William & Mary’s Class of 2025

64% Virginia Residents
36% Non-Virginia Residents

Top Represented States Outside of Virginia
Greetings, and welcome to William & Mary!

Thank you for taking the time to come to our campus today, and all of us from the Office of Undergraduate Admission hope you enjoy your time exploring and learning more about what William & Mary has to offer.

The Office of Undergraduate Admission is normally open weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. We can be reached via email at admission@wm.edu or via phone at 757-221-4223.

To begin your tour with some history of William & Mary, the university was founded in 1693 with a royal charter from King William III & Queen Mary II making it the second-oldest institution of higher education in the country. One of the most principal buildings on campus, the Sir Christopher Wren Building was built between 1695 and 1700 and is the oldest academic building still in use on a college campus today in the United States. Given its age and location, William & Mary has played an important role in the history and development of both Virginia and the nation. William & Mary has had three American Presidents attend, including Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, and John Tyler. George Washington received his surveyor’s license from William & Mary and later served as Chancellor. In addition, 16 members of the Continental Congress have attended, as well as four signers of the Declaration of Independence, four Justices of the Supreme Court, and countless members of Congress and government officials.

William & Mary today is a moderate-sized university with around 6,400 undergraduate students and includes five different schools. Arts and Sciences, with both undergraduate and graduate sections, offers instruction in over 50 majors and minors, as well as in 12 masters and 6 doctoral programs. The School of Education offers an undergraduate major in elementary education, a minor in educational studies, and graduate programs that include 4 masters, 1 educational specialist, and 2 doctoral degree programs. The School of Business Administration features both the traditional BBA and MBA degrees and also offers part-time and weekend programs for specially admitted candidates. From the Law School, both JD and LL.M. degrees are available. And finally, the School of Marine Science, located a short 25-minute drive from the central campus, provides both masters and doctoral programs.

Now that you are acquainted with William & Mary of today and the past, let’s begin your tour. You have likely just left the Office of Undergraduate Admission and are ready to go to your first stop on campus. Please take the crosswalk to your right across Jamestown Road and proceed onto Old Campus. William & Mary’s main campus is broken up into three separate portions: Old Campus, New Campus, and Historic Campus. You will begin on Old Campus which is composed of the Sunken Garden and the six academic buildings that surround it.
Washington Hall (1928) is the home of the Departments of Anthropology and Modern Languages. The Department of Anthropology and its museum are located on the lower level of Washington Hall. Anthropology students have the opportunity to participate in archaeological digs in Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. The upper floors of Washington Hall house the Department of Modern Languages. William & Mary had the first Department of Modern Languages in the country, and it is the largest Department of Modern Languages of any college in Virginia. Foreign languages offered include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Russian. The Classical Studies Department, housed in Morton Hall, also offers classes in Greek, Hebrew, and Latin.

McGlothlin-Street Hall (1995) Built for W&M's 300th birthday, the final academic building on the left side of the Sunken Garden is McGlothlin-Street Hall, which is home to the Departments of Computer Science, Applied Sciences, and Geology. With 13 miles of fiber optic cable running through the building, thanks to generous gifts from MCI and Sony, McGlothlin-Street Hall is the most wired and technologically advanced building on campus.

Each year, between fifteen and twenty Computer Science majors are published in national journals and reports alongside faculty members. Comp Sci majors have many technology-based competitions. A highlight of the year is our annual Hack-a-Thon, TribeHack, where students compete against one another to showcase their technological skills.

W&M offers Applied Science as a minor, which is a great academic opportunity for those considering graduate programs in engineering. W&M also has a graduate program in Applied Science.

Geology students have field-study opportunities through field trips to Virginia's Piedmont, Blue Ridge, and Appalachian regions. More recently, geology students were able to study abroad on trips to Oman, Norway, and the Bahamas. As a capstone to their W&M education, Geology majors complete a research-based thesis.

Between Washington and McGlothlin-Street Halls on your left, you will see a statue of Thomas Jefferson, a gift from the University of Virginia to celebrate W&M's tercentenary anniversary in 1993. Thomas Jefferson enrolled at William & Mary on March 25, 1760 and went on to found his own university (UVA) in 1819.

Turn left, walk past the Thomas Jefferson statue, and go down the stairs on your left. At the bottom of the stairs, follow the brick path straight ahead and up another set of stairs towards the residence hall in front of you, Barrett Hall, with the large wrap-around porch.

Old Campus Residence Halls
The buildings you see before you are some of our residence halls. From left to right, they are Jefferson, Barrett, Chandler, and Landrum Halls. Freshmen are guaranteed housing and required to live on campus. After freshman year, students can choose to live on or off campus. About 75-80% of students live on campus during any given year.

