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Virginia Commonwealth University is a public research university located in Richmond, the state capital of Virginia. Founded in 1838 as the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is the largest public research university in Virginia and one of the largest in the nation. VCU is also home to the VCU Health System, which includes six hospitals and 500 clinics, providing care to more than 1 million patients annually.

With a record $256 million in sponsored research funding last fiscal year, VCU is designated as a research university with very high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. A broad array of university-approved centers and institutes supports the university’s research mission. Twenty-eight graduate and first-professional programs are ranked by U.S. News & World Report as among the best in the country.

VCU offers a diverse range of academic programs, including programs in arts, sciences, engineering, business, law, and medicine. The university is committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in their chosen fields.

VCU is also known for its strong research efforts, with a focus on areas such as biotechnology, health care, and public policy. The university’s research activities are supported by a dedicated and talented faculty and staff, as well as by significant funding from private and government sources.

Today, Virginia Commonwealth University is a leading institution of higher education, offering a wide range of programs and services to its students, faculty, and the communities it serves.
Mission statement
As the premier urban, public research university in Virginia, VCU's mission is to advance knowledge and student success through its commitments to:

- An engaged, learner-centered environment that fosters inquiry, discovery and innovation in a global setting
- Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve human health
- Interdisciplinary collaborations that bring new perspectives to complex problems and mobilize creative energies that advance innovation and solve global challenges
- Health care that strives to preserve and restore health for all people, to seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research, and to educate those who serve humanity
- Diversity that provides a climate of inclusion, a dedication to addressing disparities wherever they exist and an opportunity to explore and create in an environment of trust
- Sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of the communities VCU serves in Virginia and around the world

Vision statement
VCU will be a premier urban, public research university distinguished by its commitment to:

- The intellectual and academic success of a diverse student body
- Research and discovery that advances knowledge, inspires creativity and improves human health
- The global engagement of students, faculty and staff that transforms lives and communities

| Fall Headcount | 31,899 |
| Annual FTE (estimated) | 28,775 |
| **Student Level** | **Student Type** |
| Undergraduate | 23,754 |
| Graduate | 6,454 |
| First Professional | 1,681 |
| **College/Schools** |
| Monroe Park Campus | MCV Campus |
| Arts | Allied Health Professions |
| Business | Dentistry |
| Education | Medicine |
| Engineering | Nursing |
| Government and Public Affairs | Pharmacy |
| Graduate School | |
| Humanities and Sciences | |
| Mass Communications | |
| Social Work | |
| World Studies | |
| VCU Life Sciences | |
| **Demographics** |
| **Gender** | Male | 42% |
| Not Reported | 1% |
| **Race/Ethnicity** | American Indian/Alaskan | <1% |
| Asian | 11% |
| Black/African-American | 16% |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | <1% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 5% |
| International | 5% |
| Two or more races | 3% |
| Not reported | 5% |
| White | 55% |

**Enrollments Fall 2011**

- **Total**
  - VCU Total: 23,754
  - Institutional Faculty: 2,031
  - Admin/Prof Faculty: 654
  - Other Faculty and Staff: 238
  - Classified: 2,685

**Physiological Capacity**

- The 90.6-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond’s Fan District, and the 52.4-acre MCV Campus is adjacent to the State Capitol. The university also owns another 582 acres, located in Hanover and Charles City counties.
- VCU Occupies 283 buildings. Of the university’s owned buildings, 40 were built prior to 1930, and 54 are designated as historic or lie within a historic district.
- Estimated capital replacement cost: $2.44 billion
- Residence hall capacity: 4,750 students for academic year 2011-12.

**Assignable Space by Program**

- **Monroe Park Campus**
  - Instruction: 24.3%
  - Research: 6.4%
  - Academic Support: 9.1%
  - Student Services: 2.0%
  - Institutional Support: 4.5%
  - Physical Plant: 1.0%
  - Hospital: 0.3%
  - Auxiliary Enterprises: 51.8%
  - Other: 0.6%
  - Total: 100.0%

- **MCV Campus**
  - Instruction: 21.9%
  - Research: 17.1%
  - Academic Support: 3.0%
  - Student Services: 0.5%
  - Institutional Support: 3.9%
  - Physical Plant: 0.9%
  - Hospital: 43.9%
  - Auxiliary Enterprises: 6.6%
  - Other: 2.2%
  - Total: 100.0%

**Founding Assets and Liabilities**

- VCU Total: $3,793
- VCU Health System and Affiliated Foundations: $2,036
- VCU Total: $2,419.23
- Increase in Net Assets: $328.69

**Economic Impact**

- The annual economic impact of VCU in Virginia is estimated at $3.6 billion and more than 43,000 jobs.*
- Each dollar of state investment in VCU can generate $19 in economic impact in Virginia.*
- The total spending from VCU employees, students, campus visitors and medical center visitors has an estimated impact of $1.9 billion — more than half the economic impact of VCU in Virginia.*
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*Economic impact figures are from the 2009 study.