

## General Information

Welcome to the Chemistry Department at the University of Virginia!

- University of Virginia's campus (called "The Grounds") is located in the city of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, VA.
- Charlottesville is located approximately one hour west of Richmond, VA and two hours southwest of Washington, DC.
- The Chemistry building is located on the University's Central Grounds. The front of the building faces McCormick Road. The rear of the building is at the corner of Whitehead Road and Geldard Drive.
- The rear of the Chemistry building is adjacent to the Aquatic and Fitness Center (AFC), and is directly across the street from Scott Stadium.
- The Chemistry Library, with 24-hour graduate student access, and Wilsdorf Café are directly attached to the Chemistry building.

Charlottesville is a unique city and a wonderful place to live and work. There is a huge variety of local restaurants featuring diverse cultural options. There are considerable opportunities for outdoors and fitness activities and the area is filled with historical landmarks, including Jefferson's Monticello and Monroe's Ash Lawn-Highland. We trust that you will thoroughly enjoy your time here, and hope that the following information is helpful in your moving process! And of course, please do not hesitate to approach anyone in the department with questions you may have.

## Housing

### Off-Grounds Housing Search:

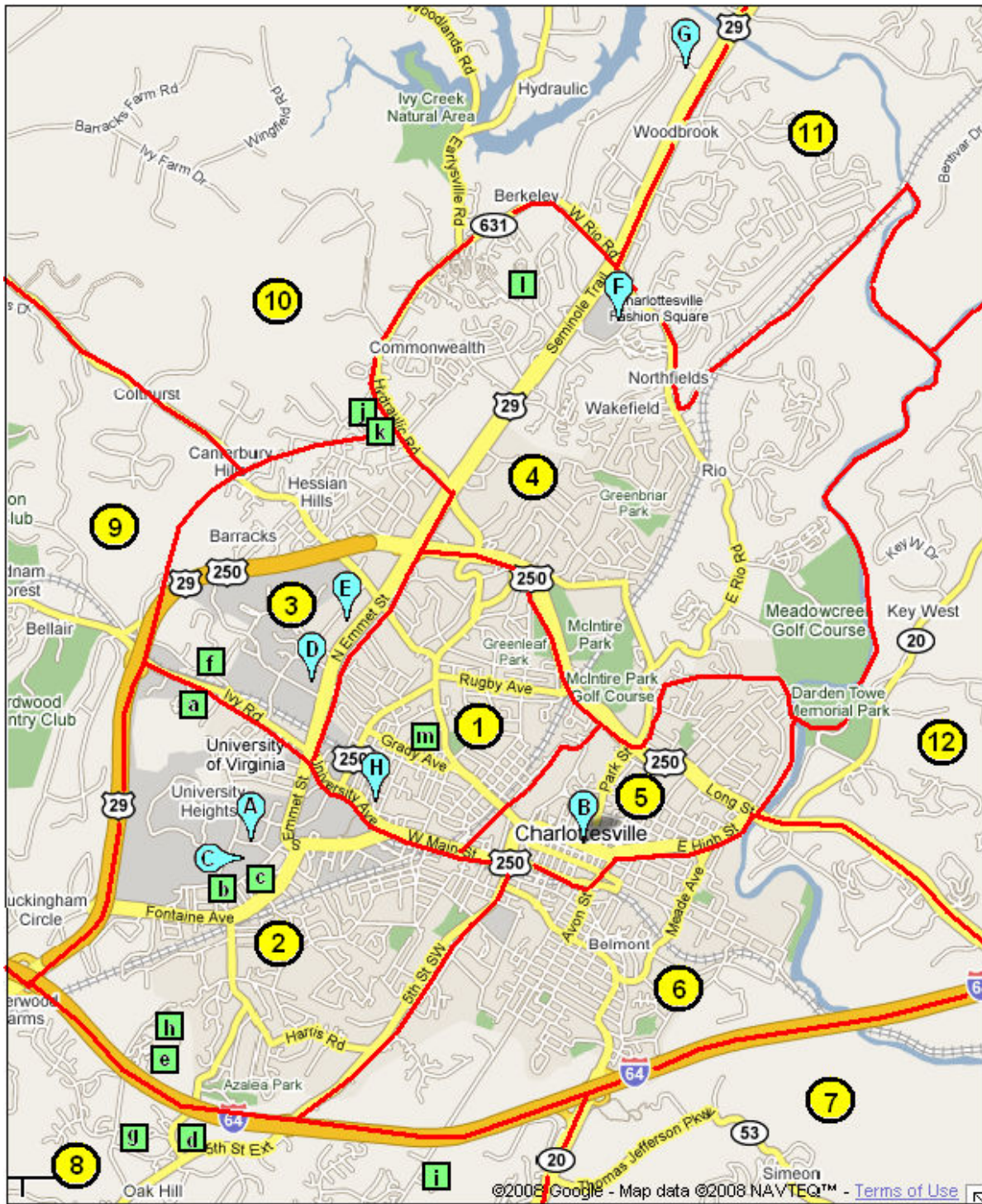
- *Blue Ridge Apartment Council* – [www.brac.com](http://www.brac.com) Extensive search engine allows you to search by area, type of housing, number of bedrooms, and price range. Most listings are by realtors.
- *Management Services Corporation* – [www.livewithmsc.com](http://www.livewithmsc.com) Owners of several popular graduate student housing areas in Charlottesville.
- *Craig's List* – <http://charlottesville.craigslist.org/apa/> Not as easy to search but primary source for listings by non-corporate landlords. Can also search for and post listings for roommates.