Residence halls are governed by the philosophy of self-determination, a policy that allows residents to decide the living rules for their dorm on their own. With the help of a Resident Assistant (RA), residents collectively establish hall policies concerning quiet hours, bathroom usage, kitchen and laundry etiquette, and much more. Throughout the year, the students work together to uphold their community agreement.
Community is a very important aspect of the W&M experience, which begins during our **New Student Orientation**. Five days before classes begin, freshmen and transfer students complete Orientation with their residence hall, granting students the opportunity to get to know their hallmates without classes and learn all of the policies and guidelines at W&M. For many students, Orientation is where you make your best friends in college.

After freshman year, students may choose to live on campus in a variety of housing styles, including Fraternity/Sorority housing, language housing, or gender-flexible housing. We offer a variety of living arrangements, such as apartments, suites, cluster housing, and singles.

The dorms here are one of several clusters of dorms throughout campus. Landrum Hall was most recently renovated in Spring 2018. In terms of sizing for on-campus housing, Barrett is medium-sized housing approximately 175 students. All dorms are all-gender, with female and male housing split either by floor or wing. Here in Barrett, men live to the left of the main lobby and women to the right. All rooms are equipped with wireless high-speed Internet access, a phone line, and a cable connection. Each residence hall has a laundry facility and at least one kitchen and lounge.

Continue walking down the path parallel to Barrett and Chandler Halls, then pass through the covered walkway between Chandler and Landrum. Cross Landrum Dr. towards the chalkboard wall and enter Integrated Science Center III. Continue past the chalkboard and turn right on the brick path that lines Barksdale Fields, the athletic fields in front of you.

As you walk along Landrum Drive, the Hardy and Lemon residence halls are on your left. These dorms house 320 students and have amenities like music practice rooms, group project conference rooms, and suite-style living, as well as high ceilings and large suite-style bathrooms. Lemon Hall is one of the Freshman halls.

**NEW CAMPUS**


As you cross the street, the academic building on your right is one of three Integrated Science Centers (ISC I, II, III), which house the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Neuroscience, and Psychology. This first building was originally named Rogers Hall. It was named after William Barton Rogers; alumnus, former professor at William & Mary, and founder of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. ISC I, II, and III are all connected as part of a three-building project designed to bring W&M’s science facilities into the 21st century. Our students and faculty have always participated in cutting-edge research, and now the facilities match the level and quality of scholarship going on inside of them. ISC III opened in Fall 2016.

The area on your left is **Barksdale Field**, named after Martha Barksdale (class of 1922, M.A. 1929), president of the first Women’s Student Council. William & Mary was the first institution of higher education in Virginia to become co-educational, first admitting women in 1918. Though initially intended for women’s sports practices only, Barksdale Field is now used for men’s, women’s and co-ed club and intramural sports.

Continue on the brick pathway along the Integrated Science Centers and straight ahead. You should come upon a brick circle lined with benches and a sundial marking the central point.
The Sundial is a circular area with benches, and serves as the center of academic New Campus. The walk toward the sundial will take you past another field located on your left. This open space will be the future site of ISC IV which will house the Mathematics, Computer Science, and Kinesiology Departments as well as the Information Technology Center.

At the sundial, face Barksdale Field/ISC. Rotating clockwise, you will see Andrews Hall, the Muscarelle Museum, Morton Hall, Jones Hall, Small Hall, and Swem Library.

Andrews Hall (1967) is home to the Department of Art and Art History. In addition to studio art and 3-D art rooms, Andrews Hall houses a gallery that frequently showcases student and faculty art exhibits. As part of a permanent President’s Collection, visual art students have assisted their professors in creating exhibits housed in art museums all around Virginia.

Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall (1957) was formerly the back half of Andrews Hall and home to the Department of Theatre, Speech, and Dance. Beginning in June 2018, Phi Beta Kappa, affectionately called PBK, is underway with major renovations in conjunction with the university’s new Arts Quarter on campus. While undergoing renovations, the Theater, Speech, and Dance Dept. performances will be held in Kimball Theater located in Merchants Square in Colonial Williamsburg.

You do not have to be a department major or minor to participate in any of the productions put on in PBK or to be involved in any performing arts at William & Mary. Formerly, PBK hosted the Virginia Shakespeare Festival every summer and the Theatre Department puts on two stage productions each semester. During their winter break, students come back early to direct, produce, and perform a musical through the Sinfonicron Light Opera Company.

Award-winning actress Glenn Close ’74 performed in PBK during her time at William & Mary. Speakers and performers will often take the stage at PBK; recent noteworthy performers include comedian Bo Burnham, actress Laverne Cox, CNN host Anderson Cooper, and former FBI Director James Comey ’82.

PBK Hall is named in honor of Phi Beta Kappa, the first Greek organization established on a college campus and now the most prestigious university-level academic honor society. PBK was originally founded at William & Mary in 1776.

