

Introduction to Richmond, The American International University in London

Founded in London in 1972, [Richmond, The American International University in London](#), is true to its vision of being a leading liberal arts university, and of delivering its mission to educate and inform future generations by providing them with the knowledge and support to think critically, the freedom to challenge assumptions and the skills to work with others.

Global in outlook and in practice, as well as diverse and cosmopolitan in its cultures, the University is a leading private not-for-profit institution. Richmond is registered with the Office for Students in the UK, with taught degree awarding powers, and accredited in the United States by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, enabling all students at Richmond to gain both a UK and US degree. Blending the best of British and American higher education, Richmond is the first university to have met the highest benchmarks of two of the world's leading educational systems and therefore has a unique standing in global education.

The high quality of the teaching at Richmond is recognised by the University's undergraduate students, whose votes put Richmond in the top five London universities for overall satisfaction levels (79.1% satisfaction) on the quality of their degree programmes in the [2021 National Student Survey \(NSS\)](#).

The 50th anniversary year of the University in 2022 will see Richmond move from its current home to a new campus building within the innovative and award-winning [Chiswick Park](#) in west London. The move to this new location in July 2022 will offer the University significant opportunities, allowing Richmond to develop new relationships with both local businesses and the community and reimagine its future as the UK's pioneering liberal arts university.

Diversity, choice and freedom are hallmarks of the American style [liberal arts curriculum](#) at Richmond which develops undergraduates' multi-disciplinary skills and provides them with a unique and unrivalled experience. It allows students to begin their four-year undergraduate degree by exploring a multitude of disciplines across science, arts and humanities and the social sciences, before having to decide from a broad range of [majors](#) (plus a longer list of potential minors) in a subject that they are passionate about.

Richmond's liberal arts approach also helps students develop a strong sense of personal and social responsibility, as all undergraduates do some form of volunteer work or service learning in a structured way as part of their degree programme.

The University's flexible approach to global learning and knowledge sharing means that students can also take advantage of exchange programmes with Richmond's international partners. Gaining vital workplace experience is encouraged through credited internships which are available to all students at Richmond as part of their degree, either in the UK or abroad.

The University is committed to expanding opportunities for students to access higher education, empowering people who may not have considered university to explore a unique international education. A new 'with Foundation' option with lower entry qualifications is

now available from September 2022. Scholarships to help reduce tuition fees are also available across Richmond's portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

All of the undergraduate programmes at Richmond will be taught at Chiswick Park from September 2022, apart from [BA International Sports Management with Football](#), available for both male and female players, taught in Leeds by the highly experienced [Richmond International Academic Soccer Academy](#) (RIASA).

Richmond also has a wide-ranging portfolio of [Masters programmes](#) taught at its Kensington facility.