

Guide To College Admissions In Virginia

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Junior Year Checklist

- September - Sign up for PSAT and prepare for test at www.collegeboard.com
- October – Take PSAT and begin preparing for SAT and/or ACT
- Anytime – Begin your college search; go on individual college websites and talk to your guidance counselor and Talent Search counselor
- January, February, March – Sign up for a spring SAT and/or ACT date
- February – March – Sign up to take the COMPASS test through DSLCC if you plan to take a Dual Enrollment class.
- March, April, May – Visit colleges; take the SAT
- May – Take AP exams (if you are in AP classes)



Senior Year Checklist

- September – Register for fall SAT and/or ACT tests
- October – request recommendations from teachers, write application essays, start college applications
- November – finish college applications and let your guidance counselor know where you applied
- January – attend Talent Search financial aid workshop with your parents
- February, March – Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA (see your TS counselor for help)
- February - March – Sign up to take the DSLCC placement test if you are planning to attend a community college
- April, May – Review financial aid packages with your parents and TS counselor
- May – Decide which college you will attend and notify the others; take AP exams
- May – Attend Talent Search college transition workshop
- May, June – request final transcripts be sent from your high school (and DSLCC if you took DE courses) to the college of your choice

COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO VIRGINIA COLLEGES 2010-2011

	<u>Math</u>	<u>Lab Science</u>	<u>Foreign Language</u>	<u>Other Criteria</u>
School (Website)	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II (& higher level math)	Biology I Chemistry Physics (& higher level math)	The Two-Year Requirements Are For Two Years Of The Same Foreign Language	Some things the colleges consider for admission decisions
Averett University (www.averett.edu)	3-4	3-4	3	Personal statement; letters of recommendation, GPA, extracurricular activities
Bluefield College (www.bluefield.edu)	3	3	0 1 fine arts (6 academic electives)	2.0 GPA minimum; Want students in upper 50% of class rank
Bridgewater College (www.bridgewater.edu)	3	2	2	Top 50% class rank, GPA most important - big bucks for good grades, recommendation from guidance counselor important, character
Christendom College (www.christendom.edu)	2	2	2	Essays, Recommendations important, Friendly to home schooled, Catholic affiliation
Christopher Newport Univiversity (www.cnu.edu)	4	3-4	3-4	Interview recommended, Minimum 3.0 GPA, Rank in Top 50%, Advanced Studies Diploma recommended. Popular school becoming more selective.
College of William & Mary (www.wm.edu)	4 including calculus	4 including physics	4 (recommended)	Diversity & Special talents are considered, AP & Dual Enrollment Important, consideration for VA residents & kids of alums
Eastern Mennonite University (www.emu.edu)	3	3	2	2.2 Top 50%, 920 SAT Cross cultural experience for each student Conditional admissions possible Support for L.D. students
Emory & Henry College (www.ehc.edu)	3	2	2	Volunteer work, Essays, Recommendations Important, improvement in grades
Ferrum College (www.ferrum.edu)	3 (Recommended)	2 (1 lab)	2 (Recommended)	Athletic Talent, other personal qualities considered Essay & interview recommended
George Mason University (www.gmu.edu)	3-4	3-4	2-3	Recommendation, Essay, Courses taken, Test scores, class rank, SAT Sub. Tests recommended.
Hampden-Sydney College (www.hsc.edu)	3-4	2-3 (1 lab)	2-3	Recommendation, Essay, Interview, references Academic Record, SAT Subject test - Math I
Hampton University (www.hamptonu.edu)	3	2	2	Top 50%, Essay, 1 letter of recommendation, Extracurricular, Major considered, Personal statement important, Values diversity
Hollins University (www.hollins.edu)	3	3	2	Interview, Writing Ability, Special Talents, Volunteer work, School record, Test scores, Alumni relations
James Madison University (www.jmu.edu)	4	3	3-4 or 2+2	5 academic classes/year, Personal statement, AP & Dual Enrollment, GPA, Test scores, Counselor Recommendation, Special skills or Talents
Jefferson College of Health Sciences (www.jchs.edu)	2-3	2-3 (Biology & Chemistry)	Not required	2.0 in Math, Science, English, Essay, Interview, Volunteer hours, Certifications
Liberty University (www.liberty.edu)	3	2	2	Essay, L.D. & Home-school friendly Conditional admission for LD students possible
Longwood University (www.longwood.edu)	3-4	2-3	2-4	Top 50%, 1000 SAT, 2.7 GPA Activities & Recommendations
Lynchburg College (www.lyncburg.edu)	3-4	2	2-3	Recommendation, Interview optional, Essay Extracurricular activities, School record, Community involvement
Mary Baldwin College (www.mbc.edu)	3	1	2 -3	Interview recommended, 3.0 GPA recommended, School record & community involvement
Marymount University (www.marymount.edu)	3	2	3	Courses, Class rank, GPA, Recommendations, Interview, Essay