The Muscarelle Museum (1983) was fully accredited by the American Association of Museums in 1988, the first university museum in Virginia to receive such a distinction. The Muscarelle’s collection includes over 6,000 works of art, and hosts exhibitions of its collection as well as traveling exhibitions throughout the year. In recent years, the Muscarelle has presented exhibitions featuring works by Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Sandro Botticelli. William & Mary students, faculty, and staff receive free admission to the museum. The Muscarelle will begin a renovation and expansion project in the summer of 2022, and will reopen in late 2023 as part of the Martha Wren Briggs Center for the Visual Arts.

The Arts Quarter (future construction) is part of W&M 20-year-plan. This project will consist of a new music building and renovation of Phi Beta Kappa Hall and Andrews Hall.

Boswell Hall (1974) houses many of the social sciences such as Sociology, Global Studies, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies, Film & Media Studies, Classical Studies, Gender / Sexuality / Women’s Studies, and Africana Studies. In 2016, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies major was introduced. This new field was added to the William & Mary curriculum due to intense interest from students, emphasizing the campus’s commitment to continuous growth and development. Rumor has it that the building is sinking into the ground, but we can assure you that it’s structurally sound!
Jones Hall (1969) houses the Department of Mathematics. Undergraduate math research is funded by the National Science Foundation - Research for Undergraduates (NSF-RFU) programs. Seniors have the opportunity to present their projects at the Verizon Science Symposium and other national academic conferences. Jones also houses Information Technology, a tremendous resource to have on campus that handles all computer problems for students and staff.

Small Hall (1964, renovated in 2010) is home to the Department of Physics. The white dome on the roof of Small is the observatory, which is used by the Astronomy classes and is open to the public for special occasions. A new addition to Small Hall houses William & Mary’s own ultra-high field nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer laboratory, one of few in the nation. The power generated is the same as a one-ton tanker truck hitting a brick wall at 40 miles per hour! With this laboratory, William & Mary is able to collaborate with national and international institutions and corporations to conduct research in science and medicine. Small Hall is also home to William & Mary’s Makerspace. All students have access to a variety of tools like 3D printers, laser cutters, and much more – all free for students to use!

Swem Library Earl Gregg Swem Library (1966, renovated in 2005) is the main library on campus. In 2005, Swem completed a $36 million renovation that added over 100,000 square feet to the library. As you step through the main entrance, you will see the Information Commons area of the library, one of the largest computer labs on campus. On the left-hand side there is a colorful mural that commemorates and honors the first three African American women in residence at William & Mary. The wing to your right on the first floor houses the Special Collections Research Center, which includes handwritten letters from Thomas Jefferson, a first edition of Isaac Newton’s Principia, and other rare documents. Swem provides access to nearly 2 million books, over 1 million e-books, and thousands of journals and databases. The librarians are incredibly helpful; they have a live chat function on their website and a very active Twitter presence so you can talk with them from the comfort of your dorm room. Students can check out laptops, chargers, headphones, and other equipment, such as digital cameras, at the library. Swem houses several programs designed to help students succeed. The Office of Academic Advising is located on the first floor. Through this office, students can meet with an assigned professor who will advise them on registering for classes. Also on the first floor is the TutorZone, where students can be tutored by a fellow student for a low cost, and the Writing Resource Center, where students can get free feedback on their papers. An art gallery, interactive media center, production studios, and high-tech classrooms are located downstairs on the ground floor. The second and third floors of Swem contain numerous areas to study, including individual and group study rooms. On your way out you can grab a cup of coffee in the Aromas coffee shop (it accepts Dining Dollars!) or study in the 24-hour study lounge located just to the right as you exit the doors of the library.

Facing Swem, take a right from the Sundial and follow the diagonal path around the library, and proceed down the stairs. Bear right at the bottom of the stairs onto Landrum Drive and turn left onto the paved pedestrian road to walk towards the Crim Dell.
**Crim Dell**

On your right is the Crim Dell, which connects Lake Matoaka to the Wildflower Refuge behind you. The Crim Dell is currently the most Instagrammed location on William & Mary’s campus and one of the most romantic spots on an American college campus. According to the legend of the Crim Dell, if you walk across the bridge by yourself, you are destined to be alone, never to fall in love for the rest of your life. If you walk across the bridge with a significant other and share a kiss in the middle of the bridge, you are destined to be together forever. However, if the relationship does not work out, you both must return to the top of this bridge and the unhappy party must throw their partner off the bridge into water to break the curse! All students walk across the Crim Dell bridge with their entire graduating class as part of the Commencement walk, symbolizing their connection to each other and William & Mary.

*Continue walking up the road.*

The small building on your left with the front porch you see as you approach the brick terrace is a student coffee shop, Aromas Daily Grind. It’s a very popular location for students to study, hold group meetings, relax, and hang out. They serve homemade scones and muffins every day, as well as smoothies, frappés, and seasonal flavored coffees.

