

New Spider Orientation **Fall 2026**

Wednesday | August 19

Move-In | Tyler Haynes Commons | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Class Dinner | Heilman Dining Center | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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

New students, families and supporters are invited to attend the University Welcome where they will hear from President Hallock and other University leaders. This is our official kick-off to New Spider Orientation! At the end, students will leave to take part in other evening activities.

New Student Walk & Class Photo & Quick OA Group Meet Up | Intermural (IM) Fields | 7:45 p.m. - 9 p.m.

New students will walk as a group from the Robins Center to the IM Fields, where they will have their Class of 2030 photo taken followed by a brief check-in with your Orientation Group.

Thursday | August 20

Breakfast | Heilman Dining Center | 7:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Music Ensemble Sign Up | Booker Hall of Music Lobby | 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m. (optional)

Nearly 200 students enroll each semester in faculty-led ensembles, which are open to all student musicians regardless of major. Click [here](#) for the full list of ensembles. Note: all half-unit ensembles can be used to fulfill the FSVP/AIVP general education requirement. Private music lessons for academic credit are available on all instruments and voice. Submit the [Private Lesson Request Form](#) to apply.

OA Group Meeting | Various Classroom Locations | 9 a.m.- 10 :15 a.m.

Meet with your OAs to get prepared for your first day of Orientation.

WELL 100 First Class | Various Classroom Locations | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

New students will get the chance to meet their WELL 100 instructors and classmates in their first class.

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Lunch + Sweet Send Off | Heilman Dining Center and University Forum | 12 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Families and Supporters will be provided with tickets for a free lunch to attend the Dining Hall with their student before saying goodbye!

Student Development Welcome | Robins Center | 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Learn more about the many services and supports that Student Development at UR can provide you during your time here.

Residence Hall Meetings | Robins Center Concourse & Milhiser Green | 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Students will meet the staff from the Office of Residence Life, and learn about University policies, important fire safety information, and more about living on-campus.

Transfer Student Social | Tyler Hanes Commons (THC) 305 | 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Transfer students will have the chance to meet one another and learn more about opportunities at the University of Richmond that are available to them. Students will also be able participate in a tradition to trade in their previous school's swag for new free Richmond swag! **(This event is for Transfer students only)**

What's Up at UR Panel | Jepson Hall 118 | 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Want the tea on what the multicultural experience is like at UR? Join members of the Orientation Student Staff as they facilitate a panel discussion about the multicultural experience at UR.

Women's Soccer Game | President's Field at River Road | 5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Root on the women's soccer team as they take on American University!

Dinner | Heilman Dining Center | 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Evening Social Programming

TBD – finalizing details and will be updated soon

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Breakfast | Heilman Dining Center | 7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

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OA Group Meeting | Various Classroom Locations | 9:30 a.m.- 11 :15 a.m.

Meet with your OAs to get prepared for your second day of Orientation and learn more about academics and social life here at UR.

Richmond College Dean's Welcome | Modlin Center for the Arts, Alice Jepson Theatre | 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Richmond College students will meet and hear from Dean Joe Boehman and learn about the academic and social supports offered at the University of Richmond.

Westhampton College Dean's Welcome | Booker Hall of Music, Camp Concert Hall | 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Westhampton College students will meet and hear from Dean Mia Reinoso Genoni and learn about the academic and social supports offered at the University of Richmond.

Lunch | Heilman Dining Center | 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Latin Proficiency Exam | Humanities Hall Room 245 | 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

For students who have taken three or more years of Latin in high school and who think their automatic placement in Latin 201 may be too low. This test offers an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in Latin.

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Jumm'ah Prayer | Wilton Center, Prayer Room | 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jumu'ah/Friday Prayer is the weekly Muslim congregational worship. The khutbah (sermon) will begin at 1p followed by prayer at 1.25. A light lunch will also be provided.

Richmond College Open House | Whitehurst Living Room | 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Richmond College will be hosting an open house for new students. This will be a perfect opportunity to get to know other RC students and the dean's staff. We will also have ice cream available, and you can grab your first-year t-shirt during the event. We are excited to welcome you to Richmond!

Westhampton College Open House | Westhampton Center | 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Westhampton College students are encouraged to stop by the Westhampton Center to meet the Dean of Westhampton College, pick-up their FREE Westhampton College t-shirt and enjoy some ice cream!

Well-Being & Sustainability Fair | Milhiser Green & Well-Being Center | 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Discover how to thrive at UR – for yourself and the planet! Join us at the Well-Being & Sustainability Fair to explore campus resources focused on health, wellness, and sustainability. Meet representatives from across the University and community, learn about opportunities to get involved, grab fun swag, and discover amazing services designed to support your college journey. Plus, don't forget to pick up your free UR water bottle while supplies last!

Glance Into Greek Life | Tyler Hanes Commons, Alice Haynes Room | 3 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Come learn about what Fraternity & Sorority Life is and how to join the 14 chapters that we have on campus!

