Academic Success

Academic Advising Initiatives
Contact us: advising@vt.edu
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 view and manage accommodations related information.
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.
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.
Finding your Classes

- First, find your spring schedule on HokieSPA under *Course Registration and Schedule Menu* → *Class Student Schedule* → *Detail Schedule for Spring 2024*
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.
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.
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
Advising Matters @ Virginia Tech

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