



# THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

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The University of Virginia's College at Wise was founded in 1954 as a co-educational branch of the University of Virginia. Today, it is the only four-year, state-supported college in far Southwest Virginia and the only branch of the University of Virginia. Formerly Clinch Valley College, the College's name was changed in 1999 to more accurately reflect its association with one of the nation's top public universities. UVa-Wise is listed among the nation's top ten public liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report.

The liberal arts foundation emphasized at UVa-Wise prepares students for professional careers, graduate study, and lifelong learning. The College's curriculum promotes the thoughtful development of the ideas, insights, values, competencies and behavior of an educated person. Its student-centered learning environment is characterized by small classes taught by faculty who focus on teaching excellence, creative and scholarly activities, and community service. Campus life provides a rich variety of cultural activities that broaden students' perspectives on the world and its evolving global society.

UVa-Wise offers undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences as well as undergraduate professional programs in business, nursing, teacher education and other fields, all characterized by a strong liberal

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arts experience.

UVA-Wise is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate degrees. The College's Department of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The College first granted Bachelor of Arts degrees in June, 1970. Bachelor of Science degrees were first awarded in 1973. Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees were first awarded in 1996. Approximately 5,000 students have received baccalaureates in one or more of the College's academic disciplines.

The eight persons who have guided the institution are:

Samuel R. Crockett	1954–1957
Joseph C. Smiddy	1957–1985
Edmund Moomaw	1985–1986
Jerry D. Cardwell	1987–1988 (Interim)
Jimmy A. Knight	1988–1992
L. Jay Lemons	1992–2001
George E. Culbertson	2001 (Interim)
Steven H. Kaplan	2001-Present

Concurrently, five presidents have guided the University of Virginia:

Colgate W. Darden, Jr.	1947–1959
Edgar F. Shannon, Jr.	1959–1974
Frank L. Hereford, Jr.	1974–1985
Robert M. O'Neil	1985–1990
John T. Casteen, III	1990–Present

UVA-Wise is committed to expanding the spectrum of academic programs available for the residents of the region and beyond. In 1976, the College began reaching beyond its campus in Wise with a program of continuing education. The College is a partner in the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, where degree programs are available in Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, History, Nursing, and Psychology.

In 1998, the College forged a sister institution agreement with Istanbul University, Turkey's oldest and largest institution of higher learning. An agreement was reached with Dumlupinar University in Kutahya, Turkey in 1999. Cooperative programs beneficial to the students and faculty of the institutions will be developed, including mutual exchanges.

In 2000, UVA-Wise broadened its global outreach with the signing of a sister institution agreement with Cardenal Spinola University College CEU in Seville, Spain. The agreement encourages exchanges of students

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and faculty to experience the vibrant cultures of southern Spain and southern Europe.

In 2002 the College signed an agreement establishing a sister institution relationship with the Pädagogische Akademie Baden in Baden, Austria. This agreement will permit UVa-Wise students to experience an Austrian institution of higher education and the culture of that country. It will, in turn, encourage Austrian students to join us in Wise, adding to the diversity of our student population.

## MISSION AND GOALS

### Statement of Mission

UVa-Wise is a publicly supported, baccalaureate-granting institution providing undergraduate education based in the liberal arts. In the heritage of Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the University of Virginia, the College's primary concern is education in the liberal arts and sciences, the ultimate goal being to prepare students to be full participants in a democratic society and the world at large. The College's mission is to prepare students for lifelong learning, professional careers in fields such as business, teaching and health care, and graduate study by fostering development of the ideas, insights, values, competencies, and behavior of liberally educated persons.

Set in the natural beauty of the central Appalachian Mountains, UVa-Wise offers a pleasant learning environment centered on students. Classes are small, allowing faculty to give individual attention to students and to challenge them to reach for academic excellence. The College continues to build a diverse, talented, well-qualified faculty whose primary role is excellent undergraduate teaching. Creative and scholarly activities of faculty and students are also an important part of the College's mission.

While preserving its original mission to serve the people of Southwest Virginia, the College also enrolls an increasing number of students from across the Commonwealth and from other states. UVa-Wise serves a diverse population that includes traditional residential students, students who commute from around the region, and non-traditional students seeking lifelong learning opportunities or preparation for career changes. To better serve the citizens of Southwest Virginia and the Commonwealth, the College is a partner in the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon. A Center for Teaching Excellence was developed to better serve the professional development and in-service needs of teachers in the coalfield counties of Virginia.

