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LIVE THE DIFFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE
Welcome to the University of Virginia’s International Residential College – the IRC. All IRC students, whether from the U.S. (about 60%) or abroad (about 40%), have a common desire to be globally aware and engaged as well as to embrace and celebrate our diversity. The IRC is a Residential College that allows faculty and students to interact in a living and learning environment, a concept envisioned by Thomas Jefferson as an Academical Village. The Residential College concept is very much alive at the IRC through a broad array of programs that reflect IRC’s motto: cibo, comitate, pace, discendo.

IRC students have special access to a variety of cultural and dining events, mindfulness and leadership activities, social and recreational activities, study abroad scholarships, as well as the annual IRC awards for leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and sports. Our academical village also includes Morea House, first built in 1835 by a founding UVA faculty J.P. Emmet, and which now serves as homes for both the Principal and the Director of Studies. The IRC also integrates world-class professors such as a NASA astronaut, a U.S. ambassador, Deans of the Commerce, Nursing, and Engineering schools, as well as Professors from Cambridge, Oxford, and Harvard. These faculty fellows interact with students through lectures, workshops, trips, and our Conversazione Grande Dinners at Alumni Hall. Special guests at these dinners recently included a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, four U.S. ambassadors, as well as a Baroness and member of the U.K.’s House of Parliament.

We hope you consider living and learning here! The application won’t take long, but living the difference will last a lifetime.

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Assistant Dean and Associate Professor in the College of Arts & Sciences, and Director of Studies at the International Residential College

LIFE IN THE IRC

Our students enjoy many activities and programs but most importantly, IRC residents support their fellow students, and make lasting friendships.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

The IRC Student Council consists of six elected students who develop and lead the unique activities of our Residential College. Each year, two first-years serve on the council as liaisons for new students. The IRC Council also leads the recruitment and selection of all incoming residents, and plans Football tailgates, FaintingOst, Thanksgiving Dinner, and trips to Washington, D.C., Monticello and Chiles Orchard. Students are also invited to take a leadership role by chairing an IRC Committee, which direct a wide variety of social, academic, artistic, and sports-related activities. These are excellent opportunities to exercise student leadership and be an active member of the community!

SCHOLARSHIP & DISCOURSE

IRC Professoral Fellows also mentor second-year through fourth-year IRC students through our Faculty Mentor program. The mentors advise mentees on “big picture” opportunities and strategies for a successful University and post-graduate experience. Residents also can meet and mingle with foreign dignitaries and national scholars through a partnership with Larry Sabato’s Center for Politics. Residents also have access to IRC Study Abroad Scholarships, including a special program with the University of Oxford. Intellectual discourse also arises through student speeches, small group dinners, and study groups.

ENGAGE & EXPLORE

Organized by the Director of Studies, Sandra Seidel, Out-and-Abouts consist of a variety of field trips to surrounding locations. Past trips have included day hikes, visits to D.C., sunset picnics in the mountains, and Shakespeare plays in nearby Staunton, Virginia. Meanwhile, the Peer Mentors Program matches incoming first-years with an upperclassmen peer-mentor to help integrate them in the community. IRC also annually hosts the Emmet Cup, in which all three Residential Colleges at UVA participate in an afternoon of friendly competition.

DINING & DANCING

To establish “great conversations” among IRC Students and Faculty Fellows, IRC hosts the Conversazione Grande Dinners. Throughout the year, formal dinners are held at Alumni Hall for residents, faculty members, and visiting lecturers to share food and thoughts. The highly anticipated IRC Ball occurs every spring, and each month, Marie and Eric Loth host Morea Evening, a popular dessert and live music get together in IRC’s Nationally Registered Historic Home.

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AMENITIES & MUCH MORE!

Amenities such as a free breakfast three days a week, weekly afternoon Darjeeling Tea, and full kitchen access draw the IRC community together. Just finished a long day of classes? Relax back home by working in our vegetable garden, hanging out at game night, or playing pick-up soccer.
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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 32 NATIONS**

**DOMESTIC STUDENTS FROM 25 STATES**

60% DOMESTIC

40% INTERNATIONAL

MORE THAN 140 STUDENTS FROM THE STATE OF VIRGINIA