ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Academic Credentials (Minimum First-year Entrance)

Academic preparation for admission to Virginia Tech is best achieved by sustaining an academically rigorous course selection throughout high school. Specifically, students must complete:
18 units of high school coursework, including:

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of math (includes algebra I, and algebra II)
- 2 units of laboratory science (chosen from biology, chemistry or physics)
- 2 units of social science (one must be history)
- 5 elective units
- 2 units of a single foreign or classical language or American Sign Language (ASL)

Complete applications will be reviewed holistically by the Admissions Committee. Factors that are considered in the application review process include:

Academic review:

- Rigor of academic program within context of school
- Grades in courses, including trends over time
- Standardized test scores (if applicable; test-optional for students entering through Fall 2028)
- Major requested on the application (we review by major at Virginia Tech)

Personal review (in alphabetical order, not reflective of order of importance):

- Activities outside of the classroom like jobs, clubs, sports, family responsibilities, service, research, etc.
- Disciplinary record (Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been dismissed or suspended for academic or disciplinary reasons or to those convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor.)
- First-generation college student status
- Interest in the Corps of Cadets
- Participation in Virginia Tech pipeline programs
- Personal statements submitted through the Ut Prosim Profile
- Residency
- Veteran status

Recommendation letters and art portfolios are not considered for admissions review.

Competitive freshman applicants will have A/B grades in a rigorous curriculum and strong SAT or ACT scores (if the student chooses to submit scores).

Students who intend to compete in intercollegiate athletics are also required to meet all NCAA and ACC requirements for admission.

Prospective music students must schedule an audition with the music department. Applicants to the music major will receive a form for preferred audition date/time selection or video submission.

Admission (Contact Information and Visitation)

Prospective students and their families are welcome to visit the campus any time the university is in session. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission information sessions and student-led walking tours are offered regularly; reservations are required and should be made in the 'Visit' section at https://vt.edu/admissions for up-to-date schedule information. Virginia Tech neither requires nor schedules personal interviews for undergraduate admission.

Information on undergraduate admission may be obtained by contacting:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions (https://vt.edu/admissions.html)
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg VA 24061
Phone: 540-231-6267
Fax: 540-231-3242
E-mail: admissions@vt.edu
Web: https://vt.edu/admissions

Admission (First-Year Process)

When applying for admission as a first-year student, the applicant must send the following materials to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions prior to the deadlines:

1. Official online application and application fee (non-refundable): $60 for first-year, transfer, and non-degree students; $70 for international students. **Please note:** *we expect students to apply online via the Common App; instructions at https://vt.edu/admissions.*
2. Applicants who have only attended high school in the US are required to submit self-reported grades and test scores through the online application process.
3. A final official transcript is requested after admission is offered and the student accepts the offer.
4. Official SAT/ACT scores if student does not apply "test-optional".
5. Discharge certificate (DD214) if the applicant is a veteran.
6. Domicile supporting documents (upon request) if the student is requesting in-state status.

An Early Action option is available to all first-year applicants. The deadline for Early Action application is November 15. Notification of admissions decision for this group is in late February.

First-year applicants applying for Regular Decision must submit a completed application by January 15 and will receive a notification of the admission decision in mid-March. If offered admission, the applicant will receive further instructions to complete the enrollment process. Applicants will have until the national deadline of May 1 to notify Virginia Tech of their decision to accept or decline their admission offer.

Admission (International Applicants)

International applicants for undergraduate admission should apply using the Common App. International student applicants must complete the following courses: 3 units of math (includes algebra and algebra II), 2

units of laboratory science (choose from biology, chemistry, or physics), and additional academic units (foreign language is highly recommended).

International first-year applicants are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores. In addition, international students whose native language is not English must document proficiency in the English language by submitting a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score, IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score, Pearson Tests of English PTE, or Duolingo score. Official copies of all scores must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

English language requirements and exceptions can be found at https://www.vt.edu/admissions/international/requirements.html. Transfer applicants who have completed two semesters or terms of a non-ESL English composition course with above-average grades at an accredited U.S.-based college or university are not required to submit an English proficiency exam.