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In its recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students, and consistent with its academic and institutional heritage, UVa-Wise maintains an openness to all qualified persons.

### **Statement of Goals**

To achieve its mission of offering undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences, the academic community of UVa-Wise pursues the following goals to prepare graduates of the College to enter and to participate fully in society:

- *To promote excellence in instruction, scholarship and service.*
- *To improve the skills of students in mathematics, reading, writing, speaking, critical thinking and information technology.*
- *To encourage all members of the College community to develop intellectual curiosity, independent learning, self-confidence, respect for others, personal integrity, respect for new and different ideas, and understanding of other languages and cultures.*
- *To provide new academic opportunities that promote the mission of the College and meet the needs of the region and the Commonwealth.*
- *To attract and retain a diverse, talented and well-qualified faculty.*
- *To expand on-campus work opportunities for students in order to promote the development of useful work skills and personal responsibility.*
- *To expand opportunities for artistic and cultural enrichment.*
- *To develop a vital student life program enhancing leadership and interpersonal skills and meeting the needs of a diverse student population.*
- *To assure that graduates of the College compare favorably with graduates across the nation.*

## **FACILITIES**

The 367-acre campus of UVa-Wise is situated on a plateau just outside the Town of Wise, Virginia. Older buildings of native cut Gladeville sandstone flank the modern, well-equipped buildings that form the core of campus.

### **ALUMNI HALL**

Alumni Hall, owned by the Alumni Association, has been completely remodeled and wired for the campus network. The facility houses the Office of Alumni Relations, and a large meeting room used for dinners, receptions, and professional meetings by the College and community.

### **BOWERS-STURGILL HALL**

Bowers-Sturgill Hall, one of the College's two original buildings and a former women's residence, was extensively renovated as the result of

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generous gifts from Hurshel Bowers and William J. Sturgill. The facility, formerly known as Martha Randolph Hall, now houses offices for the Chancellor, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, Associate Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Admissions, and Financial Aid.

### **CANTRELL HALL**

Cantrell Hall is named for longtime Southwest Virginia legislator Orby Cantrell. The facility houses Campus Police, the Dining Hall, the Center for Counseling & Health Services, Housing & Residence Life, and the Vice Chancellor for Administration.

### **THE CHAPEL OF ALL FAITHS**

The Chapel of All Faiths is used for religious services and a variety of other special events, particularly the Cohen Concert and Lecture Series, conferences, and cultural performances.

### **ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

The Fred B. Greear Gymnasium contains a basketball court, conditioning facilities, and offices for the intercollegiate athletics programs. Used as an auditorium, it can accommodate 850 spectators in comfortable, theatre-style seating. The facility is named for the Wise County attorney who was influential in the founding of the College.

Adjacent to the gymnasium are a junior Olympic-sized indoor swimming pool with dressing facilities, the new, state-of-the-art Humphreys Tennis Complex, and the College's baseball field which was renovated in 2003. Carl Smith Stadium, a new football facility equipped with an artificial turf field, is located at the western end of the campus. A softball field is located on the upper campus.

### **RESOURCE CENTER**

Situated on Darden Drive across from the main campus, the Resource Center includes the Offices of Accounting Services, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Governmental Relations, Human Resources, the Powell River Project, Pro-Art, Printing Services, and Procurement Services.

### **C. BASCOM SLEMP STUDENT CENTER**

C. Bascom Slemple Student Center was completed in the summer of 2003. The Slemple Student Center consists of the College Bookstore, Post Office, Papa Joe's Snack Bar, Student Leadership floor, conference facilities, and recreational facilities including three racquetball courts, fitness rooms, game room and lounge. The Slemple Student Center also houses the Offices of Student Activities & Intramurals and Outdoor Recreation.

### **LILA VICARS SMITH HOUSE**

The official residence of the College's chancellor is named in memory of Mrs. Lila Vicars Smith, a Wise resident who instilled the value of education in her son, Carl Smith. Since its construction in 1991, Mr. Smith has made many generous contributions in memory of his mother for improvements to the chancellor's residence. The Georgian-style home is the host site for numerous receptions and other special campus events during the academic year.

### **JOHN COOK WYLLIE LIBRARY**

The John Cook Wyllie Library, named in honor of a University of Virginia librarian, provides students with a lively and inviting place for study, research and recreational reading. When the College is in session, the Library is open seven days a week for a total of 77 1/2 hours of operation.