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Norfolk State University (www.nsu.edu)	3	3	Not required	Recommendations, College prep courses, SAT, conditional admission possible 2.3 GPA
Old Dominion University (www.odu.edu)	3-4	2	3	GPA & Test scores (most important), Essay, Recommendations, Strength of schedule
Radford University (www.radford.edu)	4	3	3	All aspects of academic records reviewed, SAT, Essay can help
Randolph-Macon College (www.rmc.edu)	3-4	2-4	2-4	Recommendations, leadership, class rank, achievement test scores, personal statement, School record most important
Randolph College (www.randolphcollege.edu)	3	2	3-4	Recommendations, Academic rigor Essay helpful
Roanoke College (www.roanoke.edu)	3	2	4	Recommendations, Interview, Essay, Class rank & achievement most important
St. Paul's College (www.saintpauls.edu)	2	2	Not required	Recommendations, Essay, Interview
Shenandoah University (www.su.edu)	3	1	2	Creative Ability, Interview, Audition, GPA, SAT, Recommendation
Southern Virginia University (www.southernvirginia.edu)	2	2	2	Latter Day Saints affiliated, GPA Character, SAT, Leadership, Community service
Sweet Briar College (www.sbc.edu)	3	2	2	Recommendations, Essay, Curriculum & Grades, Extra curricular
University of Mary Washington (www.umw.edu)	3-4	3-4	2-4	Balanced rigorous academic load GPA, Activities, Essay SAT Subject Tests recommended
University of Richmond (www.richmond.edu)	3-4	2-4	2-4	50% Transcript, 50% SAT I Essay, References, Character, SAT II Foreign Language recommended
University of Virginia (www.virginia.edu)	4-5	3-4	2-5	Essays, Number of advanced classes, School Achievement, Test scores, Recommendations, Consideration for minorities & kids of alums
UVA's College at Wise (www.uvawise.edu)	3	2	2	Test scores are secondary Conditional acceptance Course selection & grades
VA Commonwealth University (www.vcu.edu)	3	1	3 of 1 or 2 of 2	Artistic talents, Conditional acceptance, GPA & Test Scores, School Achievement, Diversity, Extracurricular & employment
VA Intermont College (www.vic.edu)	2	1	Not required	Activities, Talents, L.D. Friendly Essay, Interview
VA Military Institute (www.vmi.edu)	3-4	3	3-4	ROTC, Physical training or achievement, Character, Interviews, Community service, Grades, Test scores
Virginia Tech (www.vt.edu)	3-4 4:Engineering 4:Architecture	2	3	Math beyond Algebra II, Courses, Grades, Test scores, SAT II recommended for DE
VA State University (www.vsu.edu)	3	1	2	2 letters of recommendation, Personal statement, School Achievement
VA Union University (www.vuu.edu)	3	2	2	School record, Test scores, Extra-Curricular, Essay, Interview
VA Wesleyan College (www.vwc.edu)	3	2	2	Interview, Essay, Above average grades, SAT, Personal statement
Washington & Lee University (www.wlu.edu)	3-4	3	3-4	SAT's Extremely Important, Alumni connections, Grades, Advanced courses, Activities, children of Alums

NOTE: AT MOST COLLEGES ART MAJORS MUST PRESENT PORTFOLIO; MUSIC MAJORS MUST AUDITION.