Students who have attended high school outside the US for any amount of time may submit a Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System (STARS) Record or transcripts. Non-English transcripts and documents must be submitted in their original form, accompanied by a certified English translation. Unofficial documents and documents without accompanying English translations will not be accepted. Transfer applicants who attended a college or university outside of the US must submit their transcripts for admission review.

All university-level work completed outside the United States must be evaluated by a professional educational credential evaluation service. (A listing of credential evaluators is available at https://transferguide.registrar.vt.edu/Transfer-Requirements.html.) Financial aid is not available for international students at the undergraduate level. All undergraduate international applicants must certify that they have sufficient funds to pay for their education at Virginia Tech prior to being issued an I-20.

All international students holding F-1 and J-1 visas must purchase health and accident insurance.

The Cranwell International Center (https://international.vt.edu/) provides a full range of services to international students at Virginia Tech. Such services include an orientation program especially designed to meet the needs of new international students, as well as immigration counseling and counseling for personal and financial problems. The center also coordinates a variety of cross-cultural programs designed to facilitate interaction between American and international students.

Admission (Non-Degree-Seeking Students)

Virginia Tech makes every effort to provide educational opportunities to individuals who are not seeking a degree from the university, but who wish to continue their education by taking courses at Virginia Tech for college credit or, in some cases, degree credit. Such students include, but are not limited to, students enrolled in other colleges or universities and senior citizens. Non-degree applicants must be in good standing from all previously attended educational institutions with no serious disciplinary infractions. Students will not be competitive for admission if their most recent work is below a 2.0 or their cumulative GPA is below a 2.0.

Students who enroll at Virginia Tech under this program may not be considered candidates for degrees unless they apply formally for regular undergraduate or graduate admission. At that time, minimum requirements must be met and the applicant's academic and disciplinary record at Virginia Tech and all other colleges and universities attended would be reviewed within the context of the current competition for regular admission.

Applying as a Non-Degree-Seeking Student

When applying as a non-degree-seeking student, the applicant must send the following materials to the admissions office:

- Official online application for admission as a non-degree-seeking student (available at https://www.vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/non-degree-checklist.html) plus a $60 application fee (non-refundable).
- Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended.

The application should be submitted by the published deadline for the term selected (May 1 for Summer, August 1 for Fall, December 1 for Spring). If accepted, the applicant will receive an official notice of admission via e-mail along with other related instructions.

Restrictions on Non-Degree-Seeking Students

- Students who have been denied admission to Virginia Tech as first-year or transfer students for the same term will not be eligible for reconsideration as non-degree-seeking students.
- Non-degree-seeking students will be able to register on a space-available basis only. Until the deadline for adding classes, such students may be required to drop a class if the number of degree-seeking students exceeds the number of available spaces in a particular class.
- Non-degree-seeking students will be permitted to attempt up to 30 hours at Virginia Tech, not to exceed 11 hours in any one term during the academic year or 5 hours in either summer school term.
- Non-degree-seeking students are required to maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0 for continued enrollment.
- Non-degree-seeking students are not eligible for financial aid, scholarships or on-campus housing.
- Students who have previously been enrolled at Virginia Tech may not reapply as non- degree-seeking students. Former students who left the university in good standing may register for classes through Hokie SPA (http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu (http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu/)).

Admission (Transfer Process)

Admission is offered on a competitive basis to transfer applicants with the strongest academic records and with completed courses needed in their intended major.

Competitive applicants will achieve mostly Bs or better. In majors where applications exceed available space, the competitive grades will be considerably higher. Architecture and industrial design are not available for transfer applicants. The most important factors considered for admission are: completion or substantial progress toward completing required, strongly recommended, and recommended courses as stated in our Transfer Admission Roadmaps; and overall GPA in college course work. Transfer Admission Roadmaps are available at: https://www.vt.edu/admissions/transfer/roadmaps.html.

The applicant's overall grade point average and the quality of the student's former academic program are critical factors in admissions considerations. Most transfer applicants who are offered admission have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Prospective applicants from the Virginia Community College System will find information about

guaranteed admissions agreements at https://vt.edu/admissions/transfer/vccs.html.

