Families as Academic Partners

Academic Advising Initiatives
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Today’s Session

- Student Success Resources
- Academic Colleges
- Elements of a Degree
- Transfer Credit
- Advising, Changing Majors, Fall Registration, ALEKS Placement
- Resources for Families
Student Success @ VT

Promotes student learning and development by providing resources and support services to all undergraduate students at the institution. Our focus is on enhancing student persistence, educational attainment, academic achievement, student advancement, and holistic development.
Student Success Initiatives Resources

- **Student Success Center**
  
  Provides tools and resources within a welcoming environment where undergraduate students can cultivate academic, personal, and professional skills to achieve their goals.

- **Office of Veteran Services**
  
  Works with Virginia Tech’s Bursar’s Office, Registrar’s Office, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Services to receive and process all documentation related to veteran and military student educational benefits. Ensures that veterans and military dependents are connected to the financial, academic, and social resources necessary for a successful transition to VT.
Student Success Initiatives Resources

- **Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program (MAOP)**
  Provides support for diverse students who demonstrate a clear commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence by providing academic guidance, emotional, social, and financial support until graduation. For undergraduates interested in graduate education in the future, MAOP provides opportunities for students to engage in summer research.

- **Transitional Advising**
  Offers students the opportunity to work with an advisor one-on-one and is directed to students who are in transition out of a particular major for various reasons and/or need assistance when not accepted into their desired major.
Virginia Tech’s Academic Colleges

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS)
- College of Architecture, Arts, and Design (AAD)
- College of Engineering (COE)
- College of Science (COS)
- College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (CLAHS)
- College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE)
- College of Veterinary Medicine (Public Health)
- Pamplin College of Business (PCOB)
- University Studies & Scholarship Support (USSS)
Virginia Tech’s Academic Colleges

Each college has:

- A Dean
- an Associate Dean
- and Director of advising or student support
Elements of an Undergraduate Degree

- **PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (45 CREDITS)
- **CORE DEGREE AND MAJOR REQUIREMENTS** (credit hours vary and are, major-specific)
- **MINOR OR OPTION REQUIREMENTS** (not applicable to all degrees)
- **FREE ELECTIVES** (credit hours vary, not applicable to all degrees)

= **120 CREDITS IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS TO GRADUATE***
  *some majors require more credits
Transfer Credit

- Credit can be viewed in HokieSpa under the “Grades” menu.
- Transfer credit will only be awarded from official transcripts from the degree-granting institute and official score reports for AP, IB, CLEP, etc.
- Credit will not be awarded from high school transcripts.
- See the Transfer Guide for additional details.
  - transferguide.registrar.vt.edu
- Students should communicate with their advisor any anticipated transfer credits during summer advising.
Next Steps SRAR and Transcripts

- **First Year Students:**
  Should update their SRAR and submit High School transcripts as soon as they are able to

- **Transfer Students:**
  Update SRAR with spring grades/summer enrollment and have official transcripts sent to VT by **June 15th**

- Access your SRAR from your Applicant Portal. Sign in then select ‘Continue’ from the bottom of the SRAR Home tab and then ‘Update SRAR’ from the Record Complete box to unlock the SRAR. **Any additions or corrections will only be transmitted to Virginia Tech once the SRAR is again formally submitted from the Review/Submit tab.**
15 credits per semester =

- Higher GPA
- More engaged
- Graduate on time
Academic Planning
Hokie Graduation Plan for Success (GPS)

Academic Planning is essential to creating a plan for your student’s time at Virginia Tech. Our Advising Ambassadors assist students by teaching them how to use our Hokie GPS (Graduation Plan for Success) tool to create their academic plan in their first semester.
Changing Majors

● Students will be advised for their admitted major
● Change of major applications will be available in December
● Students interested in changing their major:
  ○ **Outside of their admitted college** can meet with Transitional Advising to discuss their prospective major and determine the applicable classes
  ○ **Within their admitted college** should talk to their academic advisor about the policies within that college
Canvas

- VT’s Learning Management System (LMS)
- Most likely the college will ask students to access a Canvas site during summer advising
- Additional tutorials are located on the student advising website under Student Tech Tools
  - https://student.advising.vt.edu
What is Academic Advising?

Advising at Virginia Tech is a collaborative process between student and advisor, empowering students to make informed academic and career decisions.
Fall Course Registration

- Every student has received communication to their VT email account from their academic college regarding Virtual Academic Advising and Course Registration.

- Students should accept the invitation to join the Canvas site if applicable (which is sent to their VT email account) in order to complete college-specific tasks in preparation for advising.
  - Students cannot be added to Canvas at the beginning of June until they have a VT email account set-up.

- Students should also be completing virtual orientation through New Student and Family Programs which opened on May 1, 2023.
Fall Course Registration

- **Early June** students will be able to access Hokie Scheduler, the registration portal, to start exploring course availability and become familiar with the platform prior to registration opening.

- **Mid-June** Hokie Scheduler will open for students to officially register for Fall courses
  - Students are able to make changes once registered, but consult their academic advisor adjusting their schedule!

- Every student needs to meet with an academic advisor to review their schedule
ALEKS Placement

● Only intended for students who need to take Calculus of a Single Variable (MATH 1225) and/or General Chemistry (CHEM 1035/1045) as part of their admitted major - students should have received an email about this if your admitted major requires you to complete these courses.

● If your student does not need to take any of these courses for their major they do not need to take ALEKS.

● Students are able to take this assessment up to three times.
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How you can help....

● Remind your student to update their Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)
● Complete virtual orientation (opened May 1, 2023) and due by July 31st
● Complete any college specific tasks outlined in email and/or in Canvas site beginning in June
● Prepare for registration by viewing student tech tool tutorials found at student.advising.vt.edu
● Online programs become available on August 7, 2023 and are emailed to students via their VT email. MUST BE completed by the start of classes, August 21, 2023.
  ○ First time in college complete AlcoholEDU, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Transfer students complete Sexual Assault Prevention and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Resources for Students & Families

- Academic Calendar
- Academic Planning Workshops
- Cook Counseling Center
- FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) - must create a passcode with your student
- Student Success Center
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Hokie Family resources:
  - Fall/Spring Family Weekends
  - [students.vt.edu/families - Hokie Family Hub](students.vt.edu/families - Hokie Family Hub)
Advising Matters @ Virginia Tech

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Please take a few minutes to take our survey!