The large building next to the Aromas Daily Grind is the McLeod Tyler Wellness Center. Named after its donors, the new wellness center is the home for William & Mary’s Office of Health Promotion, Counseling Center, Health Center, Campus Recreation’s wellness programming and the Center for Mindfullness and Authentic Excellence. Students will also have the opportunity to take one-credit wellness classes, such as biking, yoga, and meditation, at the Center as a way to de-stress during the school day.

The McLeod Tyler Wellness Center also includes the new Student Health Center for students to visit when needed.

At the top of the hill you will arrive at the Sadler Center Terrace, another one of our favorite spots on campus. On a sunny day, students enjoy studying, eating a to-go box from the Sadler Center, or just hanging out on the Terrace. Everyone you know always seems to pass by the Terrace on their way to class, and it’s a great place to sit and chat with friends on a nice day.

During the warm fall and spring months, the Sadler Center Terrace hosts Fridays at Five, a free concert series organized by Alma Mater Productions (AMP) held Friday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. AMP, the campus-wide programming body, provides entertainment at low to no cost to students and hosts events such as concerts, comedians, and movie screenings.
Sadler Center
To your left is the Sadler Center, which is like the Student Union on campus.

Lodge One
Located on the ground level of the Sadler Center, Lodge One has a dining area that hosts Cosi, a retail dining shop that accepts Dining Dollars from students’ meal plans. The stage in Lodge One hosts a variety of student performances, including comedy shows, a cappella performances, and solo music sets. It is also a great place to hang out with friends or knock out some schoolwork.

Also located on the same level is the Student Xchange, our on-campus convenience store where students purchase everything from snack foods to ballpoint pens to fresh sushi. Students can also use Dining Dollars to buy items in the store. It also hosts a Qdoba Mexican Eats restaurant where students can grab lunch or dinner with Dining Dollars.

Outside of the Student Xchange is the Sadler Center first floor lounge area. You will often find students hanging out on the couches, watching TV, or playing in the free game area. Students can check out equipment with their ID for the pool tables, video game area, air hockey table, and a shuffleboard table.

Student mailboxes are straight ahead. All students receive a mailbox number, called a CSU, which they keep for the entire time they are at William & Mary. There is also a United States Postal Service Office located around the corner from the student mailboxes, where you can buy stamps and mail out packages.

The two upper levels of the Sadler Center consist of various conference rooms and the Commonwealth Auditorium, all of which student organizations can reserve free of charge. Recent speaking events in the Sadler Center have included alumnus and former Secretary of Defense and Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates and alumna actress Glenn Close. All of our undergraduate student research symposiums and campus-wide forums with the W&M President and Board of Visitors are held here.

Also located on the first floor of the Sadler Center is Center Court, one of three main dining facilities on campus. The two other main dining halls are the Marketplace, located in the Campus Center, and the Commons Dining Hall, which students affectionately call the Caf. The Sadler Center’s Center Court and the Caf are both all-you-can-eat buffet style dining halls. The Marketplace is an a-la-carte option, where students trade in a meal swipe for a single full meal. Freshmen and students who live on campus are required to have a meal plan. Freshmen must choose between one of three options: the Freedom Plan, where students have unlimited meal swipes and $100 Dining Dollars for the semester; the Gold 19, which gives students 19 meal swipes per week and $225 Dining Dollars for the semester; the Block 175, which gives students 175 meals per semester and $400 Dining Dollars for the semester.

Continue to the edge of the Sadler Terrace where the sidewalk meets the road. The next two sites will be toward the entrance of the Sadler Center.
Cohen Career Center
The Cohen Career Center, is directly to the right of the Sadler Center. Their career services are helpful for any student, freshman through senior, because they help with every step of the job search process. From major and career advising all the way up to finding an internship or a job, Career Services has experts on hand to help students and recent alumni. Services offered here include résumé building, networking events throughout the year, mock interviews, and even a career fair once per semester. Career Services’ professional staff works with employers to connect them to our students and alumni to help streamline and simplify the job search process. William & Mary has been ranked #1 for Best Schools for Internships by the Princeton Review.

Zable Stadium (renovated 2016)
William & Mary has 23 NCAA Division I athletic teams, with football competing at the Division 1-FCS level. William & Mary is a member of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). All students get free admission to all of our football and basketball games. There is always a lively student section ready to cheer on the teams. What makes athletics at W&M so special is that W&M students love to cheer on the team because they are their classmates, hallmates, and friends!

Outside of varsity sports, there are 43 club sports where students can play against other college club teams at a slightly less competitive level. We also offer intramural sports, the least competitive sports division, where students compete against each other in various single-sex or co-ed individual and team sports such as floor hockey, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and softball.

Proceed from the front of the Sadler Center and across the two crosswalks. Continue up the brick path now in front of you and walk with Blair, Tyler, and Tucker Halls on your left, and the Sunken Garden on your right. You should see a weeping willow tree on your left.

