

Academic Success



Academic Advising Initiatives
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Today's Session

- Defining Student Success & Resources
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Building an Academic Plan
- Changing Majors
- Advising
- Finding your classes/First week of classes

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.





Tips for Success

- Attend Class!
- Check and read your VT email
- STUDY!
- Recommended that students spend around 2 hours of studying for every 1 hour you are in class
 - If you are in 15 credit hours then you should be studying for 30 hours.
- Attend faculty office hours and help sessions if they are available
- Meet with your advisor at least once a semester
- Time Management
- Don't be afraid to ask for help



Student Success Support Services

- Student Success Center

The Student Success Center offers individual and group tutoring for most 1000 and 2000 level courses in addition to offering success seminars around time management, test-taking strategies, overcoming procrastination, and many more. They also offer Peer Academic Coaching to assist in developing your academic success skills.

- Writing Center

The Virginia Tech Writing Center is a free service for all Virginia Tech undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff. They are located in Newman Library on the second floor Learning Commons, just past the elevators. They help students with writing assignments from any university course. They also help with writing projects that are not linked to classes.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health is health. And we believe that when it comes to mental health at VT, we are Better Together. Mental health is an essential component of well-being, and VT offers the following resources and support services:

- **Cook Counseling Center:** Counselors, Psychiatric Care, 24 hour crisis support
- **Timely Care:** Virtual mental health support with counselors, a TalkNow option, health coaching and more
- **Dean of Students:** Academic Support and Crisis Support
- **Women's Center:** Gender-based Violence Support and Advocacy





Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

www.ssd.vt.edu

Here to serve students who have or think they may have disabilities. They provide numerous accommodations, services, and resources for students with disabilities and temporary injuries or illnesses

SSD also provides both in-person academic coaching and practical help for everyone in their Academic Coaching Nook.

Accessible Information Management

Accessible Information Management (or AIM for short) is SSD's new online portal for students and instructors to see and manage accommodations related information.

AIM-Accessible Information Management



Academic Planning

Hokie Graduation Plan for Success (GPS)

<https://student.advising.vt.edu/>



Academic Planning is essential to creating a plan for your time at Virginia Tech. Our Advising Ambassadors can assist by teaching you how to use our Hokie GPS (Graduation Plan for Success) tool to create your academic plan in your first semester.



HOKIE
GPS

GRADUATION PLAN FOR SUCCESS



Changing Majors

- Change of major applications will be available on HokieSPA in May once spring grades have been posted
- 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

Transitional Advising

<https://www.universitystudies.vt.edu/transitional-advising.html>

Offers students the opportunity to work with an advisor one-on-one and is intended for students who are in transition out of a particular major for various reasons and/or need assistance when not accepted into their desired major.



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.



Where to find your advisor

View your General Student Information

View your Advisor, Major, College, Academic Standing, Foreign Language requirement, etc.

Student Information effective from Fall 2023 to The End of Time

Registered for Term: Yes

First Term Attended: Fall 2021

Last Term Attended: Summer 2023

Residence: In State (Domiciled)

Citizenship: US Citizen

Student Type: Continuing

Class: Senior

Academic Standing Term: Summer 2023

Primary Advisor: Hannah L. Shinault

You can view your current major, college, and assigned academic advisor within the “General Student Information” menu in Hokie Spa

Primary Major Information

Primary College: Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Primary Major: PR - Public Relations

Primary Degree: BA in Communication

Degree Status: Not Complete

Anticipated Graduation Date: 14-MAY-2025

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Student Academic Advising

Welcome to the Hokie Academic Advising Site!

[About Academic Advising](#)

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Finding your Classes

- First, find your spring schedule on HokieSPA under *Course Registration and Schedule Menu* → *Class Student Schedule* → *Detail Schedule for Spring 2024*

The screenshot displays the Virginia Tech Information System interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Hokie Plus', 'Hokie Team', 'Hokie Spa', and 'Faculty Access'. Below these is a search bar with a 'Go' button. The main heading is 'Classic Student Schedule'. A yellow 'Schedule' button is visible. A link for 'Detail Schedule for Fall 2023' is present. A navigation bar at the bottom of the page includes links for 'VT Alerts', 'Hokie PLUS', 'Hokie Team', 'Hokie Spa', 'Faculty Access', 'Timetable of Classes', 'Graduate Admissions', and 'Hokie Plus'. The browser address bar shows 'apps.es.vt.edu/ssb/hzkschd.P_CrseSchdDetl'. A yellow box titled 'Student Schedule Information' contains the following text: 'The schedule below lists the modality of how each course you are registered for will be delivered. Please click on each CRN number to view specific comments related to modality or other aspects of the course. If the modality and comments are blank, please follow up with the department or faculty member to determine how the course will be delivered. Be sure to recheck your schedule immediately before the first day of class as course locations are subject to change.' Below this is a table titled 'Class schedule for Fall 2023' with columns for CRN, Course, Modality, Title, Grade Opt, Credit Hrs, Time, Days, and Location. The table lists two courses: 84662 (EDHE 6064, Face-to-Face Instruction, Higher Educ in US, A - F, 3.00, 1:25 PM - 4:15 PM, W, CRC10 2080) and 91666 (EDHE 6984, Online with Synchronous Mtgs., SS: Proseminar in Higher Ed, A - F, 3.00, 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM, T, ONLINE). A summary row shows 'Total Credit Hours: 6.00'. At the bottom, there is a 'View printer friendly' link and a 'View Student Schedule by day and time' link.

