

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Residence Halls

As a first-year, you'll live in a living-learning community with resident advisors, peer academic mentors (PAMs) and a team of advisors. They'll help you transition to college-level work to set you up for success.

Physical and Mental Health

At Sweet Briar, we care about your physical and mental health. You'll have access to a number of local medical facilities — the closest just five minutes away. Plus, we'll have medical professionals on campus twice a week so you can schedule an appointment and never have to leave campus — or miss class!

Safety

Get instant access to safety resources right on your smartphone with our LiveSafe app, no matter where you are — even if you're on the other side of the globe.

Dining

Sweet Briar's dining partner is Meriwether Godsey, a women-led and employee-owned company that believes in nutritious and flavorful home-cooked meals, sustainable practices and locally sourced ingredients, with vegan and gluten-free options. Daisy's Café offers specialty coffee and tea along with a food menu that includes pastries, sandwiches, delicious smoothies and more.

Community Life at SWEET BRIAR

College shouldn't be all work and no play.
That's why, at Sweet Briar, we give you plenty of
opportunities to have fun and make friends.



Clubs and Activities

We have a host of student-run clubs, groups and campus organizations that serve diverse interests from social to academic. Plus, each group offers leadership opportunities, supporting the College's goal of developing future women leaders. The Student Government Association (SGA) is our largest organization, with a significant budget. If leadership is important to you, SGA will allow you to have a real impact on the College and the lives of its students. For a complete list of clubs and groups, visit sbc.edu/student-life/student-involvement.

In addition to clubs, we have an Outdoor Program that takes advantage of our 3,250-acre campus, as well as our close proximity to the Blue Ridge Mountains and the coast. Our trips are a lot of fun while offering skill development and leadership training. Activities include hiking, spelunking, kayaking, paddleboarding, skiing, hang gliding, backpacking, whitewater rafting, and indoor and outdoor rock climbing.

Nearby Activities

Sweet Briar partners with nearby colleges to provide social opportunities for our students. We offer ballroom dancing on campus and joint social events — transportation provided — with Hampden-Sydney College, the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Institute and others.

The campus is also an easy drive to the Blue Ridge Parkway and national forests, floatable rivers, historical sites, museums, concert venues, amusement parks and shopping. Just 20 minutes away, Lynchburg is home to four coed college partners and boasts a thriving downtown, shopping, restaurants and visual and performing arts.

You are welcome to bring a car (for a small parking permit fee) so that you can take advantage of everything the area has to offer.

TRADITIONS

Sweet Briar's traditions bring us all together — alumnae and current students alike. Some traditions — like Scream Night — are a fun way to let off steam. Others — like Founders' Day or Lantern Bearing — are a solemn and meaningful part of our heritage. Traditions celebrate your successes and build a strong sense of community among members of each class. Learn more about the activities that bring all of us together at sbc.edu/student-life/student-involvement.





We're committed to providing you with social, cultural and spiritual experiences, ensuring that you'll be fully immersed in life beyond the classroom. While at Sweet Briar, you'll develop new interests and skills. You'll make friends — with classmates, faculty, staff and alumnae — and you'll have a host of memories you'll keep for a lifetime. When you cross the stage in your cap and gown, your entire Sweet Briar family will be cheering you on.

Students at Sweet Briar live in seven traditional residence halls, as well as a modern apartment complex. Students from different class years are housed together to promote community and class bonding.

Living on campus means forging lifelong connections and ample faculty and staff interaction. Here, everybody looks out for one another.

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Let's Have FUN!

AUGUST

- Opening Convocation and community ice cream social
- Welcome Weekend: Vixen Den party for students from local colleges; games at Lower Lake; food and music in the Dell; shopping excursions, and more!
 - Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

SEPTEMBER

- Fall Step Singing
- Founders' Day Weekend Dance and Dell Party
- Football games at local colleges, including Hampden-Sydney, JMU and VMI
 - Senior Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Concert
 - Hikes, rock climbing, kayaking
- Vixen Athletics: cross-country, field hockey, golf and soccer
 - Fall break
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

OCTOBER

- Families Weekend
 - Rock and hitching post paint fight
- Football games at local colleges, including Hampden-Sydney, JMU and VMI
 - Canoeing, rock climbing, backpacking
- Wine and Garlic Festival at Rebec Vineyards in Amherst
 - Clifford Sorghum Festival in Clifford
 - Sweet Briar Theatre fall production
 - Amherst Apple Festival
- Vixen Athletics: cross-country, field hockey, golf and soccer
 - Ghost stories at the museum
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

NOVEMBER

- Thanksgiving Break
- Football games at local colleges, including Hampden-Sydney, JMU and VMI
 - Rock climbing, hikes, caving
 - Fall Dance Concert
- Vixen Athletics: golf, riding and swimming
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

DECEMBER

- Christmas Tree Lighting and caroling
- Vespers and Holiday Pops concert
 - Vixen Athletics: swimming
 - Late night breakfast
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)
 - Party at Sweet Briar House

JANUARY

- Skiing and snowboarding at Wintergreen Resort
 - Vixen Athletics: swimming
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)
- Community Service: MLK Day of Service

FEBRUARY

- Winter Ball at Hampden-Sydney College
 - Midwinter Formal at VMI
 - Midwinter Mixer at Sweet Briar
- Skiing and snowboarding at Wintergreen Resort
 - Vixen Athletics: riding, swimming and tennis
 - Senior Dance Concert
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

MARCH

- Spring Step Singing
 - Junior Banquet
- Sweet Briar Theatre spring production
 - Vixen Athletics: riding and tennis
- Community Service: The Big Event at Hampden-Sydney College
 - Outdoor Program activities (TBD)
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

APRIL

- Greek Week at Hampden-Sydney College
 - Spring Fling
 - Spring Dance Concert
 - Senior Art Exhibition opening
 - Annual Horse Show
- Vixen Athletics: lacrosse, riding and tennis
 - Outdoor Program activities (TBD)
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)

MAY

- Lantern Bearing
- Senior Week traditions, including Senior Toast and Fancy Hat Brunch
 - Commencement
- Saturday Market Day in Lynchburg (monthly)



Our Academic Resource Center will help you take control of your educational experience by helping with reading, writing and study skills; time and stress management; and classroom technology. There, you can also get tutoring help and assistance with special accommodations.

The Career Services Center will help you plan a path for your future. The staff can help you pick the best major for your interests, discover your passions and strengths, build an effective résumé, explore career options, practice interviewing, find internships and connect with alumnae and employers for job shadowing.



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