



POINTS OF PRIDE

SUMMER 2016



RADFORD UNIVERSITY

The Reason is Radford



Radford University serves the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service and research programs. First and foremost, the university emphasizes innovative approaches to teaching and learning in its commitment to the development of mature, responsible, well-educated citizens.

Radford University develops students' creative and critical thinking skills, teaches students to analyze problems and implement solutions, helps students discover their leadership styles, and fosters their growth as leaders. Toward these ends, the university is student-focused and promotes a sense of caring and meaningful interaction among all community members.

Research is viewed as a vital corollary to the teaching and learning transaction, as it sustains and enhances the ability to teach effectively.

Radford University believes in the dynamics of change and maintains a strong commitment to continuous review, evaluation and improvement of the curriculum and all aspects of the university to stay current with the evolving needs of our society.

A Reputation for Academic Excellence and Value

Publications of national acclaim rank Radford University as one of the best in the region, Commonwealth and nation. Radford University faculty, staff and students take great pride in the many opportunities the university offers students to push their limits in classrooms, laboratories, service-centered learning activities in our communities, and as members of more than 270 on-campus clubs and organizations.



“Best Colleges and Universities in the Southeast”

– The Princeton Review, 2008-2016

“Best Regional Universities” in the South

– U.S. News & World Report, 2013-2016

“Best 295 Business Schools”

– The Princeton Review, 2012-2016

“Best Colleges for Veterans – South”

– U.S. News & World Report, 2016

“Best for Vets”

– Military Times, 2015

“Best Bang for the Buck” Universities

– Washington Monthly Magazine, 2013-2015

“Best Dorms” – ranked #3 in Virginia and among the top 100 nationwide

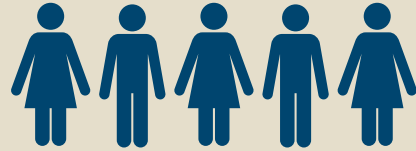
– Niche Rankings, 2015

“Top Green Colleges in the Nation”

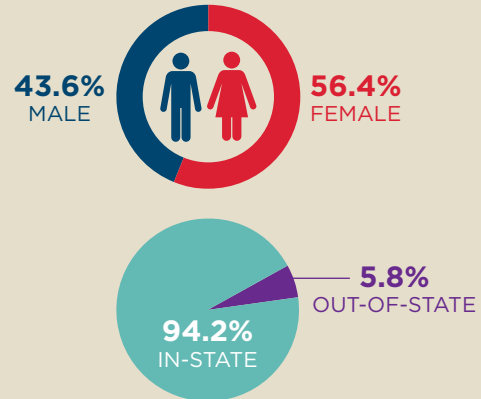
– The Princeton Review, 2010-2015

The Facts (Fall 2015)

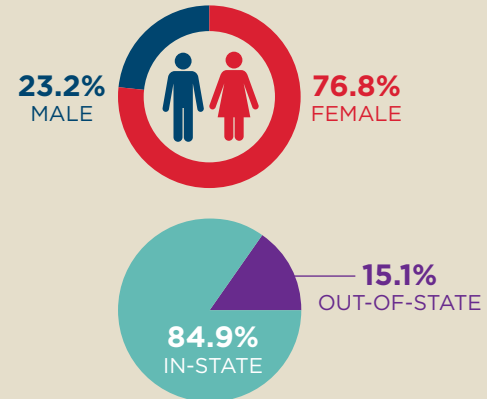
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 9,743
UNDERGRADUATE: 8,880
GRADUATE: 863



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



GRADUATE STUDENTS



- Students from 61 countries across the globe.
- 38% of new freshmen were first-generation college students.
- 75% of students who applied received financial aid.
- 318 students (both undergraduate and graduate) received U.S. military or veteran benefits.