James Blair Hall (1935) is home to the departments of History and Philosophy. Blair Hall was named after the first president of William & Mary, the Reverend James Blair. Officially called the Harrison Ruffin Tyler Department of History to honor a generous endowment for support of undergraduate and graduate research, and teaching, history majors can study history from across the world. This department offers students many opportunities beyond W&M’s campus and has partnerships with the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown-Yorktown Foundations. The National Institute of American History and Democracy (NIAHD) offers a pre-collegiate and collegiate study program that allows students to intern in Colonial Williamsburg as a reenactor. Feel free to stroll inside the lobby of Blair Hall!

If you stand facing Blair Hall, you will see the Tyler Family Garden on the left side of the building. Dedicated to the over thirty members of the Tyler family who have attended William & Mary, the garden has a little-known secret. Try standing in the exact center of the garden (at the center of where the bricks form a cross), with your back facing the statues of three of the Tyler family’s most distinguished members. As you stand facing the James Blair Hall, talk to the wall and see what happens.
**Chancellors Hall** (1909, renovated 2016) currently houses the Economics, Government, International Relations, and Public Policy Departments.

William & Mary offers the **Study in D.C.** program, which offers a variety of different opportunities for students who want to study away from campus, but not necessarily study abroad. The Study in D.C. program caters largely to students interested in government and politics, but all students may apply regardless of their major. Students may study in D.C. for a full semester, a full or portion of the summer, or for 7-10 days during either winter and spring break. The courses center around a different theme each semester; past themes have included Terrorism and International Security, Fine Arts, and Broadcast Journalism in the Nation’s Capital. Students may choose to build a full-time internship into their course schedule for the summer and semester programs.

**Blow Memorial Hall**

Behind Tyler Hall is Blow Hall, originally built as W&M’s gym. Blow Hall now houses many administrative offices including Financial Aid, the Registrar and Bursar’s Offices, the Office of Community Engagement, and the Charles Center.

The Charles Center coordinates the Monroe Scholars Program, honors projects, and interdisciplinary studies. Interdisciplinary programs include Africana Studies, Environmental Studies, Global Studies, Linguistics, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Neuroscience, and Gender/Sexuality/Women’s Studies. Students can even design their own interdisciplinary major!

The Office of Community Engagement oversees service and service-learning projects at W&M. Freshmen may choose to apply to the Sharpe Community Scholars Program, a service program wherein students live together as freshmen and take one of seven freshmen seminars dedicated to community engagement. These students then create a semester-long service project based on that seminar. Over 80% of W&M students participate in community service through daily, weekly, monthly, or one-time service projects. The Office of Community Engagement offers the opportunity to participate in anything from tutoring and mentoring to international service trips.

**Tucker Hall** (1908, renovated 2014) currently houses the English Department. The English Department sponsors the **Writing Resources Center** in Swem Library, where students can make appointments to have their papers reviewed and critiqued by fellow students. In front of Tucker Hall is a statue of President James Monroe, one of one of three American Presidents who attended W&M.

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**HISTORIC CAMPUS**

Follow the diagonal sidewalk past Tucker Hall and the Sunken Garden. Enter into the Wren Courtyard straight ahead. This is the back entrance of the building. The front entrance faces Colonial Williamsburg.

**Wren Building**

Built between 1695 and 1700, the Wren Building is the oldest academic building still in use on a college campus in the United States. Wren was originally the dining hall, dormitory, and academic building for William & Mary—students ate, slept, and studied all under one roof! We’ve expanded just a bit since then, which you saw as you walked around campus today. Currently, the Wren building houses the
Department of Religious Studies, with classrooms on the second floor. A goal most W&M students have is to have a class in the Wren building before graduating, a small way to feel a part of the tremendous history of the building. A ceremony was held at the Wren Building to honor Queen Elizabeth II’s 2007 visit to Williamsburg.

Facing the Wren Building, the Great Hall is the wing on your left and the Chapel is the wing on your right. The Great Hall hosts many events, including organizational initiations, musical performances, and thesis defenses. The Wren Chapel is a popular location for weddings and any alumni, students, faculty, staff, or their children can request to use the facility. Members of any religion are welcome to use the Chapel. **As you walk up the center stairs onto the Wren Portico, look to your right at the white plaques on the wall.**

The Thirteen Priorities of William & Mary identify the historical and academic “firsts” of William & Mary. William & Mary has the oldest honor code formally established at any institution of higher learning. Today, the Honor Code promotes a community of trust among students. Every entering class gathers in the Great Hall during New Student Orientation and takes the pledge not to lie, cheat or steal in their academic or personal lives. In spring 2018, plaques to honor the first women at William & Mary and the first African-American women in residence at William & Mary were added to the Wren Building.