Transfer applicants must send the following application materials to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions:

- Official online application and application fee (non-refundable): $60 for first-year, transfer, and non-degree students; $70 for international students. **Please note:** *we expect students to apply online via the Common App; instructions at https://vt.edu/admissions.*
- Applicants are required to submit self-reported grades and test scores through the online application process.
- A final official transcript is requested after admission is offered and the student accepts the offer.
- Discharge certificate (DD214) if the applicant is a veteran.
- Domicile supporting documents if the student is requesting in-state status.

Completed applications are considered and decisions are made by the Admissions Committee. If offered admission, the applicant will receive an official notice of admission and related forms.

Transfer applications for summer/fall admission are due March 1, and students will receive notification of the admissions decision by mid-April. Students offered admission must respond to the offer by June 1 (May 15 for summer entry). Transfer applications for spring admission are due October 1, decisions are posted by mid-November, and responses are due December 1.

Advanced Placement

Through Advanced Placement examinations administered in May of each year by the College Entrance Examination Board, students receiving required scores may be considered for Advanced Placement credit in certain subjects in which they show proficiency. Final determination of credit will be made after the test results have been evaluated by the university. Students must have scores sent directly to the Office of the University Registrar at Virginia Tech (school code 5859) from the College Entrance Examination Board. If scores were not directed to the University Registrar at the time of the examination, contact the College Board at (888) 308-0013.

Credits allowed for advanced placement are shown as transfer hours on Hokie SPA, and may not exceed 38 credit hours. Refer to the Office of the University Registrar's website at https://www.registrar.vt.edu/Transferable-Credit.html for information and to view the AP Credit Table. Questions about Advanced Placement credit should be directed to the Office of the University Registrar at transfercredit@vt.edu.

Applying to Graduate School

Students interested in working toward an advanced degree at Virginia Tech should contact the Graduate School for an application (http://www.graduateschool.vt.edu).

Undergraduate Students Enrolling in Graduate Programs or Courses
Virginia Tech offers the opportunity to outstanding undergraduate students (Seniors/Juniors) nearing the end of their bachelor's degree program to enroll and receive credit for coursework taken to apply toward a future graduate program. Seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or better may apply to be admitted to the Dual Student Status for their last semester to take graduate-level courses. Juniors with a GPA of 3.3 or better may apply for admission in the Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Program to take graduate courses during the senior year. Please check with your department to check for specific admissions requirements. Information about these programs is available on the Graduate School website (http://www.graduateschool.vt.edu (http://www.graduateschool.vt.edu/))

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Taking Graduate-Level Courses

Undergraduate students wishing to enroll in graduate-level courses may do so. You should review any restrictions listed for the course in the Timetable of classes and speak with the faculty member teaching the course to obtain permission. Please note that enrollment in a graduate-level course will not allow you to receive graduate credit for the course if you become a master's or doctoral degree-seeking student without first being admitted to either the Dual or Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Program.

Applying to Summer Sessions

Virginia Tech offers the option of two summer sessions of approximately six weeks each or one full twelve-week session. Credit courses on other than the regular time schedule, including intensive courses for teachers, are also offered. The summer sessions program features a comprehensive offering of courses and special programs, including online courses, study abroad programs, and a few undergraduate courses in Northern Virginia.

Enrolled Virginia Tech students, as well as visiting students, are invited to participate in summer sessions. Enrolled students follow the same registration procedure for summer courses as they would for fall and spring. New or visiting students may enroll in summer sessions in either a degree or non-degree status. Such students should visit www.summer.vt.edu (https://www.summer.vt.edu/) for information. Entering first-year and transfer students should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to be cleared for summer entry. First-year and transfer applicants wishing to change term of entry to summer should e-mail appchange@vt.edu. Entering graduate students should contact the Graduate School (http://www.graduateschool.vt.edu/).

On-campus housing is available in the summer. For more information, contact 540-231-6207 or housing@vt.edu, or go to www.housing.vt.edu (http://www.housing.vt.edu/).