### University Housing:

- The University of Virginia offers limited housing for graduate students. Information is available at [www.virginia.edu/housing/grad.php](http://www.virginia.edu/housing/grad.php).
- There are three on campus housing locations; the closest to the Chemistry building is Dillard.
- Chemistry graduate students typically choose off-Grounds housing.

Subdivisions of Charlottesville (see map below):

- ① *Rugby Road/The Corner* – Primarily undergraduates, UVA bus service, 20-25 minute walk to chemistry building, convenient to shops, bars, and restaurants on The Corner, parking is potentially a problem.
- ② *Jefferson Park Ave (JPA)* – Fewer undergraduate and more graduate students than The Corner, closest housing to the chemistry building (10-15 minute walk), close to AFC gym, UVA and/or city bus service, in some areas parking may be scarce or may require city parking permit.
- ③ *North Grounds* – Mostly business and law students, 5 minute drive to Grounds, UVA bus service, convenient to Barracks Shopping Center, near John Paul Jones Arena (basketball), lacrosse, and baseball fields, North Grounds Gym nearby.
- ④ *29 North* – Mostly professionals, families, and graduate students, 10-20 minute drive to Grounds (heavy traffic at rush hour), city bus available in some areas, best access to all major shopping plazas and Fashion Square Mall.
- ⑤ *Downtown* – Mainly young professionals, 5-15 minute drive to Grounds, broad variety of restaurants, bars, and small shops, can be more expensive, parking can be a problem.
- ⑥ *Belmont* – Primarily residential area for local people, some graduate students and professionals, 5-15 minute drive to Grounds, most houses have off-street parking, street parking is usually abundant.
- ⑦ *Albemarle Southeast* – Rural area, scarce housing options, location of Monticello and Ash Lawn-Highland
- ⑧ *Albemarle Southwest* – Several graduate students and professionals, many newer housing communities, 5-10 minute drive to Grounds, less heavily developed area, several hiking trails available.
- ⑨ *Albemarle West* – Towns of Ivy and Crozet, rural, many newer developments but not much for rent, up to 20 minute drive to Grounds.
- ⑩ *Albemarle Northwest* – Rural area without many housing options, house listings on Craig's List sometimes, up to 20 minutes to Grounds.
- ⑪ *Albemarle Northeast* – Several housing developments, mostly families and professionals, 20-25 minutes to Grounds in morning traffic, near several shopping plazas.
- ⑫ *Albemarle East/Pantops* – Residential/commercial area surrounded by rural area, shopping plaza with Giant grocery store, Rite-Aid, some nicer apartment complexes, 10-20 minute drive to Grounds.