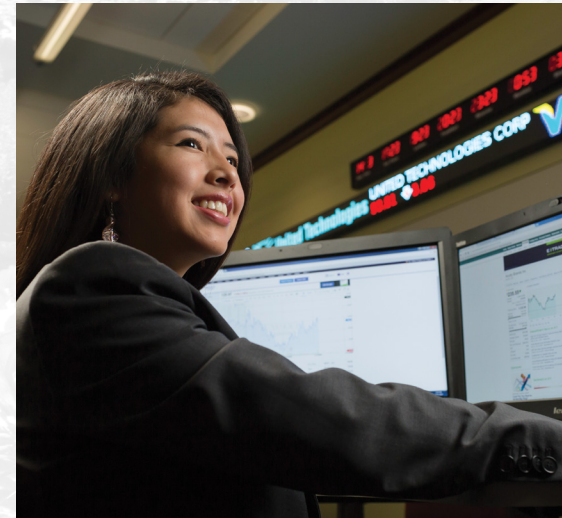
ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

- 67 degree programs in 38 disciplines and two certificates at the undergraduate level.
- 22 master's programs in 17 disciplines and three doctoral programs at the graduate level.
- 13 post-baccalaureate certificates and one post-master's certificate.



A Framework for Veterans to Find Support and Common Ground

A cornerstone of Radford University's commitment to its military and veteran students is the Military Resource Center (MRC). The purpose of the center is to support those students with ties to the military, especially student-veterans. By offering programs geared toward former service members, the MRC supports veterans' integration into academic and professional environments at Radford University by providing support networks and a central resource for veterans' information on campus and in the local community.



The Reason is Radford

Since 1913, our students have had the opportunity to learn from some of the best faculty in their respective fields. Radford professors put students first and provide them with limitless opportunities to flourish and grow into professionals who make great discoveries and build a stronger foundation for our society.

Students and alumni say that the opportunities at Radford to follow their academic, leadership and professional aspirations push them beyond their comfort zones and toward success.

Excellence and Innovation: The Cornerstones of a Radford University Education

Integral to our students' academic success is a combination of innovative instruction and hands-on learning, including:

- progressive classroom learning techniques.
- original undergraduate and graduate research.
- service-learning projects in the community.
- presentations at local, regional, national and international professional conferences.
- many study abroad opportunities.



Examples of Academic Excellence and Service at Radford University

Communication Skills/Literacy Clinics

During the summer, Radford University's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (COSD) and the Scottish Rite Foundation clinics in Waldron Hall help children develop and enhance their communication and literacy skills. Radford University faculty and graduate student clinicians work with clients who have applied to participate in the program and attend for free, courtesy of the Orient of Virginia — Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite Foundation.

The Radford Amazonian Research Expedition

Beneath the canopy of the Peruvian Amazon, undergraduate student researchers participate in a three-week "Maymester" academic adventure — the Radford Amazonian Research Expedition (RARE). Led by Assistant Professor of Biology Joy Caughron and Associate Professor of Psychology Jay Caughron, RARE is providing a unique opportunity for students to conduct original research in a primary Amazon rainforest ecosystem. The expedition consists of four RARE student teams doing individual original research projects at Las Piedras Biodiversity Station in the Madre de Dios Region that lies at the headwaters of the Amazon River.

The Scholar-Citizen Initiative

One of five premier High Impact Practices (HIP) programs at Radford University, the

“Being involved in the SCI program ... has helped me make connections between what I am learning in one class and what I am learning in others, and between what I'm doing as a student and the experiences I have in other parts of my life.”

Taylor Brock '16

Scholar-Citizen Initiative, or SCI (pronounced like sky), is a key engagement pathway for both students and faculty to apply academic skills, research and disciplinary knowledge to challenges facing our local, national and global communities. From modern dance to philosophy, SCI is rooted in the belief that every academic discipline can feature a civic engagement component to deepen and expand classroom learning.

“Being involved in the SCI program ... has helped me make connections between what I am learning in one class and what I am learning in others, and between what I'm doing as a student and the experiences I have in other parts of my life.” – Taylor Brock '16



The School of Nursing's Opioid-Prescribing Education Initiative

Radford University's School of Nursing (SON) will provide in-depth education related to opioid prescribing for its nurse practitioner students. The SON is part of the National Opioid Education Campaign, a partnership of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the White House and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

"Our Doctor of Nursing Practice students will be part of the responsible, methodological approach to long-term pain management," said School of Nursing Director Tony Ramsey, who serves on the AACN's Governmental Affairs Committee, which was instrumental in the development and adoption of the new curriculum.

Online Math Education Master's/Certificate Program

Radford University's Math Education Content Area Studies program offers licensed Virginia mathematics teachers opportunities to enroll in courses in which they can earn a master's degree or a mathematics certificate. And it's all online. The program's cohorts have teachers from all over Virginia, from such large geographic regions as Hampton Roads and Richmond to the smaller rural areas of Southwest Virginia.

