Your tour begins in the lower lobby of MARTIN HALL. Martin Hall houses the Admissions, Financial Reporting, Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment Offices, as well as The President’s offices.

Radford’s first architect designed the campus after the flight pattern of migrating geese, with Founders Hall in the lead. Founders Hall has now been replaced by Muse Hall, our largest residence hall. To get your tour underway, please exit Martin Hall second floor lobby to the left. Once outside the building, take a right and go around Martin Hall up the stairs toward Preston Hall.

PRESTON HALL features the largest auditorium (Bondurant Auditorium) on campus seating approximately 1,500 people. It is used for performances, special events, and conferences throughout the year. Past speakers and performances include: Maya Angelou, Branford Marsalis, Doc Watson, The New York City Opera, and the London City Opera.

As you step outside of Preston you get your first glimpse of RU’s beautifully maintained campus. The fountain at the center of campus features the university’s seal, and during the year the lawn is filled with students walking, studying, and playing sports. As you walk down the sidewalk toward MUSE HALL – the largest building on campus, you will pass several buildings. REED and CURIE HALLS house the science department and feature a planetarium, cadaver lab, and green house with separate cooling and heating controls for its three rooms. Be sure to also visit the ALUMNI GARDENS which showcase the remnants of “Founder’s Hall”, Radford’s original administration building. The gardens also include part of the original wall and bell of Radford’s campus.

MCCONNELL LIBRARY is a must see. John Preston McConnell was the university’s first president and many of his original pieces can be found on display in the RADFORD ROOMS, located to the right as you enter the lobby. Also in the lobby is a café, a great place for a study break. The main reference section of the library is located on this level (level 3). We invite you to walk through and take a look around.

As you exit the library you will see to your right LUCAS HALL. Lucas houses the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Then there is MUSE HALL to your right. This 13-story residence hall is the tallest building in the New River Valley and houses approximately 950 students. It is divided into sections and staffed as if it were five buildings. Muse is home to one of our three main weight rooms on campus and also houses the New River Grille House, a full-service dining hall on the lower level. TYLER and NORWOOD are the next two residence halls you’ll see. Tyler also houses the Disability Resource Office, the Student Counseling Services office, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion.

You will notice that all residence halls, with the exception of Muse, are arranged in quad formation: four or five buildings with a lawn in the center. Each quad has its own staff, including a resident director for each building and a resident assistant on each floor.

Past Norwood Hall you will see two residence halls: MADISON HALL and JEFFERSON HALL on your left and an academic building, WALKER HALL, on your right. Walker Hall houses offices for Academic Computing, the Department of Math and Statistics, New Student Programs, Pre-Major Advising and the Learning Assistance and Resource Center. The LARC allows students to receive free tutoring services in a variety of subjects and have their papers reviewed. Walker also contains the Technology Center, RU’s main computer lab. Directly in front of you, as you pass Walker Hall is WASHINGTON HALL, another residence hall. The top floor of this building houses many of the students participating in the Army ROTC program. On your left is RUSSELL HALL, which houses the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences.

After passing Washington and Russell Halls, you will arrive at MOFFET QUAD, another beautiful lawn surrounded by residence halls. MOFFET HALL, at the head of this quad, is the second largest residential building on campus. Moffet Hall houses the office of Army ROTC as well as many of the ROTC students. It is also home to Student Health Services. The other residence halls in this quad are named after some of the famous women from Southwest Virginia: POCOHANTAS, DRAPER, BOLLING, and INGLES. Pocahontas remains open during breaks for students who need to stay on-campus. Three of our residence halls house freshman communities, called “RU Connections.” These living and learning environments enable students to take classes with others in their residence halls. All entering freshmen are given the opportunity to choose to live in one of these communities.

Take the sidewalk behind Pocahontas Hall to arrive at HETH PLAZA. HETH HALL is a student services building which houses the offices of Financial Aid, Parking Services, RU Express/ID, Registrar, Visitors Center, Student Support Services, Residential Life, Student Accounts, Dean of Students, Technology Assistance Center and Telephone Services. Heth Hall also houses the Vice President of Student Affairs. PETERS HALL, the original gymnasium on campus, underwent major renovations and re-opened in the fall of 2003. Peters Hall now contains a teaching resource center, climbing wall, new dance studio, gym, and a weight room with a variety of work-out equipment options. Peters Hall is home to the College of Education and Human Development and the Department of Dance. Adjacent to Heth is DALTON HALL, which contains the Bookstore, Post Office, Terrace Shops, and the main dining hall. Feel free to stop in for lunch or browse through the bookstore before leaving today.