Many of William & Mary’s most beloved traditions revolve around the Wren Building, one of them being Opening Convocation during the first week of classes every year. All new students gather in the Front Yard and are welcomed to the university by the President and a keynote speaker, usually an accomplished alum. Following the ceremony, all new students walk through the Wren Building and onto campus. Waiting for them on the other side is a truly moving sight: upperclassmen, faculty, and staff members are gathered to welcome the new students to W&M, decked out in green and gold and cheering for the newest members of the community.

Four years later, seniors walk through the Wren Building again as part of their graduation ceremony; they march from Wren across the Crim Dell bridge to Kaplan Arena, where they hear the commencement address.

The other major tradition at the Wren Building comes at the end of the fall semester each year: the annual Yule Log Ceremony. Right before students take off for Winter Break is the long-awaited Yule Log Ceremony. On a chilly Williamsburg night, the whole student body squeezes into the Wren courtyard where festive “cressets” (wood-burning torches) warm the crowd. The students are treated to live holiday music and student speeches explaining international holiday traditions. The climax is when the university president takes the stage in holiday attire and reads a specially-selected story book to the crowd. Afterward, frozen students pile into the Great Hall to toss ceremonial sprigs of holly into the yule log fire for good luck. Then it’s hot cider and sugar cookies for everybody.

**President’s House and the Brafferton**

The building on your left is the President’s House, where William & Mary’s president lives with his or her family. It is the oldest president’s house of any university and has housed all but one of William & Mary’s presidents. During Orientation, new students congregate in front of the house and serenade the president with the Alma Mater. Students have several opportunities to interact with the president throughout the year, whether through signing up for a luncheon or trick-or-treating at the President’s House.

Directly across from the President’s House is the Brafferton. Originally built to William &
Mary’s Indian School, it is now the Offices of the President and Provost. The president holds regular office hours throughout the year for students. The urban legend on campus states that classes will be canceled if the president cannot walk from their house to the Brafferton; in turn, after a winter snowfall, students will build snowmen and snow forts to try to impede the president’s “walk to work” in the hopes of having a snow day!

Historic Campus will also be home to a memorial to honor the enslaved African Americans that are fundamental to William & Mary’s creation and existence. It will be entitled “Hearth” and is meant to resemble a brick fireplace, representing both a place of work for the enslaved as well as a place of gathering and community. The concept is meant to rekindle the memory of the enslaved, illuminate a place to reflect on the university’s past and radiate freedom and hope for the future. The concept calls for the use of brick, a source of illumination and a place to highlight the names of enslaved people with room to add more as they are uncovered through research. To learn more about William & Mary’s research on the mistreatment of enslaved African Americans, check out the Lemon Project.

**Colonial Williamsburg**

As you stand with your back to the Wren Building, you are looking down Duke of Gloucester Street, which students commonly refer to as “DoG” Street. Colonial Williamsburg is located directly across from W&M’s campus, and students have free admission to all Colonial Williamsburg events and attractions. Merchants Square (the first block of DoG Street) is home to various shops and restaurants, including the cozy coffee shop Aromas, The Cheese Shop and its artisanal sandwiches, and the upscale French bistro The Blue Talon.

One of our favorite activities in Colonial Williamsburg is going to the annual Grand Illumination fireworks display in December. The Williamsburg and William & Mary communities join together in the center of Colonial Williamsburg to see winter decorations, listen to colonial music, and enjoy the fireworks show.

*Facing the Wren Building, proceed around the building by following the brick path to the left, and walk towards the Sunken Garden.*

*If you turn to your right and walk straight ahead with the Sunken Garden on your right, you will see Ewell Hall in front of you. Bear left and you will be back at the Ewell parking circle and will see the Undergraduate Admission building just across the street.*

*Thank you for taking the time to visit William & Mary!*

*If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at 757-221-4223, or email admission@wm.edu. You can also find more information available on our website, www.wm.edu/admission.*

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**OTHER FACTS**

**Student Activities** - William & Mary offers more than 450 active student-run organizations with interests that range from cultural to political to musical to service-oriented, and everything in between! A complete list of student organizations is available online at tribelink.wm.edu.

**Fraternity & Sorority Life** - Among our university’s many “firsts” is the creation of Greek Life; the first Greek letter organization, Phi Beta Kappa, was founded at William & Mary in 1776. Today, about 33% of students are involved in fraternity and sorority life on campus. For social fraternities and sororities, there is a formal recruitment period in the fall for women, and recruitment periods at the beginning of each semester for men. Many fraternity & sorority
activities are open to the entire student body, including philanthropy events. Panhellenic sororities and IFC fraternities have on-campus houses, where sophomores through seniors are able to live during the school year. Members of fraternity & sorority life are not, however, required to live in their on-campus housing. There are nearly 20 non-social fraternities, including honors societies, service-oriented organizations, and pre-professional groups.