Summer students have access to most university academic, athletic, and recreational facilities and programs, including the Horticulture Gardens and miles of cycling and walking trails. In addition, the Summer Arts Festival (https://www.performingarts.vt.edu/summer-arts-festival.html) provides free movies, concerts, and exhibits.

Additional information is available at www.summer.vt.edu (http://www.summer.vt.edu/)

Entrance Tests

SAT/ACT scores are optional for all first-year applicants entering through Fall 2028. Tests should be taken such that scores are available before the materials deadline listed at https://www.vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/dates-and-deadlines.html. The tests are given at centers in Virginia, in all other states, and in many foreign countries. Domestic students will self-report their test scores on the Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System (STARS) after submitting the online application. International students and students who've attended high school outside the US who wish to report SAT/ACT scores can either self-report or have scores sent directly from the testing agency (SAT: 5859; ACT: 4420). Once offered admission and the applicant accepts the offer, an official test score must be sent directly to the admissions office by the testing agency. Virginia Tech's CEEB number for reporting test scores is 5859. The ACT code is 4420.

International and domestic applicants whose native language is not English are required to provide English proficiency scores from one of the options listed at https://www.vt.edu/admissions/international/requirements.html.

International Baccalaureate

Virginia Tech recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma or certificate by awarding credit in accordance with institutional policies. The university encourages completion of the IB diploma. Students must have transcripts sent directly to the Office of the University Registrar at Virginia Tech from the IB Board. If scores were not directed to the University Registrar upon completion of the diploma or certificate, refer to the IB website at http://www.ibo.org (http://www.ibo.org/) for information on how to have the results sent.

Score requirements to receive credit may be viewed at https://www.registrar.vt.edu/Transferable-Credit.html

With the IB Diploma, credit is awarded for Higher Level (HL) courses based on minimum scores shown in the HL Credit Table. Credit for only one Standard Level (SL) course is awarded provided the minimum score shown in the SL Credit Table is earned. A maximum of 38 hours may be awarded.

With the IB Certificate, credit is awarded for Higher Level (HL) courses based on minimum scores shown in the HL Credit Table. No credit is awarded for Standard Level (SL) courses. In addition, no credit is awarded for Theory of Knowledge or Extended Essay. A maximum of 30 hours may be awarded.

Questions about IB credit should be directed to the Office of the University Registrar at transfercredit@vt.edu.

New Student Programs

New Student Programs creates transitional opportunities to prepare new students for academic and co-curricular experiences at Virginia Tech through cultivating an environment that embraces learning, diversity, inclusion, and welcoming of all new Hokies.

Orientation

Orientation at Virginia Tech is a hybrid program that combines virtual experiences and in-person events so students can engage in a variety of ways. During virtual orientation, entering students (first-year, transfer, and international) will complete virtual orientation modules, learn about academics, campus resources, policies, and next steps in their transition to Virginia Tech. Orientation is designed to give incoming Hokies and their guests the information they need to feel confident and comfortable about a collegiate career at Virginia Tech.

Spring Orientation: Students who will enter Virginia Tech in the spring semester will receive information via email regarding the required virtual orientation, where entering spring students will learn about academics, support services, and their next steps in the transition to Virginia Tech.

Information is available at https://students.vt.edu/transition/virtual_orientation.html

Weeks of Welcome

Weeks of Welcome (WoW) is part of the extended orientation and transition experience- and the official start of the Virginia Tech academic experience for new Hokies. Signature events include college and academic sessions (including College Social), residential well-being community days, Living-Learning programming for students residing in an LLC, Hokie Hi spirit rally, transfer student luncheon, international student orientation. Event details are available on the Hokies on Track app.

New Student and Family Programs | 540-231-3284 | https://students.vt.edu/transition.html | orientation@vt.edu

Requirements (Computer)

Virginia Tech requires that entering students have a laptop or tablet computer and strongly recommends the computer meets (or exceeds) the university baseline specifications. Each spring, the university establishes baseline specifications for students entering in the fall of the next academic year. Transfer students are subject to the requirements that were in place for students at the same class level into which they enter. University baseline requirements are listed under the University Studies (undecided) major. If you have declared a major, review the list of specifications for your major. Some majors recommend a different configuration than the minimum outlined by the university. Complete information about the computer requirement can be found online at compreq.vt.edu (https://www.compreq.vt.edu/).