The building's new wing, named for the late Campbell S. Edmonds, a trustee of the Slep Foundation, includes a periodical reading room, compact storage for bound periodicals and a classroom and lab used for teaching the use of computerized library resources.

The Library houses a collection of more than 120,800 book volumes, 28,000 volumes of bound periodicals, 1,500 periodical titles and 70,000 units of microforms, plus computer software and datafiles, compact discs, videos, DVDs and other audio-visual media. The periodical collection includes newspapers and magazines of general and scholarly interest. An online public access catalog provides easy access to the holdings. The John Cook Wyllie Library engages in many cooperative ventures with The University of Virginia's libraries.

The Library is a depository for federal and state documents, with special emphasis on publications related to Southwest Virginia. Many documents and manuscripts pertaining to the region, including the Historical Society of Southwest Virginia Collection and the James Taylor Adams Papers, are housed in Special Collections.

The Wyllie Library is a member of OCLC/SOLINET, an on-line computer network, which gives the Library access to collections throughout the world.

### **SERVICES**

*Circulation.* Books and other materials may be circulated for three weeks and may be renewed unless another patron has requested them. The CAVS card is the Library card and must be presented to borrow and renew material. A fee of 10 cents per day per item is charged for overdue materials.

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***Interlibrary Loan.*** Wyllie Library's collection satisfies most needs, but additional books and journal articles are available through Interlibrary Loan at no cost to students and faculty. Through OCLC/SOLINET membership, the Library can access library collections throughout the world for needed materials. ILL materials may be requested electronically through the library's homepage.

***Reference Services.*** Six librarians and several trained assistants are available to assist students with reference questions. Reference service is enhanced with many full text databases, including InfoTrac, NewsBank and OVID. The library also has both on-site and remote access to many more bibliographic and full-text databases through VIVA (the Virtual Library of Virginia), the World Wide Web, and also the collections of The University of Virginia through their on-line catalog, VIRGO.

***Reserve Material.*** Many faculty place books, articles, and audiovisual materials on reserve for student use. Items are loaned for various periods including 2 hours, 1 day, 3 days and 7 days. Fines are 25 cents per hour for 2-hour reserve materials and 25 cents per day for other reserve items.

## CLASSROOMS AND OFFICES

Classrooms and faculty offices are located in Darden Hall, the Science Building and Zehmer Hall on the upper level of the campus, and in Smiddy Hall and the Theatre Building on the lower level.

***Darden Hall.*** On May 17, 2002, the former Commonwealth Hall was renamed Darden Hall to honor the Colgate W. Darden family, who were instrumental in the founding of the college and continue to be supporters. The 35,000 square foot facility houses art studios, computer laboratories, classrooms, and faculty offices. The Departments of Education, Mathematical Sciences, Nursing and Visual and Performing Arts and the Southwest Virginia Graduate Medical Education Consortium maintain offices in the building.

***Music Center.*** The Music Center houses faculty studios, offices, classrooms, rehearsal rooms, practice rooms, and an electronic piano lab.

***Science Center.*** The Science Center, which recently underwent a major addition of chemistry and biology laboratories, houses a lecture hall, classrooms, laboratories and offices for the Department of Natural Science.

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*Smiddy Hall.* Named for Chancellor Emeritus Joseph C. Smiddy, Smiddy Hall offers three large lecture halls and houses the offices for the Departments of Business and Economics and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Offices of the Vice Chancellor for Development and College Relations, Computer Services, Cashier, Registrar and Advising and Retention are also located in Smiddy Hall.

*Theatre Building.* The Theatre Building includes a flexible stage and a comfortable auditorium, which seats 150 people. Theatre classrooms and the office of the Theatre director are also located in the building.

*Zehmer Hall.* Zehmer Hall is home to the Departments of History and Language and Literature, Student Support Services, and Media Services. Several specialized facilities are located in Zehmer Hall, including the Clinical Nursing Resource Center and the Oral Communications Lab, which offers students instruction in and assistance with public speaking.

The Department of Language and Literature also maintains a language laboratory for use by students in all foreign language classes. Located on the second floor, the lab contains all modern equipment, including tape recorders and computers designed to give students access to native speakers by way of tapes, access to foreign countries via the Internet, and access to other varied tools for reinforcement of language learning. A video room for viewing videos and films is also available. Hours of operation, which vary according to schedules of attendants, will be posted at the entrance to the laboratory at the beginning of each semester.