Transportation - Only juniors and seniors can have cars on campus; however, our campus and the Williamsburg area are both incredibly bike-friendly, and any student may bring a bike with them. W&M students can ride all WATA vehicles for free, which makes for easy outings to the movies or the shopping outlets! There are three major airports located in the area: Newport News/Williamsburg, Richmond, and Norfolk International Airports. All three airports offer taxi or shuttle services that will come to campus. The Student Assembly sponsors rides to and from the airports at the beginning and end of break periods. There is also an Amtrak/Greyhound station located within walking distance of campus.

Study Abroad - About 53% of our students study abroad at some point during their college career. William & Mary sponsors 23 programs in various countries, and the Reves Center for International Studies is more than happy to help you coordinate a third-party program if it better matches your interests. Students can study abroad more than once. Programs are available to students with different levels of foreign language knowledge and of all majors.

Academics - 120 credits are required to graduate, which averages to 15 credits per semester. We require all students to fulfill proficiencies in a foreign language, math, and writing, on top of the requirements associated with their major area of study.

Average Class Size - The average class size at William & Mary is 25-30 students. Larger lecture classes are rare, and are most likely found in the introductory level courses. The student-faculty ratio is 12:1, one of the lowest ratios for public universities in the nation.

College Curriculum Description - Our general education system is called the College, or "COLL," Curriculum. Every academic field and discipline offers COLL courses. Ten courses (approximately 30 of the 120 credits needed to graduate) are required in the College Curriculum. The remaining credits are fulfilled with electives and courses towards your major. More information is online through our Office of the University Registrar at wm.edu/registrar.

COLL 150 Classes - COLL 150 classes are reading, writing, and discussion-intensive classes that all freshmen must take. They are offered in every department and range from English (Reading the Romance Novel, Spy Stories, and Baseball) to Biology (Emerging Diseases) to Government (International Political Conflict). All classes are capped at 15 students, allowing freshmen to develop close relationships with their professors and classmates.

Campus Safety - William & Mary’s campus is covered by three police jurisdictions: William & Mary Campus Police, the Williamsburg City Police, and the James City County Police. All residence halls require ID card access. Campus Escort, run by one of our service fraternities, is available to all students should they feel uncomfortable walking alone on campus. Students can call the group’s phone number, which is printed on all student ID cards, and they will send two representatives to walk the student home from any building on campus. Emergency blue lights are located all over campus and you are instantly connected to police when you hit the red emergency button. Once pressed, the police will arrive to your location within 90 seconds.

Bookstore - The William & Mary Bookstore, run by Barnes & Noble, and located at 601 Prince George Street. Students can purchase textbooks and school supplies, and the
Bookstore also offers a wide selection of William & Mary merchandise. Store hours vary from season to season, but are generally 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Internships** - The Cohen Career Center offers a variety of career planning resources, including an alumni networking database, mock interviews, a weekly e-mail listserv with internship and job opportunities, résumé critiquing, career workshops, and individual student consultations.

**Computers/Technology** - All students are required to have a laptop computer on campus. Every dorm room on campus has an Ethernet connection and all of campus has wireless internet access.

**James Monroe Scholars Program** - The top 10% of each applicant pool, based on demonstrated intellectual curiosity, are admitted as James Monroe Scholars. Incoming Monroe Scholars can choose to live in Monroe Hall, a co-ed freshmen residence hall. They also receive a $3,000 stipend to complete a summer research project of their choice. Previous Monroe Projects include studying the behind-the-scenes relationship between politics and the media, cage diving in the waters off the coast of northern Africa to examine the habits of great white sharks, and learning more about mental health among pre-professional ballet dancers. For more information about the Monroe Scholars program, please visit the Charles Center web site at www.wm.edu/charlescenter.

**BEYOND THE BRICKS – THE EXTENDED TOUR**

**Miller Hall - Raymond A. Mason School of Business**

*Directions: From the Admission Office, walk (left) down Jamestown Road about ¾ of a mile. Miller Hall is the last campus building on the right, directly across the street from Morton Hall.*

Miller Hall stands as the Western Gate of the university, mirroring the Wren Building in the east. It is the home of our Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Students typically apply to the Business School at the end of their sophomore year, after completing all pre-requisites and obtaining 54 credits. Both the undergraduate and graduate business programs are housed in Miller Hall. It is equipped with state-of-the-art technology such as plasma screens in every classroom and a financial markets room which parallels Wall Street. Apart from all the gadgets and gizmos, it also has two massive fireplaces in the common room which make for a great reading area and a delicious, high-end café!

The Mason School of Business launched the first university-level Do One Thing Campaign for social and environmental sustainability. The building is LEED certified, and even the sprinklers are self-sustaining through underground rain-water barrels.

If you would like more information on the business program itself (the foundation semester or majors/minors), visit their website mason.wm.edu/programs/undergraduate.

