

VCU Winter 2015 Program

DAY 1: Sunday , Jan 25

Late Afternoon **Arrival to Richmond International Airport**
VCU provides transportation from airport to VCU campus.

6pm – 8pm **Residence Hall Check -In & Welcome Dinner**

DAY 2: Monday, Jan 26

9am – 11am **Campus Orientation & Walking Tour**

3pm – 5pm **University Life Activity: Understanding US Academic Culture**
Students will discuss the importance of autonomy, initiative, and integrity in American higher education. We will discuss the roles and responsibilities of faculty and students; the nature of critical thinking, reading, writing, classroom participation, group work, lectures, seminars, and exams; and sources of academic support on most US university campuses.

DAY 3: Tuesday, Jan 27

9am – 4pm **Cultural Excursion: Visit Thomas Jefferson's historic home, Monticello and hike in the Virginia mountains.**

DAY 4: Wednesday, Jan 28

10am – 12pm **University Life Activity: Adjusting to US Culture/Avoiding Culture Shock**
Students will learn about basic values and characteristics of Americans, such as organization, honesty, justice, privacy, and humor. This workshop will provide a forum for students to discuss how to recognize culture shock, ways in which different people react to it, and strategies for avoiding culture shock.

2pm – 4pm **Topic Lecture: US Constitutional Law, John Aughenbaugh**

DAY 5: Thursday, Jan 29

10am – 12pm **Topic Lecture: Successful business models**

2pm – 4pm **Experiential Learning : Richmond/VCU Scavenger Hunt and Team Building Activity**

6pm – 9pm **Cultural Excursion: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**
Tour the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' many art collections including African, American, 21st century, and Ancient art (plus much more!). There will also be a live Jazz Concert in the museum's Best Café.

DAY 6: Friday , Jan 30

9am – 3pm **Experiential Learning: Children's Mirade Network Fundraiser**

DAY 7: Saturday, Jan 31

Day Trip **Cultural Excursion: Day Trip to Washington, DC**

DAY 8: Sunday, Feb 1

9am – 5pm **Visit Colonial Williamsburg and shop at outlet malls**

DAY 9: Monday, Feb 2

10am – 12pm **University Life Activity: Career Exploration**

Students will explore career options, consider their own work values, and discuss strategies for jumpstarting their careers even while in college.

2pm – 4pm **Topic Lecture: Hollywood Culture, Emilie Raymond**

DAY 10: Tuesday, Feb 3

10am – 12pm **University Life Activity : Roundtable Discussion on Student Life Issues**

Participants will meet current VCU students (domestic and international) to discuss campus life - student organizations, campus safety, wellness, academic expectations, etc.

2pm – 4pm **Topic Lecture: Generalist Social Work Practice, Frank Baskind**

DAY 11: Wednesday, Feb 4

10am – 12pm **Topic Lecture: Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders, Rosemary Farmer**

2pm – 4pm **University Life Activity : Applying to U.S. Universities**

Students will learn about American university admissions processes, required standardized tests, available scholarship/financial aid opportunities, immigration concerns, and how to write a winning personal statement.

DAY 12: Thursday, Feb 5

Day Trip **Cultural Excursion: Trip to Virginia Beach**

DAY 13: Friday, Feb 6

10am – 12pm **Topic Lecture: Clinical Social Work Practice, Joseph Walsh**

1pm -5pm **Shopping at Short Pump Town Center**

6pm – 8pm **Farewell Reception**

DAY 14: Saturday, Feb 7

DAY 15: Sunday, Feb 8

Afternoon **Depart Richmond International Airport to return home**

PLEASE NOTE: This program schedule is tentative. It can be modified due to students' needs and interests.