**Points of Interest**

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|  A UVA Chemistry Building             |  E Barracks Road Shopping Center |
|  B Downtown Mall                      |  F Fashion Square Mall           |
|  C Scott Stadium (Football)           |  G Walmart & Sam's Club          |
|  D John Paul Jones Arena (Basketball) |  H The Corner                    |

### Popular Chemistry Graduate Student Housing (see map above):

The chemistry graduate student stipend allows one to live in a variety of situations depending on personal comfort and spending preferences. Single living is affordable and desirable for some, but several of our graduate students also choose to live with roommates. Typical housing types include large apartment complexes along with privately owned houses and townhomes. A small sampling of popular apartment complexes is below. Some graduate students have even purchased homes in the area in the past.

- a** University Heights – [www.uheights.net](http://www.uheights.net)
- b** Cavalier Court – [www.shamrockcorp-aps.com](http://www.shamrockcorp-aps.com)
- c** Shamrock Court – [www.shamrockcorp-aps.com](http://www.shamrockcorp-aps.com)
- d** College Park – [www.collegeparkweb.com](http://www.collegeparkweb.com)
- e** Eagle's Landing – [www.eagleslandingva.com](http://www.eagleslandingva.com)
- f** Ivy Gardens – [www.ivygarden.com](http://www.ivygarden.com)
- g** The Woodlands – [www.woodlandsofcharlottesville.com](http://www.woodlandsofcharlottesville.com)
- h** Jefferson Ridge – [www.jeffersonridge.com](http://www.jeffersonridge.com)
- i** Lakeside Apartments – [www.liveatlakeside.com](http://www.liveatlakeside.com)
- j** Barclay Place – [www.gemc.com/BARCLAY/barclay.htm](http://www.gemc.com/BARCLAY/barclay.htm)
- k** Westgate – [www.gemc.com/WESTGATE/westgate.htm](http://www.gemc.com/WESTGATE/westgate.htm)
- l** North Woods at Four Seasons – [www.northwoodsatisfourseasons.com](http://www.northwoodsatisfourseasons.com)
- m** Ashtree – [www.livewithmsc.com/propertydetail.cfm?ID=1209](http://www.livewithmsc.com/propertydetail.cfm?ID=1209)