"We have teachers from all over the state who collaborate, learn together and offer a variety of perspectives." – Darryl Corey, associate professor and program director

“We have teachers from all over the state who collaborate, learn together and offer a variety of perspectives.”

Darryl Corey, associate professor and program director

College of Business and Economics Executive in Residence Program

The College of Business and Economics Executive in Residence program brings highly successful executives to campus for two-to-three-day visits during which they engage with students, faculty and the entire Radford University community through classroom sessions and lectures, one-on-one meetings and campus-wide forums. To date, the program has welcomed to campus executives such as Suneel Grover '00, a senior solutions architect at SAS; Stephan Cassaday '76, president of Cassaday and Company, Inc.; Dick Baynton '98, former owner of Cardinal Cabinet Corporation; and Eugenio Pineiro '79, U.S. Commercial Commissioner for the International Commission for Conservation of International Fisheries.

Stand-Out Student Work in Interior Design

Anna Nicholson '16, a recent graduate of the Interior Design program, was chosen as a finalist in the 2016 Sherwin-Williams Student Design Challenge, a national contest for young interior designers. Nicholson credits her success to being a part of a dedicated and supportive community at Radford.

In-Depth, Online MFA Program in Design Thinking

The first student in the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design Thinking program graduated during the 2016 Spring Commencement. The newest terminal degree in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, this entirely online program provides students with in-depth experiences using the design process to solve complex international problems and issues through teamwork.



Experiential, On-the-Scene Learning for Criminal Justice Students

In a unique professional opportunity, Radford University criminal justice students braved the aftermath of an inferno to sharpen their arson investigation techniques. The burn and subsequent investigation was led by Chief of the Virginia Fire Marshals Academy (Richmond) Bobby Bailey, who ignited one of the three chambers in a 53-foot mobile laboratory for arson investigation located in a remote parking area on campus. The incendiary experience culminated the Fire and Arson Investigation seminar class, taught by Instructor Todd Jones '88, MS '94. Twenty-two students practiced techniques and skills learned in the classroom to collect and handle evidence and identify the origin of the fire.

Radford is known for its beautiful campus.

Radford University is well known for its beauty. It gives our students the feel of a small campus where professors know their students and friends are easily made. Meanwhile, Radford University provides diverse academic, recreation and leadership opportunities.

Renovated residence halls, updated and newly constructed academic and sports facilities, and a new Student Recreation and Wellness Center offer our students some of the best spaces in which to live, learn, stay fit and have fun, while maintaining the architectural traditions of the university.

With our location along the New River, Radford University offers opportunities for our students, who come from across Virginia and the world, to enjoy exciting outdoor adventures in the Blue Ridge Mountains, such as mountain biking, hiking, canoeing and rock climbing. Student group trips are scheduled through RU Outdoors, located in the new Student Recreation and Wellness Center.



Athletics: Distinction in Competition and Academics

A Division I member of the NCAA and Big South Athletic Conference, Radford University competes in 16 men's and women's varsity athletics. Radford University Athletics fosters excellence in competition and in the classroom.

- Graduation rate for student-athletes exceeds average of the Radford University student body.
- Appearances in 14 NCAA tournaments and 32 Big South regular-season and tournament championships over the last 10 years.
- Eleven student-athletes named All-Americans, a national recognition for academic excellence and athletic success.
- Long distance runner Teresa Williamson '15, of Chesapeake, and soccer midfielder Stephen Hudgens '15, of Alpharetta, Georgia, swept the 2014-2015 Big South Conference Female and Male Scholar-Athletes of the Year honors. Radford University is the first Big South institution to have both the men's and women's recipient in the same year since the 2009-2010 season. This is testimony to the dedication and tenacity of Radford University student-athletes on the playing field and in the classroom.

Where Students Become Who They Want to Be

At Radford University, students discover their potential and achieve success beyond what they thought possible. Radford's 70,000 strong alumni family continues to make a difference for our students through financial support to our academic, athletic and student life programs. Alumni also provide valuable internships, professional advice and networking opportunities for Radford students.

Giving Back

Alumni are dedicated to their alma mater's success and the success of current students. Learn how you can become involved in providing opportunities for future generations of Radford University students. Visit www.radford.edu/alumni or call 1-888-4RU-GRAD.





RADFORD UNIVERSITY

The Reason is Radford

www.radford.edu