**Lake Matoaka and the Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre**

*Directions: From the Admission Office, walk (left) down Jamestown Road just past Miller Hall and you’ll see the path for the Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre.*

Overlooking Lake Matoaka, the Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre is primarily a venue for outdoor concerts and performances. It was originally built in 1947 to serve as a performance
space for Paul Green’s “The Common Glory,” a play about the American Revolution. The Amphitheater is now an entertainment hotspot on the W&M campus, holding 2,400 people. In the past, the student activities board Alma Mater Productions (AMP) has brought in bands like The Ying Yang Twins, K’naan and Wale, The Ting Tings, and Jukebox the Ghost to perform at the Amphitheater.

**The Bee McLeod Recreation Center (“The Rec”)**
*Directions: Located behind Kaplan Arena, we recommend driving from the Admission Office. From our back parking lot, make a left onto S. Boundary Street. At the second stop sign, turn left onto Jamestown Road and drive past the Admission Office. Drive about ¾ of a mile and turn right onto Ukrop Way next to the Business School. Turn left at the next intersection and continue on Ukrop Way to Kaplan Arena and park in the large lot.*

The Bee McLeod Recreation Center, or the Rec, is our main athletic facility. It offers dozens of cardio machines, assisted weight lifting options, a free weight room, four squash and racquetball courts, a rock climbing wall, a massage center, a 25-yard swimming pool, a multipurpose athletic court, multiple basketball courts, and two large studios for group classes.

Most students use the Rec to exercise free of charge, but it is also home to intramural sports. Many W&M students and faculty form IM sport teams via departments, organizations, freshman halls, or other groups on campus.

Outside of its athletic opportunities, the Rec is also a major employer of students at William & Mary. Students may apply to be a trip leader, IM referee, lifeguard, patron service assistant, or personal trainer, all of which are paid positions.

**Kaplan Arena**
Directly in front of the rec is Kaplan Arena, a multi-purpose arena that hosts university events as well as intercollegiate athletic events. In addition to hosting sporting events, Kaplan is also the kickoff site for Day for Admitted Students and where the Commencement Address is held. It also hosts annual concerts, with past lineups including The Chainsmokers, Gavin Degraw, Ludacris and Kendrick Lamar.

**William & Mary Law School**
*Directions: From the Admission Office, take Jamestown Road towards Colonial Williamsburg and make a right onto S. Boundary Street. Take your next left onto Francis Street and then take a right at the light onto South Henry Street. The Law School will be on your left in two blocks. It’s a half- mile walk from the Admission Office.*

The William & Mary Law School was founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1779, making it the oldest law school in the nation and W&M the first college to become a university. Jefferson’s philosophy was that law students should not be educated to simply be lawyers, but also to be good citizens and leaders of their communities, states, and nations. This ideology is why the William & Mary Law School is grounded in the philosophy of the citizen lawyer. Undergraduate students who plan on attending law school after graduation do not need any specific college major—in fact, Pre-Law is not a major at all, but simply a track like the Pre-Education or Pre-Medical tracks. You can even take classes in the School of Law as an undergraduate student. The Law School houses the Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT), a part of the Courtroom 21 Project of 1993. The CLCT is known for the Law School’s McGlothlin Courtroom, which is the world’s most technologically
advanced trial and appellate courtroom. Law students are just as active as our undergraduate students with 34 student-run organizations, four student-edited law journals and newspapers, service groups, and more. Another opportunity for law students who have been accepted into the J.D. program is receiving a joint degree from the School of Business, the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, or the American Studies Program.
For more information, visit law.wm.edu or contact the Law School at 757-221-3800.

School of Education

Directions: We recommend driving from the Admission Office. From our back parking lot, make a left out of the lot onto S. Boundary Street. Stay in the right lane. At the second stop sign, follow the left-bending curve around onto Richmond Road. At the second light, make a left onto Monticello Avenue. The School of Education is on your left after the first light. There is also a walking path by the Rec Center, and the WATA bus system runs to the School of Education.

The William & Mary School of Education, a more recent addition to our campus, continues William & Mary’s trend of becoming one of the most state-of-the-art university campuses. In the Fall of 2010, both graduate and undergraduate students were welcomed into the School of Education. This new building is a perfect mixture of research projects, academic programs and outreach centers. One of the most exciting opportunities that the School of Education offers to undergraduate students is the 5-year program, which combines the senior year of your undergraduate career with a 5th year. Students apply at the end of their junior year, begin taking classes their senior year, and stay in Williamsburg for a 5th year of classes. At the end of the 5-year program, students are awarded their Master’s in Education. Additionally, the William & Mary School of Education recently added a Bachelor’s of Elementary Education.

You also have the option to attach Education as a second major and complete the coursework in as little as 3 semesters for a concentration in primary or secondary education. In the end, regardless of which one you choose, you will most definitely be moved by the enthusiasm of the distinguished faculty and will be inspired by the charisma and passion of your fellow students.
For more information, visit education.wm.edu or contact the School of Education at 757-221-2317.
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