SOURCE: The College Handbook, 2010

SAT I AND ACT SCORES 2010-2011

<u>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</u>	<u>SAT I</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Averett University	830-1000	15-20
Bluefield College	840-1050	17-20
Bridgewater College	920-1140	19-24
Christendom College	1090-1330	23-28
Christopher Newport University	1090-1260	22-26
College of William and Mary	1260-1430	27-32
Eastern Mennonite University	920-1200	19-25
Emory and Henry College	880-1140	19-25
Ferrum College	790-970	16-20
George Mason University	1020-1210	22-26
Hampden Sydney College	1020-1220	20-26
Hampton University	940-1200	17-26
Hollins University	1030-1240	20-27
James Madison University	1060-1250	22-26
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	850-1040	18-23
Liberty University	850-1070	18-23
Longwood University	970-1040 (SAT II required - foreign language majors only)	21-23
Lynchburg College	910-1130	18-23
Mary Baldwin College	890-1160	18-23
Marymount University	880-1080	19-23
Norfolk State University	730-920	16-19
Old Dominion University	970-1160	18-23
Radford University	930-1090	19-23
Randolph Macon College	990-1180	N/A
Randolph College	990-1230	N/A
Roanoke College	1010-1200	22-28
St. Paul's College	650-810	13-17
Shenandoah University	880-1140	18-23
Southern Virginia University	890-1140	19-25
Sweet Briar College	980-1230	20-26
University of Mary Washington	1090-1270	24-28
University of Richmond	1170-1360	26-30
University of Virginia	1220-1440 (SAT II recommended)	27-32
University of Virginia's Coll. at Wise	840-1050	17-21
Virginia Commonwealth University	970-1190	19-25
Virginia Intermont College	800-1090	17-24
Virginia Military Institute	1040-1240	21-26
Virginia State University	790-940	16-19
Virginia Tech	1110-1300	**NA (want ACT writing)
Virginia Union University	680-830	13-17
Virginia Wesleyan College	900-1100	17-25
Washington and Lee University	1320-1480 (SAT II required) 2 subjects	28-31 (Plus Writing)

Sources: *The 2010 College Handbook*, *College websites 2010*

Scores listed are math & critical reading only since most schools are using those for admission and the writing section for placement only.

*SAT I – These scored do not include the writing section.

**NA – Not available

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR VIRGINIA COLLEGES 2010 - 2011

DSLCC & OTHER VA COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

NO APPLICATION FEE
 NO APPLICATION DEADLINE
 NO SAT REQUIRED (CAN EXEMPT APPLICANT FROM PLACEMENT TESTING)
 PLACEMENT TESTS GIVEN AT DISCRETION OF EACH COLLEGE

COLLEGE	*EARLY DECISION	♦EARLY ACTION	PRIORITY DATE	DEADLINE	TYPE OR NOTIFICATION DATE
Averett University			5/1	7/15	rolling
Bluefield College			NONE	8/1	rolling
Bridgewater College			NONE	7/1	rolling
Christendom College			3/1	NONE	rolling
Christopher Newport University	11/15	12/1	NONE	2/1	rolling
College of William and Mary	11/1		1/1	1/1	4/1
Eastern Mennonite University			NONE	NONE	rolling
Emory and Henry College	12/1		NONE	NONE	rolling
Ferrum College			NONE	8/15	rolling
George Mason University		11/1	12/1	1/15	rolling
Hampden Sydney College	11/15	12/15	3/1	3/1	rolling
Hampton University		12/1	12/1	3/1	rolling
Hollins University	12/1		2/15	2/15	rolling
James Madison University		11/1	11/1	1/15	4/1
Jefferson Coll. of Health Sciences			NONE	NONE	Rolling (start 9/1)
Liberty University			6/30	NONE	rolling
Longwood University		12/1	3/1	1/15 (Nursing only)	rolling
Lynchburg Cniversity	11/15		11/15	NONE	rolling
Mary Baldwin College	11/15		4/15	NONE	rolling
Marymount University			4/1	NONE	rolling
Norfolk State University			5/31	5/31	rolling
Old Dominion University		12/1	2/1	2/1	rolling
Radford University		12/1	2/1	4/1	rolling
Randolph Macon College		11/15	2/1	3/1	4/1
Randolph College		12/1	2/1	4/1	rolling
Roanoke College	12/1		ASAP	3/15	rolling
St. Paul's College			NONE	NONE	rolling
Shenandoah University			3/1	8/29	rolling
Southern Virginia University			NONE	7/31	rolling
Sweet Briar College	12/1		2/1	2/1	3/15
University of Mary Washington		1/15 (honors)	1/15	2/1	rolling
University of Richmond	11/15		12/1	1/15	4/1
University of Virginia			1/2	1/2	4/1
UVA's College at Wise		12/1	12/1	8/15	rolling
Virginia Commonwealth Univ.		11/15	12/1	1/15	rolling
Virginia Intermont College			NONE	NONE	rolling
Virginia Military Institute	11/15		NONE	2/1	rolling
Virginia Tech	11/1		11/1	1/15	4/1
Virginia State University			3/31	5/1	rolling
Virginia Union University			6/30	NONE	rolling
Virginia Wesleyan College			1/1	NONE	rolling
Washington and Lee Univ.	11/15 & 1/3		NONE	1/3	4/1

*Early Decision – if you apply early and are accepted, you agree to attend the college.

*Early Action – early action decisions are not binding.