



Fall 2023 Freshman Checklist

1. Set up your VCU eID and email account

Your eID is your key to everything VCU! Visit the **VCU eIDFinder** (<https://myeid.vcu.edu/>) to activate your eID, which authorizes use of VCU's electronic services. Letting you do things like:

- Use the **myVCU portal** (<https://my.vcu.edu/myvcu/>)
- Use VCU's wifi
- Access library materials online

Note: You must obtain your eID before you can make a reservation to attend Ram Ready Orientation, apply for housing or set up your VCU email account.

2. Visit your Accepted Student Portal and Pay your Tuition Deposit

(<https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/account/login?r=https%3a%2f%2fugradadmissions.vcu.edu%2fportal%2fapplicant-portal>)

Use the link above to access the Accepted Student Portal to complete your VCU response form. *After* you have completed the form you may **pay your tuition deposit!** **Both your response form and tuition deposit must be received in order for your account to reflect that you have accepted the offer of admission.**

Reserve your space in the upcoming class by submitting the following non-refundable tuition deposit to the Office of Admissions:

- School of the Arts undergraduate program: \$300
- All other undergraduate programs: \$100

If you are on a full Athletic scholarship, you do not need to pay your tuition deposit. On the response form just select that you are on a full scholarship!

Response deadlines:

Fall admits - **May 1** if you were accepted to the university by April 1. If accepted after April 1, respond within two weeks after your acceptance.

Note: You must pay your deposit before signing up for Orientation, housing, and registration for classes.

3. Take Placement Tests

Math Placement Test:

For first-year students who plan to take math in their first semester and need to take the math placement test, it will make sense to take the math placement test prior to enrolling in your first semester courses at VCU. Otherwise, the math department recommends you not take the placement test until the semester prior to enrolling in a math course because you only get one attempt at the test. **Based on math requirements of specific majors, anyone in a Science or Math major, Business, Engineering, or any pre-professional health programs (pre-med, pre-pharm, etc.) should take the math placement exam the summer before entering VCU.**

You can find the instructions to take the Math Placement exam at the bottom of the this page: <https://math.vcu.edu/programs/undergraduate/courses/math-placement/take-the-test/>

Chem Placement Test: (PLEASE DO NOT TAKE CHEM PLACEMENT EXAM UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY YOUR ADVISOR)

The Chemistry Placement Test is an online test used to place students into an appropriate general chemistry course based on their background knowledge. All students planning on registering for General Chemistry I (CHEM 101) are required to take the test. **Majors who commonly require CHEM 101 include: engineering, biology, chemistry, forensic science, bioinformatics, environmental studies, interdisciplinary science, and many of the pre-professional health programs (pre-med, pre-pharmacy, etc.)** This includes first-year students who have taken AP Chemistry. The Chemistry Placement Test is a prerequisite for CHEM 101. You can access the test at the following link: <https://chemplacement.vcu.edu>

4. Take the Intake Survey

<https://vcuportal.questionpro.com/FY23Survey>

5. Register for Ram Ready Orientation

First-year students are required to attend the Ram Ready Orientation program. Ram Ready Orientation for Fall 2023 will be virtual and will begin in mid-June. The virtual program will have several components including the completion of Ram Ready Online Modules, virtual Orientation and academic meetings, and virtual engagement events throughout the summer. Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

To register for Orientation, please visit the link below:

<https://orientation.vcu.edu/registration/>

6. Submit Your Final High School Transcripts & AP/Dual Enrollment Credits

Final Transcripts: Request to have your final high school transcripts sent to the VCU Office of Admissions as soon as you have completed the academic year. **Final transcripts must be on file by August 1.**

Your high school can send your transcripts electronically or via U.S. postal mail to:

Virginia Commonwealth University
Office of Admissions
Box 842526
Richmond, VA 23284

Transfer Credits: First-year students with incoming transfer credits from AP, IB or dual enrollment coursework should submit or request score reports and/or official college transcripts.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores: To ensure you receive credit for your The VCU Transfer Center evaluates Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credits from high school, you must submit your AP and IB scores directly to VCU's Transfer Center. AP scores must come directly from The College Board and IB scores should come directly from the International Baccalaureate office. VCU does not accept AP or IB credits from a high school or college transcript.

Dual enrollment transcripts: Students who completed dual enrollment/early college credit while in high school, **must submit official college transcripts from the dual enrollment college/university to VCU prior to July 31.** Transcripts can be mailed to:

VCU Transfer Center
900 Park Ave.
Box 842532
Richmond, VA 23284

7. Submit Your Immunization Records

You will each receive emails from your respective teams Athletic Trainers about submitting immunization records to them. However, in addition to giving those records to your Athletic Trainer, you must also submit them to your Student Health Portal.

<https://health.students.vcu.edu/immunizations/submitting-immunization-records/>

Students enrolling for Fall 2023 should **submit these forms by Aug. 1**, or else a registration hold will be placed on your account.

8. Complete Required Trainings

Every Ram is responsible for taking care of themselves and looking out for fellow Rams. Completing required training will give you the resources you need to be a responsible member of our community and an effective bystander.

- [AlcoholEdu](#) helps you reflect on your drinking behaviors and encourages safe decision-making.
- [Not Anymore](#) helps you understand the forms and definitions of violence, identify helpful resources, and learn ways to intervene to prevent violence.

Complete both of these training modules before classes begin!