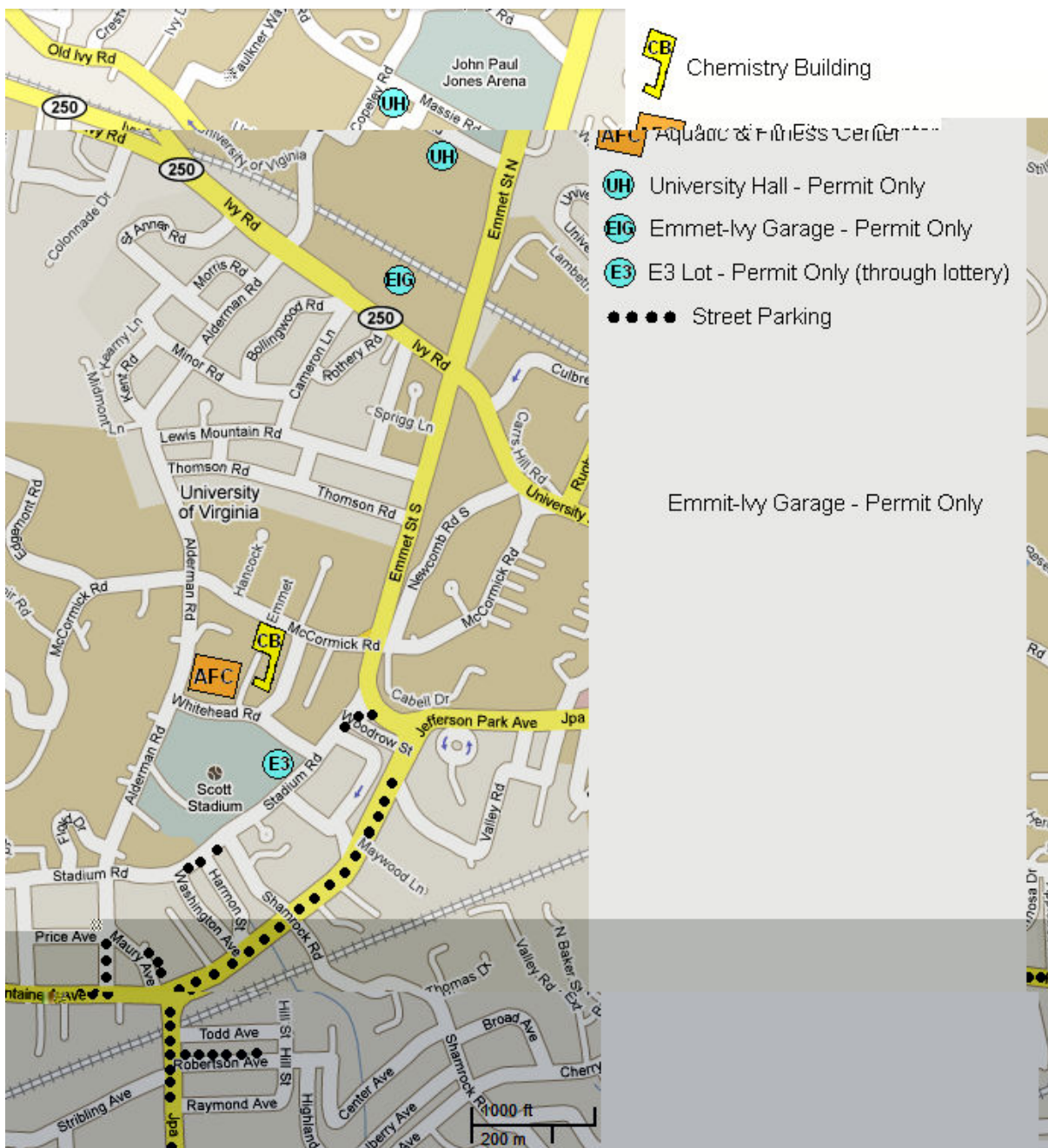
## Parking

### University Parking (see map below; prices subject to change):

- Parking and Transportation website: [www.virginia.edu/parking/](http://www.virginia.edu/parking/)
- **University Hall**– Available to all graduate students, \$192/year, UVA bus to Chemistry building every 10 minutes, 15 minute walk
- **Emmet/Ivy Garage**– Available to all graduate students, \$192/year, must place name on waiting list, UVA bus every 10 minutes, 15 minute walk
- **E3 Lot (Corner of Whitehead Rd and Stadium Rd)**– Students enter lottery for limited number of spots every April, must check UVA parking website for dates of lottery, \$468/year, 2 minute walk
- **FOOTBALL GAME PARKING**– Parking on Grounds is prohibited on football game days beginning at 1:00 am, regardless of permit held. TOWING IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.

**Street Parking (see map below):**

- Parking is safe and is often available daily on some streets near the University.
- Chemistry students typically park on the following streets, which are approximately 10-20 minutes walk to the Chemistry building: Jefferson Park Ave Extended, Fontaine Ave, Maury Ave, Stadium Rd.
- There are also many roads off of those listed above where street parking is available.
- Be careful not to park in restricted areas, ticketing and towing is very common.



## Sports and Fitness

### UVA Outdoor Club – [www.outdoorsatuva.org](http://www.outdoorsatuva.org)

- Variety of outdoor activities including hiking, climbing, caving, kayaking, skiing, and more.
- Mostly UVA undergraduate and graduate students.
- \$30 membership fee

### Charlottesville Sports and Social Club – [www.cvillesocial.com](http://www.cvillesocial.com)

- Team sports including kickball, dodgeball, volleyball, softball, flag football, and more.
- Several various social events and gatherings, including directly after games.
- Students in the chemistry department regularly put teams together.
- Mostly graduate and professional school students and young professionals.
- Approximately \$40/sport

### UVA Intramural-Recreational Sports – [www.virginia.edu/ims](http://www.virginia.edu/ims)

- Sports including volleyball, basketball, flag football, soccer, and more.
- Exercise and fitness classes offered.
- A variety of fitness facilities including weight lifting, cardio equipment, tennis, racquetball, and more. See website for exact locations.

