Graduate Catalog

Welcome Letter from the Provost

Welcome to Old Dominion University! Located in the Hampton Roads Metropolitan area of coastal Virginia, you will find Old Dominion University to be a vibrant and active community of scholars and students. Almost 20,000 undergraduates and more than 4,800 graduate students comprise the Old Dominion student body. Our community includes more than 760 international students with 115 foreign countries represented. Clubs and organizations for nearly every interest – more than 350 in all – thrive at Old Dominion University, nurturing the personal and social development that is essential to the university experience.

Old Dominion University’s main campus is located in the city of Norfolk, but the ODU community extends well beyond, with Regional Higher Education Centers in Virginia Beach, Hampton, and Portsmouth. Through our distance learning programs, we deliver graduate courses, degrees, and certificate programs online to students located throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world using a variety of delivery technologies.

We are committed to the success of our students. We offer a broad range of graduate degree and certificate programs in our colleges of Arts and Letters, Business, Education, Engineering and Technology, Health Sciences, and Sciences. The Graduate School offers interdisciplinary options in Biomedical Sciences, Bioelectrics, and Cybersecurity. The College of Continuing Education and Professional Development also offers certificate programs and training opportunities for graduate students. In addition to providing administrative oversight to the University's interdisciplinary programs, the Graduate School also has the opportunity to provide highly practical training in our professional programs.

Graduate students at Old Dominion University have the opportunity to work alongside faculty members and fellow graduate students in cutting-edge research projects that extend our knowledge in diverse areas, such as Modeling and Simulation, Bioelectrics, International Studies, Sciences, Educational Leadership, and many other disciplines. Our graduate students also have the opportunity to receive highly practical training in our professional programs.

Our faculty members bring a wealth of talent to our classrooms each day. Many of our faculty have been recognized on the state, national, and international levels with prestigious awards for teaching, research and service. Their lively and provocative teaching, commitment to academic excellence, and innovative research that is both fundamental and applied, enrich the surrounding region and combine into a fusion of ideas and practice that makes the Old Dominion experience a truly rewarding one for all students.

We look forward to you joining the Old Dominion University community.

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