Student Support Services, which offers a number of academic support services, has offices and tutoring facilities in Zehmer Hall.

## **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER**

UVA-Wise offers baccalaureate degrees in Abingdon, Virginia, at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. Located on the Virginia Highlands Community College campus, the program is designed for students to take upper-level courses in various majors through UVA-Wise. More information about the Abingdon Programs is available on page 290 of this catalog, or by calling (276) 469-4017, or the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center at (800) SWCENTER (792-3683). Information can be obtained on line at [www.swcenter.edu](http://www.swcenter.edu).

## **WELDON COOPER CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

The University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service applies resources of the University to public problems and opportunities

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for government, public officials, businesses and the citizens of Virginia. Activities include research and compiling statistical data on demographics, economy and government; technical assistance in policy formulation and problem solving; seminars and conferences for public officials and civic leaders; and publications of social and economic data and public affairs of the state. The office is located in the Resource Center.

### WISE-FM

WISE-FM, a National Public Radio affiliate, broadcasts a variety of cultural and educational programming, plus Virginia and national news. The station's signal originates from the C. Bascom Slep Center for Broadcasting, located on Faculty Row. Construction of the station was funded by the Slep Foundation and a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Station programming is made possible by the generous support of local businesses, civic organizations, municipal bodies, charitable foundations and individuals.

WISE-FM broadcasts in Wise at 90.5 FM, in Big Stone Gap at 90.1 FM, in much of Russell and Washington counties at 90.1 FM, in Clintwood at 90.3 FM, in St. Paul at 90.9 FM, in Pound and Jenkins, Ky. at 91.3 FM, and in Norton at 91.7 FM. A program schedule can be obtained from the WVTF-FM web site located at [www.wvtf.org](http://www.wvtf.org).

### COMPUTER FACILITIES

UVa-Wise is committed to providing the skills students will need as workers and responsible citizens in the information age. A campus-wide computer network provides students access to host computers, the Internet and on-campus network resources. The College has several departments integrating Internet usage and multimedia into the educational experience. Six computer labs, all offering Internet access, are available to students. Each lab is tailored to the needs of a specific department but are generally available to all students.

*Writing Lab* (Darden Hall) - Supports writing needs of the English department with a network of 22 Macintosh computers. Primary applications include word processing and desktop publishing.

*Computer Science Lab* (Darden Hall) - Supports computer science coursework in a multi-platform, TCP/IP network environment. Thirty-seven computers support programming languages such as Visual Basic,

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Visual C++ and Ada. The PCs give access to two Linux servers that provide various other programming languages including C, Pascal, and LiSP. Microsoft Office 2000, Mathematica, Minitab and the Internet may be accessed using the PCs. A scanner, CD burner and LaserJet printers are available for student use. Limited dial-in access is available for off-campus access to the Linux machines for computer science students.

***Multimedia Lab*** (Darden Hall) - Supports student development of graphic, audio, video, and web projects for all majors but especially education and visual arts. The lab houses 22 PC computers, scanners, and high-end graphic, audio and video workstations.

***Science Lab*** (Science Building) - Supports science coursework with a network of 10 PC computers. Primary applications are specialized science programs.

***Business Lab*** (Smiddy Hall) - Supports business coursework with a network of 30 PC computers. Primary applications include word processing, spreadsheets and database.

***Language Lab*** (Zehmer Hall) - Supports language and literature coursework with a network of 10 PC computers. Primary applications are specialized foreign language programs.

***Social and Behavioral Sciences Lab*** (Smiddy Hall) - Supports students analyzing data with statistical software such as SPSS. Five PC computers.

## ELECTRONIC CLASSROOMS

Electronic classrooms are situated in Zehmer Hall. These classrooms are used for both sending and receiving courses through two-way interactive television. The courses originate from the Wise campus or from distant sites such as The University of Virginia and other universities and community colleges.

## RESIDENCE HALLS

The University of Virginia's College at Wise is first an academic institution. The goal of the Residence Life program is to support the academic program by providing a living and learning residential environment that is conducive to the growth and development of liberally educated students so they become full participants in a democratic society and the world at large.

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Five hundred twenty-five students live in six different residence halls that feature a wide variety of living styles and amenities. The college also provides three theme houses for residential students. For more information, visit the Life@Wise section of the website at [www.uvawise.edu](http://www.uvawise.edu).