### Wintergreen Resort – [www.wintergreenresort.com](http://www.wintergreenresort.com)

- Skiing, snowboarding, and tubing; hiking trails
- 45 minutes west of Charlottesville

### Birdwood Golf Course – [www.boarsheadinn.com/activities/birdwood/](http://www.boarsheadinn.com/activities/birdwood/)

- 18 holes, par-72
- Two miles west of UVA on Rte 250

### Walnut Creek Park –

- 15 miles of trails for mountain biking and hiking
- Disc golf course, swimming lake, canoe rentals, fishing (with license)
- Entrance fee between Memorial Day and Labor Day
- About 10-15 minutes south of UVA

### James River Runners – [www.jamesriver.com](http://www.jamesriver.com)

- Canoeing, rafting, kayaking, and tubing
- 25 miles south of Charlottesville off Rte 20

### Blue Ridge Mountains –

- Blue Ridge Parkway – [www.blueridgeparkway.org](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org)
- Shenandoah National Park – [www.shenandoah.national-park.com](http://www.shenandoah.national-park.com)
- Hiking, biking, and camping; 20 miles west of Charlottesville on I-64.

### Running –

- Charlottesville Trail Running – [www.charlottesvilletrailrunningclub.org](http://www.charlottesvilletrailrunningclub.org)
- Charlottesville Track Club – <http://charlottesvilletrackclub.org>

## Shopping

### Barracks Road Shopping Center – [www.barracksroad.com](http://www.barracksroad.com)

- Just north of UVA on Rte 29
- Grocery – Harris Teeter, Kroger (both with student discounts)
- Services – US Post Office, FedEx-Kinkos, Hair Cuttery
- Retail – CVS (24 hour pharmacy), Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Michael's, Blockbuster Video, Old Navy, and more
- Banks – Wachovia, Bank of America, SunTrust
- Restaurants – Panera, Greenberry's, Ben & Jerry's, Chipotle, Ruby Tuesday, Buffalo Wild Wings, and many more

### Fashion Square Mall – <http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=117>

- Approximately 4 miles north of UVA on Rte 29
- Belk, Sears, JC Penney, Gap, Victoria's Secret, American Eagle, Abercrombie, Express, and more

### Hollymeade Town Center –

- Approximately 9 miles north of UVA on Rte 29
- Target, PetSmart, Harris Teeter, TGI Friday's, Panera

### Other Shopping on Rte 29 –

- There are several small plazas along both sides of Rte 29
- Stores include Walmart, Sam's Club, Dick's Sporting Goods, Whole Foods, K-Mart, Lowes, several furniture stores, and many more

## Entertainment

### The Historic Downtown Mall – [www.charlottesville.org/index.aspx?page=177](http://www.charlottesville.org/index.aspx?page=177)

- Locally owned restaurant/bars (some with outdoor seating) and shops
- Outdoor pavilion, clubs, movie theater, art exhibits, ice skating rink, etc.

### The Corner –

- Many restaurant/bars and shops (including Mincer's UVA apparel store)
- Closest night scene to UVA Grounds, often very busy on weekend nights
- Some really good places for lunch, but parking can be hard to find except in garages and paid lots

### Wine Tasting – [www.monticellowinetrail.com](http://www.monticellowinetrail.com)

- Several wineries within 45 minutes of Charlottesville with free tastings

### Local Music –

- Gravity Lounge, Atomic Burrito, Satellite Ballroom, Outback Lodge, Miller's

### More Information –

- [www.readthehook.com](http://www.readthehook.com)
- [www.c-ville.com](http://www.c-ville.com)
- <http://cvillain.com>
- [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org)