Richmond Scholars Open House | Tyler Haynes Commons (THC), Room 305 | 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Office of Scholars and Fellowships invites the incoming class of Richmond Scholars to connect with other students and our office staff to kick off the year! (Required event for the Richmond Scholar Class of 2030)

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Religious and Spiritual Life Open House | Wilton Center | 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

The Chaplaincy is the home for all religious and spiritual groups on campus. We seek to support students in their faith commitments and offer care and compassion to each member of our community. Stop by the Wilton Center to meet the Chaplaincy staff and learn more about religious and spiritual life at Richmond.

Academic Advising Open House | Tyler Haynes Commons (THC), The Current | 3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Have questions about course registration or schedule building? Come speak to the advisors in the Academic Advising Resource Center!

Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Open House | Innovation Studio, Boatwright Memorial Library 4th Floor | 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Supports skill-building in design thinking, creative problem-solving, and innovation for students, faculty, and staff. Through regular programming, drop-in advising, and supporting classes and offering a studio environment for students to test and prototype ideas, the Innovation Studio equips Spiders with skills to advance ideas, systems, products, technologies and processes across sectors to advance society.

Financial Aid Open House | Queally Center, Suite 214, Financial Aid Office | 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

The Office of Financial Aid is hosting an open house for students to meet our staff and connect with their financial aid advisor. Light refreshments will be available.

LGBTQ+ Mixer | Multicultural Space | 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Are you interested in getting connected to the LGBTQ+ community and resources on campus? Join Casey Butler, Associate Director in the Hub for Student Inclusion and Community, and several Orientation Advisors for a conversation about pathways to community for LGBTQ+ students and allies, both on and off campus. Food and drinks provided.

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Welcoming Shabbat | Wilton Center, Multifaith Room | 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Join Jewish Life at UR to welcome Shabbat with candles, kiddush, and challah. After a quick ritual to celebrate the arrival of Shabbat, enjoy some sweet desserts while getting to know your fellow Spiders and learning more about upcoming opportunities through Jewish Life and UR Hillel.

Dinner | Heilman Dining Center | 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Safe Spiders (Groups 1-15) | Booker Hall of Music, Camp Concert Hall | 7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Information and policies regarding Title IX, CARE, Hazing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs will be presented during this session, which is mandatory for all students to attend.

Safe Spiders (Groups 16-30) | Booker Hall of Music, Camp Concert Hall | 7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Information and policies regarding Title IX, CARE, Hazing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs will be presented during this session, which is mandatory for all students to attend.

Safe Spider Social | University Forum | 9 p.m.-11 p.m.

Grab a food voucher once you attend the Safe Spider Session to get food from one of the many food trucks at this event.

Saturday | August 22

Breakfast | Heilman Dining Center | 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Spiders in the City Excursions | Various Locations | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Take part in an experience to get better acquainted to the city of Richmond or our UR campus. You must have been signed up in advance and you will have received confirmation about the activity you are taking part in.

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Saturday | August 22 (Cont.)

Brunch | Heilman Dining Center | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Closing Ceremony | Robins Center | 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Come celebrate your New Spider Orientation experience with us and get excited to be a Spider!

Arts Open House | Modlin Center | 3:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Come learn about all of the opportunities at the University in the arts! Also, make sure to attend to sign the Class of 2030 banner.

Dinner | Modlin Center | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Movie Under the Stars | Greek Theatre | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Join SpiderBoard to watch Spider-Man under the stars at Robins Stadium! Free swag and snacks while supplies last.

Sunday | August 23

Introduction to Christian Life at UR | Cannon Memorial Chapel | 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Gather in front of the Chapel to learn about Christian ministry opportunities at UR, enjoy a light breakfast, meet members of the Chaplaincy staff, and hear from students involved in Christian Life. All are welcome.

First-Generation/Limited Income Student Mixer and Ice Cream Social | 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Join us for a mixer with first-generation and/or limited-income students to connect, build community, and learn about the events, resources, and support available through the Spiders FLI Program. (First-generation means that neither of your parents/guardians completed a four-year degree, while limited income means that you rely on a substantial financial aid package to attend UR). Free ice cream bar (non-dairy options available) and fun games, you won't want to miss!

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Investiture | Cannon Memorial Chapel | Arrive at 1:45 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

This mandatory event for students in Richmond College marks the formal introduction of first-year students into the College. Students are introduced to the history of Richmond College, and hear reflections from upper class students. Elements of Investiture include: Signing the Honor Pledge, Receiving the Class Coin, Presentation of the Class Flag.

Robins School of Business Open House | First Floor of the Robins School of Business | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Econ 101 faculty are hosting an open house at the Robins School of Business. Come meet with professors, find where your classrooms are, and take tours of the building, all while enjoying some free ice cream and other delicious snacks. All University of Richmond first year students are invited!

Catholic Mass | Cannon Memorial Chapel | 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The University's Catholic Life group will celebrate Mass Sunday at 5 p.m. in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Catholic Life is a vibrant, inclusive community of the Office of the Chaplaincy that draws a diverse mix of students, faculty, staff and community members to weekly liturgies.

Last Day of Summer Celebration | Westhampton Green | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join SpiderBoard to celebrate the end of the summer with a mini carnival, featuring free food, live music, giveaways, games, & more!

Monday | August 24

First Day of Classes Tent | University Forum | 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Start your first day of classes off with Student Development! We'll have treats, giveaways, and a "First Day of School" sign you can use for photos!