Student Health History

Each student entering Virginia Tech must furnish a health history form, completed by a home physician, for the University Student Health Services. The form will be available online to applicants who accept the offer of admission. Failure to meet Health Services standards may result in dismissal from the university. Information is available at http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu (http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/).

Transfer Student Credentials Evaluation

For new incoming students, official final academic transcripts from all colleges previously attended should be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Courses from another institution in which a grade of "C-" or lower was earned, and courses taken on a pass/fail or audit basis, are not acceptable for transfer credit. Only grades of "C" or higher in courses consistent with those offered at Virginia Tech are certified for transfer credit. Grades in transfer courses do not transfer or appear on a student's record at Virginia Tech, and are not included in a student's Virginia Tech GPA computation. Credit will be awarded based on Virginia Tech policies.

AP, IB, Cambridge, and CLEP scores should be sent directly to the University Registrar at Virginia Tech from the testing services. Credit will not be awarded from high school transcripts or another institution's

transcripts. Refer to the Office of the University Registrar's website at https://www.registrar.vt.edu/Transferable-Credit.html for contact information for testing services and to view the AP, IB, Cambridge, and CLEP Credit Tables.

From two-year colleges (like community college) students can transfer a maximum of 50% of their intended VT degree--which in many cases is 60 credits. From a four-year institution, students can transfer up to 75% of their intended VT degree worth of transferable credit. AP credit has a different "cap" of 38 credits maximum. To receive transfer credit, official academic transcripts from all colleges previously attended should be received in the Office of the University Registrar no later than the end of the first term of the student's first enrollment at Virginia Tech. Class standing will be based upon the number of credits designated as acceptable for meeting graduation requirements. All transfer credits are used in the computation of academic eligibility.

International transfer students are required to submit additional documentation. For a list of required documentation for Admissions see https://vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/checklists.html. The Office of the University Registrar requires documentation in addition to what is needed for Undergraduate Admissions, in order to evaluate. For the required information please see https://transferguide.registrar.vt.edu/Transfer-Requirements.html

Transfer Policy of Virginia Community College Students

Admission preference shall be given to transfer students who have completed a transferrable A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. (Associate in Arts and Sciences) at the Virginia Community College System or Richard Bland College. While some courses from the Associate of Applied Science degree from a Virginia Community College or Richard Bland College may transfer to Virginia Tech, the Associate of Applied Science degree does not transfer.

Per *State Policy on Transfer*, students who receive their associate degrees from transfer programs at a Virginia Community College or Richard Bland College, based upon a baccalaureate-oriented sequence of courses appropriate for their major, and are offered admission to Virginia Tech will be granted junior level status upon admission. Additionally, these students will have fulfilled the requirements of the Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) or Pathways to General Education, except for departments with specific general education requirements. However, it may take such students longer than two years to complete the baccalaureate degree at Virginia Tech because of major prerequisites and other circumstances or requirements. Transfer students shall have the same opportunities as other students in areas of dining programs, registration, and scholarships and financial aid.

Complete Virginia Tech Transfer Guide (https://www.tranguide.registrar.vt.edu/)

University of Cambridge International Examinations

Cambridge International exams, commonly known as A levels or AS levels, are administered by the University of Cambridge. Virginia Tech recognizes and awards credit for University of Cambridge International Exams based upon the receipt of an official transcript. Students must request an official transcript directly from Cambridge International Examinations or other designated testing agency (Edexcel, etc.) and have this sent to the Office of the University Registrar. Credit will not be considered based on a high school transcript. Credit can be viewed on Hokie SPA under the grades menu. A maximum of 38 credit hours may be awarded.

Refer to the Office of the University Registrar's website at https://www.registrar.vt.edu/Transferable-Credit.html for information and to view the Cambridge Credit Table.

Questions about Cambridge credit should be directed to the Office of the University Registrar at transfercredit@vt.edu