



July, 2020

Welcome to the families of the class of 2024. We are glad your student has accepted our offer to join the Hokie Nation and particularly the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. You will find the next years spent at Virginia Tech to be exciting, challenging at times, and very rewarding. Even during the midst of uncertain times in our country, we are striving to mitigate the impact of COVID 19 to your educational experience. Classes and student experiences will be a little different, but it is still our goal to welcome you to an inclusive community of outstanding scholars. I would like to offer a few tips as your student transitions to Virginia Tech.

- Whether this is your first student to attend college, or if you had other students attend college, each student will have a different experience.
- We know it can be frustrating at times for families to have their student far from home and to have little knowledge or control over the new happenings in their student's life. Before you intervene to solve a problem for your student, first take a deep breath and encourage your student to contact their instructor, advisor or our office. Virginia Tech students create a FERPA code for individuals to have access to their academic information, and sharing this code is the decision of the student.
- If your student begins to struggle with poor grades, has problems with a roommate or has family issues, please encourage them to talk with their advisor and visit the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students Office is located in New Hall West, 540-231-3787.
- If anyone suggests that your student needs to talk with their dean, they really mean that you need to talk with me, Dr. Susan Sumner, associate dean for academic programs. I am located in 1060 Litton-Reaves, 540-231-6503.

*The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Office of Academic Programs*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021

This information is accurate as of June 9, 2020 but is subject to change as the university revises plans for the health and safety of our campus. Please refer to <http://www.vt.edu/ready> for the most up-to-date information.

The following are important dates and deadlines affecting your student’s academic schedule and tuition responsibilities at Virginia Tech. This information is also available on the Registrar’s homepage.

SEMESTER/TERM	FALL 2020
WEB DROP/ADD Begins (Schedule Completion)	August 3
Tuition and Fees payment deadline. Late fee of 10% of past due balance after this day.	August 10
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. MOVING DAY! Check-in available for new and returning students. Hokie Helpers available to help unload.	August 20 - 22
Fall dining plans begin at 7:00 am	August 20
CLASSES BEGIN and last day to withdraw from term to avoid tuition and fee charges. Failure to attend the first day of class may result in being dropped from the roll.	August 24
Last day to ADD classes or add or drop audit option	August 28
LABOR DAY – Classes DO NOT meet	September 7
FALL BREAK	October 16
Last day to change grade option from A-F to P/F	October 5
LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES without grade penalty	October 5
WEB COURSE REQUEST for the next term	October 20- 27

LAST DAY TO RESIGN without grade penalty or change grade option from P/F to A-F	October 26
Deadline for requesting rescheduling of final examinations which conflict or constitute third exam in 24 hours	November 18
THANKSGIVING BREAK – Fall semester will be online following the Thanksgiving break	November 21 – November 29
WEB DROP/ADD OPENS for next term	November 28
Last day to apply for W grade policy (Apply for Course Withdrawal)	December 9
CLASSES END	December 9
READING DAY	December 10
EXAM PERIOD	December 11 - 16
SEMESTER/TERM	SPRING 2021
CLASSES BEGIN and last day to withdraw from term to avoid tuition and fee charges	January 19
SPRING BREAK	March 6 - 14

Final Exam Schedule

Final exam information is given in the timetable and on your student's class schedule (<http://www.registrar.vt.edu>). Click on the box on the far right of each course to find the time of the final exam. It is **YOUR student's responsibility** to know when and where their final exams are given.

If your student has three or more exams within 24 hours, they may be allowed to change one or more exams. They can see the Academic Dean's office for an explanation of this policy. You can also find out when your student's last exam is being held so you will know when they can leave campus. Final exams will NOT be rescheduled so a student can leave campus early.



Valuable Resources

Where can I find information about the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences?

The Academic Dean's Office

<http://www.cals.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-6503

Where can I learn about the policies of Virginia Tech?

The Hokie Handbook

<http://www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu>

Where can I find information about academic dates and deadlines?

The Office of the Registrar

<http://www.registrar.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-6251 or 540-231-6252

Where can I find university resources to help me if I need academic assistance?

Undergraduate Advising

<http://www.advising.vt.edu>

Where can I find information about scholarships and financial aid?

University Scholarships and Financial Aid Office

<http://www.finaid.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-5179

Where can I find a list of all the university requirements I will need to complete to graduate?

The Undergraduate Course Catalog

<http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu>

Pathways

<https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/about/structure.html>

Where can I get information about bills to my student account?

The Bursar's Office

<http://www.bursar.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-6277

Where can I get help writing my resume, finding an internship, or practicing for a job interview?

Career and Professional Development in the Smith Career Center

<http://www.career.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-6241

Where can I go for on-campus counseling services?

Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center

<http://www.ucc.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-6557

Where can I find university tutoring or study skills seminars?

The Student Success Center

<http://www.studentsuccess.vt.edu>

Phone: 540-231-5499

Where can I find a bus service to take me home?

Home Ride at Virginia Tech

Provides transportation to places such as Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, Richmond, and Hampton

<http://www.homeride.com/info-vt.html>

Phone: 540-953-2266

Mega Bus

Provides transportation to places along the east coast with stops in Washington, DC, MD, and PA

<http://us.megabus.com/Default.aspx>

1-877-GO2-MEGA (1-877-462-6342)

Smartway Bus

Provides transportation between Roanoke, Roanoke Regional Airport and the New River Valley

<http://smartwaybus.com>

Bus Information 540-982-6622 | Office 540-982-0305 | Toll Free 800-388-7005

Virginia Tech Police Department

www.police.vt.edu

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (540) 231-6411

Safe Ride: (540) 231-SAFE (7233)

Crime Hotline: (540) 231-TIPS (8477)