



Partner Fact Sheet 2020/21



Name of Institution: Old Dominion University

Country: USA

Unique aspects of the university

Old Dominion University is located in the City of Norfolk in the metropolitan Hampton Roads region of coastal Virginia. The region is the crossroads of many of the events that shaped America - the very first European settlers in the "New World," the American Revolution, and the Civil War. The marks of those experiences make the city and the region a rich place to explore.

ODU is a dynamic public research institution where students will feel welcome in a campus community that represents a rich heritage of cultures, races and beliefs from across America and over 100 countries around the world. On one of the most diverse campuses in Virginia, there is no end to the fascinating mix of stories you'll hear, people you'll meet, and the interests you'll share. Those interests are reflected in over 300 student organizations that provide students an opportunity to expand their growth and learning through leadership, service, and socializing with a diverse group of peers.

Semester Dates

Semester 1, 2020/21 Academic Year (For some countries Semester 2 2020)

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| Arrival date | Monday, August 24, 2020* |
| Orientation date | Tuesday, August 25 – Friday, August 28 |
| Classes start | Saturday, August 29 |
| Break (from – to) | Fall Holiday from Saturday 10 October to 13 October Thanksgiving Holiday from Wednesday 25 November to Sunday 29 November |
| Exams start and finish | From December 12 to December 18 |
| Departure date | Saturday, December 19 |

Semester 2, 2020/21 Academic Year (For some countries Semester 1 2021)

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| Arrival date | January 4* |
| Orientation date | January 5 – January 8 |
| Classes start | Saturday, January 9 |
| Break (from – to) | Spring Holiday from March 8 to March 13 |
| Exams start and finish | From April 28 to May 5 |
| Departure date | Thursday, May 6 |

Admissions

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| Application deadlines | Early October for Spring & Early April for Fall |
| Application web link | https://oduabroad.odu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=11730 |

Finance

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| Tuition Fee | None (it's covered by the exchange agreement) |
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| Average cost of living per month (e.g. room, food, entertainment, books etc) | \$600 U.S.D./month |
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Accommodation

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| Type of student housing available | Suite-style apartments (Powhatan Apartments) |
| Accommodation cost estimate | \$4600 U.S.D. per semester |
| Accommodation application deadline | Mid-November (Spring) & Mid-May (Fall) |

Academic

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| University academic strengths | Colleges of Arts & Letters, Business, Science, Education, Health Science, and Engineering all offer strong programs |
| Departments/faculties students excluded from | Nursing |
| Website link to find classes online | https://courses.odu.edu/ |
| Website link to find grading system | https://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/offices/university-registrar1/docs/GradeKey.pdf , and https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/grades |
| Credits in ECTS | One (3 credit) course = 6 ECTS 30 ECTS = 15 ODU credits |

Student Services – web links

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| Student Support services | http://uc.odu.edu/sss/ |
| Accommodation | https://www.odu.edu/life/housing/on-campus-housing/residences/powhatan |
| Library | http://www.odu.edu/library |
| Sports Facilities | https://www.odu.edu/life/sports-and-fitness |
| Transportation | https://www.odu.edu/life/parking-and-transportation |
| Careers | https://www.odu.edu/success/careers |

Health Insurance

Exchange students are required to purchase the ODU health insurance policy. They will automatically be enrolled and billed for this health insurance policy by the VISA office at ODU.

Other

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| Websites for further local information about the city/town university area | www.odu.edu , http://www.norfolk.gov/ , http://www.hamptonroads.com/ , https://festevents.org/ |
| Distance from the nearest major city | 2 miles (3.2 km) from downtown Norfolk |
| 3 unique aspects about city/town | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Norfolk's neighbourhoods organize a multitude of festivals throughout the year and are home to venues featuring world-class entertainment and museums from the Downtown Harbor to the eclectic Ghent district.2. Norfolk is known as a "Tree City" as trees and flowers are plentiful in its neighbourhoods. The Norfolk Botanical Garden is particularly idyllic for enjoying the nature in the city.3. Norfolk is conveniently located between historical Williamsburg and the beautiful shorelines of Virginia Beach. Washington DC, the Shenandoah Mountains, and the beaches of Outer Banks, North Carolina are all located within a three-hour drive. |

**English Language students participating in the 1+1 Program should consult the Assistant Director of the English Language Center at ODU for the arrival date/time frame as it may differ from the date exchange students arrive at ODU.*