office of Undergraduate Admission on the first floor and the Dean of Students on the second floor. Most of our admission information sessions are held at other larger sites, but in our office we do have printed materials and a list of University classes you may want to attend. Also, we are available for any questions you may have about the University and our admission process.

2. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LIBRARY SYSTEM
The two main libraries in central Grounds are Alderman and Clemons. Alderman houses open stacks, allowing students free access to materials, as well as a café. Clemons provides abundant study space and 24-hour access; the library is also heavily used for its core collection of basic, high-use materials, its extensive audiovisual collection, and its digital media technologies. The University currently has seventeen libraries, over 5 million books, and videos, DVDs, maps, music, images, journals, manuscripts, rare books, and more. Be sure to check out the Exhibit Gallery in the Albert & Shirley Small Special Collections Library.

3. THE ROTUNDA
The Rotunda was designed by Thomas Jefferson to be the architectural and intellectual heart of the “Academical Village.” Jefferson modeled the Rotunda after the Pantheon in Rome, and referred to it as his “temple of knowledge.”

For Thomas Jefferson, learning was an integral part of life. The “Academical Village” is based on the concept that the life of the mind is a pursuit for all participants in the University, that learning is a lifelong and shared process, and that interaction between scholars and students enlivens the pursuit of knowledge. The Rotunda offers guided and self-guided tours daily. Stop inside for more information.

4. THE LAWN
The Lawn extends from the Rotunda at the north end to Old Cabell Hall at the south end. It is framed on either side by the Pavilions, which house faculty. Between the Pavilions there are individual Lawn rooms where select fourth-year students live. Jefferson created the Academical Village to encourage interaction between students and scholars and to further the pursuit of knowledge. The Lawn remains a bustling center for the University. Some classes meet on the Lawn when weather permits and it is common to see students studying and interacting year-round on the Lawn. The Lawn is also the site of Final Exercises where tens of thousands of people come to cheer on the 500+ students graduating each spring.

5. OLD CABELL HALL
Old Cabell Hall, located opposite the Rotunda on the Lawn, houses classrooms and a beautiful performing arts venue. During Final Exercises, graduates “walk the Lawn” from the steps of the Rotunda to their seating area facing Old Cabell Hall.

6. MCIINTIRE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
The McIntire School of Commerce was established in 1921 and recently relocated to the newly renovated Rouss Hall. It is recognized as one of the top undergraduate business schools in the nation. McIntire students spend their first two years in the College of Arts & Sciences before entering the school. In their third and fourth years students participate in an interactive team environment. They specialize in one of more of the following fields: accounting, finance, information technology, marketing, management and international business.

7. AMPHITHEATER
The Amphitheater is used today mainly for student gatherings and occasional music events. It is in the midst of many of the buildings which comprise the College of Arts & Sciences. The University of Virginia College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences is the largest of UVa’s 12 schools and is the institution’s academic core. It offers more than 50 undergraduate majors and concentrations and more than two dozen graduate degree programs.

8. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES
Established in 1836, UVa offers one of the oldest engineering schools in the country. The school trains students for careers in an array of engineering programs including aerospace, biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, materials science, mechanical, systems, and more. Tours of the school generally are offered Monday through Saturday at 1pm in Thornton Hall when classes are in session. No reservations are required.

9. FIRST-YEAR HOUSING
All incoming First Year undergraduate students are required to live on Grounds. Students find that communal living is essential in transitioning to the Jeffersonian Model of education. All students are guaranteed housing for their 1st and 2nd years, and it’s generally available to 3rd and 4th year students who wish to remain on Grounds. First-Years live in either the McCormick or Alderman Road dorms, or in one of the residential colleges: Hereford College, Brown College, and the International Residence College. The McCormick Road residence halls offer a traditional hall-style dormitory, while most of the Alderman Road halls have suites of double-occupancy rooms and a common area. You can check out pictures and floor plans on the residence life web site.

10. THE CURRY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
The Curry School offers a Bachelor of Science in Education in two program areas, Communication Disorders and Kinesiology. Also offered is a five-year Master of Teaching Education program. Students have the opportunity to participate in ground-breaking research, collaborate with internationally renowned faculty and contribute to real life solutions faced by those in the field of education.

11. UVA BOOKSTORE AND NEWCOMB HALL
Cavalier Computers, which offers computer merchandise and repair services is also located in the bookstore. Newcomb Hall is the University’s student center. It is the hub of student activities that include a post office, dining hall, food court, convenience store, game room, a full-service Bank of America, and more. Newcomb Hall also houses the offices of the University’s Honor Committee, Student Council, Greek councils, LGBTQ student association, movie theater, the satellite orientation office, student newspaper, The Cavalier Daily.