Virginia Tech Information System

Hokie Plus Hokie Team Hokie Spa Faculty Access

Search Go

Classic Student Schedule

Schedule

Detail Schedule for Fall 2023

[VT Alerts | Hokie PLUS | Hokie Team | Hokie Spa | Faculty Access | Timetable of Classes | Graduate Admissions | Hokie Plus]

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Class schedule for Fall 2023

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Total Credit Hours:					6.00			

View printer friendly

View Student Schedule by day and time

Finding your Classes

- On this screen you will see the location abbreviation under the location column. Click the word location in blue and you will get a list of abbreviations

apps.es.vt.edu/ssb/hzkschd.P_CrseSchdDetl - Google Chrome

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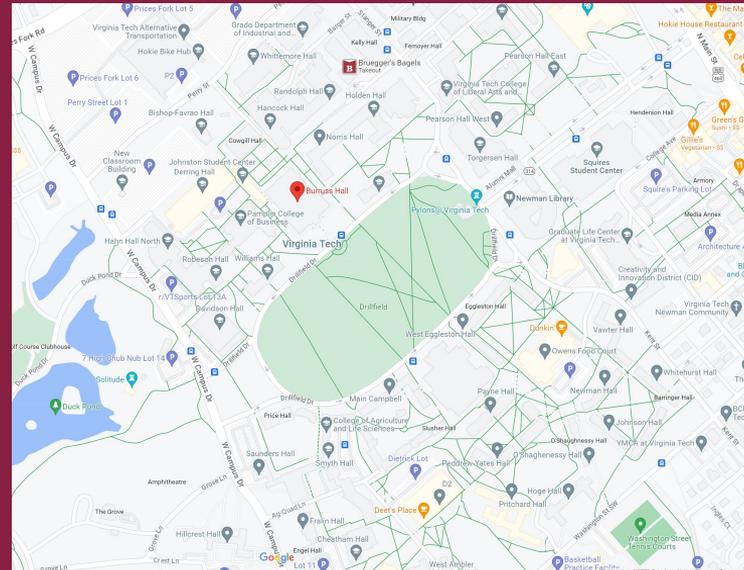
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Finding your Classes

- Match the abbreviation on your schedule to the building name and utilize a campus map, or apple/google maps to find the building

Virginia Tech Building Abbreviations and Descriptions	
Abbreviation	Description
AA	Architectural Annex
ADBP	Architecture Demo & Res Pac
ADBEW	Alderman Hall
AAR	Airport Hangar
ADCN	Air Conditioning Plant
ADPT	Airport Terminal
AIRSH	Airport Shop
AJE	Amber Johnston East
AJW	Amber Johnston West
APAV	Animal Judging Pavilion
AQNC	Aquaculture Facility
ARVW	Armsory (A&E)
ART C	Art & Design Learning Center
ASAB	Bldg 2100 (AS&M Admin)
B270C	Bldg 270C (Randolph Annex)
B270D	Bldg 270D (Elec Eng)
B270E	Bldg 270E (Civl Mech Prod Lab)
B270F	Bldg 270F (Mech)
BAR	Baringer
BEER	Beer Barn
BEF	Bishop Fawcett Hall
BPC	Food Processing Lab
BHAPT	Bull House Apartments
BOPH	Biobased Materials Proc Lab
BOOS	Johnston Buildings
BRICH	Branch Building
BRD	Bridge
BROOK	Wood Engineering Lab
BULL	Bull House
BUR	Burton Hall
BURCH	Burchard Hall
BWL	Blackburn Wine Lab
CANE	Campbell East
CANW	Campbell West
CAN	Campbell Arena
CAPB	Court Building
CARNA	Campbell Arena
CEC	Centennial Education Center
CEI	Centre Store
CHAP	Wm. Marmorek Chapel
CHESD	Chase Library Annex
CHESP	Chemistry Physics Building
CHENE	Chace
CIC	Centennial Hall Center
CID	Creativity & Innov. Dist. LLC
CLVE	Clara Lavinia & Military Sts
CHMID	Center for Molecular and Cellular Bio
CO	College Hall
COLAF	Architecture Studio
COL	Cassell Coliseum
COLS2	Collegiate Square Two





First Week of Spring Classes

Reminders:

- Check and read your VT email
- Check Canvas class sites for important announcements, dates, assignments
- Ask for help!
- Give yourself plenty of time to find your classes and navigate around campus

Important dates during the first week:

- Tuesday, January 16th is first day of classes
- Monday, January 22nd by 11:59pm deadline to add classes to your spring schedule



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