Welcome, Hoos! We are thrilled to have you here! As a UVA student, you are an active agent in fostering a community of care and encouragement. Your contributions help make our school the best place to be a student.

**FINDING YOUR PEOPLE**

- **Get to know your neighbors!** Go to a football game, explore Observatory Hill, or watch a movie with hallmates or other new friends.

- **Find your passion!** Visit the Fall Activities Fair to learn about clubs for all interests.

- **Meet someone new!** Try introducing yourself to someone in the dining hall – everyone is trying to make new friends, and offering your name is a great first step.

- **Hang out!** Grab a late-night snack with friends at Crossroads!

- **Reach out!** Talk to a friend or a trusted adult for support. You deserve to feel welcome here!

**LEARN THE LINGO**

**HOO KNEW?** 94.5% of UVA students believe interacting with people who are different from them helps them thrive.**

**BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER**

See something that concerns you? Help your fellow Hoos by taking small steps to impact concerning situations. Choose the best strategy for the situation.

1. **DIRECT:** Make direct suggestions to change the situation.
   - You can stick with us. Can I call a friend for you?

2. **DISTRACT:** Change the conversation or give a person an opportunity to leave.
   - I think your friends are looking for you.
   - Let’s get food! I’m hungry!

3. **DELEGATE:** Enlist help from friends, emergency services, or others to intervene more easily.
   - Ask a friend to go with you to check on someone.
   - Ask an advisor or RA for advice.

**SOURCES OF COMMUNITY & CARE**

Many people want to help you feel at home here!

- **LGBTQ Center:** Welcoming physical space, programming, and support services in Newcomb.

- **Multicultural Student Center:** Cultural programming and support, a place to study and relax in Newcomb, and free printing!

- **Maxine Platzer Lynn Women’s Center:** Education and advocacy for all genders at Emmet House.

- **RAs:** A friendly face, listening ear, and connections to the best resources.

- **Madison House HELP Line:** No issue is too big or too small. They’re here to listen. (434) 295-8355

**GETTING AROUND GROUNDS**

- Many students walk or bike between classes and around Grounds. Be sure to cross the street at marked pedestrian crosswalks.

- Use TransLoc Rider and CAT mobile apps for bus and trolley routes and schedules.