Across the courtyard from Peters Hall you will notice the COOK HALL OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, which houses the International Education Center, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Department of History, Department of Geography, Foreign Language Media Lab, Career Services, Academic...
Engagement and Community Partnership and the office for Study Abroad Programs. Some of RU's state-of-the-art technology is also housed in this building, including Geographic Information Systems and Global Positioning Systems. Next door to Cook Hall is WALDRON HALL, completed in the fall of 2000. Waldron houses the Waldron College of Health and Human Services, which is comprised of the School of Nursing, the School of Social Work, the College of Health and Human Services, which is comprised of the School of Information Technology and the Lab Science Departments. Young Hall is also housed in Waldron Hall.

As you continue toward point number nine, you will see BONNIE HURLBUT STUDENT CENTER on your right. The "Bonne" houses a 250 seat movie theatre, cosmic bowling lanes, multiple eateries (Chick-Fil-A, a Sushi Bar, Starbucks, and Salsarita's) and lounges for students. Looking left you will see another residential quad, PEERY, TRINKLE, STUART and FLOYD HALLS compose the Governor's Quad. This quad has been recently renovated, and all four buildings are themed. For instance, Floyd and Peery Halls are home to the Honors Academy. At the end of the quad you will find WHITT HALL, which houses the College of Business and Economics and offers lecture and traditional style classrooms on the first floor and computer labs on the second.

Continuing to point ten, you will see the COVINGTON VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. The Center features an art gallery, a performance hall, rehearsal rooms, teaching studios, and a music media center. The Covington Center opened to students in January 2009. Turning left toward Martin Hall, you are now between the SILVERMAN FINE ARTS CENTER and MCGUFFEY HALL. McGuffey houses the Department of Interior and Fashion Design, as well as our largest lecture hall. PORTERFIELD and POWELL HALLS together comprise the Silverman Fine Arts Center. Porterfield contains Pridemore Playhouse, which is used for many of RU's theatre performances. Porterfield also includes WVRU radio and RU's on-campus television station. Powell Hall contains the Department of Art and the offices for the Department of Music.

To your left you will see DAVIS and YOUNG HALLS. Davis Hall houses the College of Science and Technology, which combines the School of Information Technology and the Lab Science Departments. Young Hall is one of the top five most technologically advanced buildings on any college campus in the country.

Your last stop on the tour is the DEMON CENTER, across the bridge from Martin Hall. Coined the "Home of the Highlanders," this athletic center houses weight rooms, an indoor pacing track, Olympic-size pool, and an arena that seats over 5,000. The center is surrounded by outdoor playing fields, a track and soccer complex, and the Patrick D. Cupp Memorial Stadium, featuring a 400-meter synthetic eight-lane track, grandstand, press box and locker rooms. Bordering the Demon center is the New River, which is one of the oldest rivers in the world and one of the few that flows away from the equator.

This concludes your tour of Radford University. Feel free to sit back and relax on one of the benches on the river-bank or walk the trail bordering the river. Thank you for visiting RU! We hope you have time to visit downtown Radford and will return to the region soon. Please contact the Office of Admissions with any further questions, and have a safe trip home.

Radford was founded in 1910 as the State Normal School for Women at Radford. As the school grew it transformed into the Radford State Teachers College in 1924, and then in the 1940s, it changed to Radford College. The school became coeducational in 1972 and achieved university status in 1979. RU is rich in history and traditions. The school mascot, the Highlander, was adopted from the region's Scots-Irish heritage, and the school color of red was taken from the MacFarlane Tartan. The annual Radford Highlanders Festival features traditional Highland games, Celtic music, a Scottish clan gathering, and more.

Approximately 9,200 students from 47 countries and 45 states attend RU. Radford University offers 67 degree programs at the undergraduate level and 20 fields of study at the graduate level that have 18 options or specializations and 7 post baccalaureate certificates. All of this within seven academic colleges: Humanities and Behavioral Sciences, Business and Economics, Education and Human Development, Waldron College of Health and Human Services, Science and Technology, Visual and Performing Arts, and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. RU also features special programs including the Honors Academy, Freshman Learning Communities, Career Services and Study Abroad.

What is the average class size? Freshmen and sophomores can expect 30-40 students in the average class. Juniors and seniors have an average of 20-30 in their classes. There is a 19:1 student to faculty ratio at RU.

How does RU tuition compare to other state schools? Radford boasts one of the lowest tuition rates of all four-year, state-supported schools in Virginia.

What clubs and activities are available for RU students? There are 225 recognized clubs and organizations available, ranging from social and service sororities and fraternities to academic and non-academic clubs. There are also 290 intramural sports teams and 19 NCAA Division I athletic teams.

Where do students live? There are 15 residence halls that house approximately 3,100 students. Off-campus options are available for upper class students within walking distance or a short commute to campus.

What about campus safety? The University Police, a fully accredited agency, employs full-time officers that serve the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. University Police will also escort students anywhere on campus.

Can freshmen have cars? Yes, freshmen parking is located on University Drive, directly across the bridge from Martin Hall.

Up to date tuition, enrollment and more information can be found in the Admissions Office or on our website:

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