

International Orientation **Fall 2026**

Monday | August 17

Pre-Orientation Program Move-In | Tyler Haynes Commons, First Floor | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We can't wait to welcome you!

Pre-Orientation Programs Welcome | Booker Hall of Music, Camp Concert Hall | 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Come to this session to learn more about what the rest of your experience will look like for the week.

Pre-Orientation Programs Welcome Dinner | Heilman Dining Center, North Dining Hall | 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

You will have dinner with all Pre-Orientation participants and get to know students who are participating in the programs.

Bingo | Alice Haynes Room, Tyler Haynes Commons (THC) | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

Come play Bingo, hang out with other students in Pre-Orientation Programs, and get a chance to win some cool prizes.

Shopping at Target at Libbie Place Shopping Center | Transportation Hub, Tyler Haynes Commons (THC) | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

This shopping trip is only for students who signed up in advance. Please bring your Spider Card.

Tuesday | August 18

Registration & Global Engagement Meet & Greet | International Commons & Center for Global Engagement Lobby | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All degree-seeking students on non-immigrant visas, exchange students, and TAs must register in the International Commons. Please bring your Spider Card. After registration, come to the Global Engagement Lobby to have free espresso, meet the staff, and see our space for international students.

Student Health Center Appointments | Student Health Center, 2nd floor, Well-Being Center/Building 363 | 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Check your Richmond email for your appointment time to go to the Student Health Center to complete your requirements. Please refer to your IOA with questions.

Tuesday | August 18 (Cont.)

Helpful Resources Tabling | Heilman Dining Center Lobby | 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

Representatives from nearby companies will be available to answer your questions about mobile phones and setting up bank accounts. To open up a bank account, please bring with you your passport or government issued ID, a U.S. phone number and a valid email address.

Lunch | Heilman Dining Center | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sweet Send Off | University Forum | 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

Join faculty and staff to grab a sweet treat and ask any final questions you may have.

****For families/supporters this is where you will say your final goodbye to your student!**



Student Health Center Appointments | Student Health Center, 2nd floor, Well-Being Center/Building 363 | 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Check your Richmond email for your appointment time to go to the Student Health Center to complete your requirements. Please refer to your IOA with questions.

Hourly Campus Tours | University Forum Plaza outside of Heilman Center/Building 410 | 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

OAs will give campus tours at 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Shopping at Willow Lawn | Transportation Hub, Tyler Haynes Commons (THC)/Building 270 | 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

This shopping trip is only for students who signed up in advance. Please bring your Spider Card.

Dinner with your IOA Group | Heilman Dining Center | 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Icebreakers with your International Orientation Advisor (IOA) Group | THC 305, 310, 321, 346, 348, 329 | 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Spend time getting to know your IOA group.

International Dance Party | Tyler Haynes Commons, Alice Haynes, The Current | 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

Join us for an exciting dance party! Whether you're ready to show off your moves or just want to enjoy the atmosphere, everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and get ready for a fun evening of music, dancing, and connection!

Wednesday | August 19

Immigration Issues, Health Insurance, and Cultural Adjustment | Jepson Hall, Jepson 118 | 9 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

International students will learn about maintaining their visa status in the U.S., using the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), and cultural adjustment strategies.

IOA Group Activities | International Center Commons | 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Spend time getting to know your IOA group.

Lunch | Heilman Dining Center | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Helpful Resources Tabling | Heilman Dining Center Lobby | 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

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Business Exchange Student Meet & Greet Lunch | Moelchert Commons, 1st floor, Queally Hall, Robins School of Business/Building 102 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. *REQUIRED*

Business Exchange Student Orientation Session | Ukrop Auditorium, 1st floor, Queally Hall, Robins School of Business/Building 102 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. *REQUIRED*

Course Schedule Changes for Business Exchange Students | Business Study Abroad Programs, Suite 129, 1st Floor, Robins School of Business/Building 102 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

Business exchange students who need to make changes to their course schedule will be able to work with staff on an individual basis. **Note:** You must bring a physical copy of your course schedule with you.

Wednesday | August 19 (Cont.)

Inside American football | International Commons, 1st floor, Carole Weinstein International Center/Building 211 | 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Learn firsthand about American football by meeting UR football coaches, players and athletics staff. This is **MANDATORY** for exchange students; 1st year undergraduates are strongly encouraged to attend.

Dinner | Heilman Dining Center | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

University Welcome | Robins Center | 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

This is the end of Pre-Orientation!

1st Year Undergraduates, please refer to the **New Spider Orientation (NSO) Schedule** for next steps!

Exchange Students, please follow this schedule for Thursday and Friday!

Thursday | August 20

Working in the U.S. for Undergraduate Exchange Students | Brown Alley Room, Weinstein Hall - Building 231 | 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. *REQUIRED*

Career Services will discuss job search resources for working in the U.S. All exchange students are required to attend this session.

Library Tour (for Exchange Students & TAs whose family names begin with A-K only) | Reference Desk, Boatwright Memorial Library - Building 261 | 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. *OPTIONAL*

Exchange students and TAs will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the University's main library.

Library Tour (for Exchange Students & TAs whose family names begin with L-Z only) | Reference Desk, Boatwright Memorial Library - Building 261 | 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. *OPTIONAL*

Exchange students and TAs will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the University's main library.

Thursday | August 20 (Cont.)

**Registrar's Office for Non-Business Major Exchange Students & TAs | Queally Center - Building 142 |
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL***

The Registrar's office is available to work with you individually by appointment only by emailing jcreamer@richmond.edu with questions about your class schedule.

Friday | August 21

**Excursions for Exchange Students | Transportation Hub, Tyler Haynes Commons - Building 270 |
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. *OPTIONAL***

Please refer to the suggested excursions for details.

**Questions? Reach us via email at
newspiders@richmond.edu**