

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Profile

A 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 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.

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, Administration of Justice, 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 Cardinal Spinola University College CEU in Seville, Spain. The agreement encourages exchanges of students 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 Padagogische Akademie Baden in Baden, Austria. This agreement will permit UVa-Wise students to experience an Austrian institution of higher education and the culture of the country. It will, in turn, encourage Austrian students to join us in Wise, adding to the diversity of our student population.



CHANCELLORS

David J. Prior	2005-Present
Ernest H. Ern	2004-2005
Steven H. Kaplan	2001-2004
George Culbertson	2001 (Interim)
L. Jay Lemons	1992-2001
Jimmy A. Knight	1988-1992
Jerry D. Cardwell	1987-1988 (Interim)
Edmund Moomaw	1985-1986
Joseph C. Smiddy	1957-1985
Samuel R. Crockett	1954-1957

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