



## Partner Fact Sheet AY 2025-26



**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, 2025/2026 Academic Year (For some countries Semester 2 2025)

Arrival date	Monday, August 18, 2025*
Orientation date	Tuesday, August 19 – Friday, August 22
Classes start	Saturday, August 23
Break (from – to)	Fall Holiday from Saturday 11 October to Tuesday 14 October Thanksgiving Holiday from Wednesday 26 November to Sunday 30 November
Exams start and finish	From December 6 to December 12
Departure date	Saturday, December 13

### Semester 2, 2025/26 Academic Year (For some countries Semester 1 2022)

Arrival date	January 13*
Orientation date	January 14 – January 16
Classes start	Tuesday, January 20
Break (from – to)	Spring Holiday from March 16 to March 21
Exams start and finish	From May 6 to May May 13
Departure date	Saturday, May 16

## Admissions

Application deadlines	Early October for Spring & Early April for Fall
Application web link	<a href="https://oduabroad.odu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&amp;Program_ID=11730">https://oduabroad.odu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&amp;Program_ID=11730</a>

## Finance

Tuition Fee	None (it's covered by the exchange agreement)
Average cost of living per month (e.g. room, food, entertainment, books etc)	\$1000 U.S.D./month

## Accommodation

Type of student housing available	Suite-style apartments (Powhatan Apartments)
Accommodation cost estimate	\$4800 U.S.D. per semester
Accommodation application deadline	Mid-November (Spring) & Mid-May (Fall)

## Academic

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	<a href="https://courses.odu.edu/">https://courses.odu.edu/</a>
Website link to find grading system	<a href="https://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/offices/university-registrar1/docs/GradeKey.pdf">https://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/offices/university-registrar1/docs/GradeKey.pdf</a> , and <a href="https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/grades">https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/grades</a>

## Student Services – web links

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

## 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

Websites for further local information about the city/town university area	<a href="http://www.odu.edu">www.odu.edu</a> , <a href="http://www.norfolk.gov/">http://www.norfolk.gov/</a> , <a href="https://hamptonroadsalliance.com/welcome-to-hampton-roads/">https://hamptonroadsalliance.com/welcome-to-hampton-roads/</a> , <a href="http://www.hamptonroads.com/">http://www.hamptonroads.com/</a> , <a href="https://festevents.org/">https://festevents.org/</a>
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"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li></ol>

*\*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.*