

2015 Survey of Incoming Freshmen

Congratulations on your acceptance to Virginia Tech! To help us prepare for your arrival on campus, we ask you to complete this brief survey. The information you provide will guide faculty, administrators, and staff as they develop curricula and programs to facilitate your success. Results from the survey may also be published in academic journals. Your name will not be associated with any of your responses, and your responses will be confidential. If you have questions or concerns about this survey or its use on our campus, contact Dr. Steve Culver, sculver@vt.edu (540-231-4581), Assistant Provost for Assessment and Evaluation. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact Dr. David Moore, moored@vt.edu, Virginia Tech IRB Chair. Welcome to Virginia Tech!

Sincerely,

The Office of Assessment and Evaluation

Consent Information

All of the information that you provide in this survey will be kept confidential. Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, exit now.

What do you see as your primary reason for pursuing an undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech?

- To help me get a job
- To help me develop a strong foundation for success in graduate school, law school, or medical school
- To broaden my knowledge base and strengthen skills such as writing and critical thinking
- To take classes to transfer to another institution
- My parents made me attend
- At this point, I am not really sure

Do you think you will be the same person or a different person by the time you complete your degree?

- The same
- Mostly the same
- More the same than different
- More different than the same
- Mostly different
- Different

During your time at Virginia Tech, how often do you think you will be challenged intellectually?

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Often
- All of the time

How often do you think you will be challenged socially?

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Often
- All of the time

Which of the following skills and abilities do you feel you need to improve upon the most to be successful? (select up to three)

- Written communication skills
- Oral communication skills
- Critical thinking/analysis skills
- Computer/technology skills
- Interpersonal (social) skills
- Leadership skills
- Ability to communicate with people different from myself
- Ethical reasoning
- Scientific reasoning
- Quantitative reasoning
- Information literacy/library skills
- Knowledge of global issues
- Organizational ability

What is your greatest concern as you enter Virginia Tech?

What do you think your primary major will be when you graduate?

- Accounting and Information Systems
- Aerospace Engineering
- Agribusiness
- Agricultural Sciences
- Agricultural Technology
- Animal and Poultry Sciences
- Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management
- Applied Economic Management
- Architecture
- Art
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Building Construction
- Business Information Technology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Classical Studies
- Communication
- Computational Modeling and Data Analytics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Construction Engineering and Management
- Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
- Dairy Science
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Science and Mechanics
- English
- Environmental Horticulture
- Environmental Informatics
- Environmental Policy and Planning
- Environmental Resource Management
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- Fish Conservation
- Food Science and Technology
- Forestry
- French
- Geography
- Geosciences
- German

- History
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Human Development
- Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
- Industrial Design
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Interior Design
- International Studies
- Landscape Architecture
- Landscape Contracting
- Management
- Marketing
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Meteorology
- Microbiology
- Mining Engineering
- Music
- Nanoscience
- Natural Resources Conservation
- Neuroscience
- Ocean Engineering
- Packaging Systems and Design
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public and Urban Affairs
- Real Estate
- Religion and Culture
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Sustainable Biomaterials
- Systems Biology
- Theatre Arts
- Water: Resources, Policy, and Management
- Wildlife Conservation

What excites you about coming to Virginia Tech?

In which of the following do you think you will participate while at VT?

	Not likely	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Internship, field experience, co-op, or practicum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community service/volunteer work as part of a course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community service/volunteer work outside of course requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
University learning community (e.g., Galileo, Hypatia, Da Vinci, Residential Leadership)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research project with a faculty member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Study abroad - break week or short-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Study abroad - at least a semester	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend a professional or scholarly meeting or conference	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In which of the following do you think you will participate while at VT?

	Not likely	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Give a talk or exhibit work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference or meeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intramural sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intercollegiate sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organizations or clubs designed for people in my primary major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social fraternity or sorority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts organization (music, theatre, dance)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization focused on special interest/hobby	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization related to cultural or ethnic heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which of the following is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?

- Employment
- Graduate or Professional School
- Military Service
- Volunteer Activity (e.g., Peace Corps)
- Starting or raising a family
- Other (Please Specify) _____

How many credits will you be transferring into Virginia Tech?

- 0
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-10
- 11-13
- 14-16
- More than 16

When do you think you will graduate with your undergraduate degree from VT?

- In 3 years
- In 3.5 years
- In 4 years
- In 4.5 years
- In 5 years
- More than 5 years

Which of the following best describes your high school GPA?

- Less than 2.50
- 2.50 - 2.75
- 2.76 - 3.00
- 3.01 - 3.25
- 3.26 - 3.50
- 3.51 - 3.75
- 3.76 - 4.00
- greater than 4.00

What is your racial or ethnic background?

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- White (non-Hispanic)
- Multi-racial
- None of the above categories
- Prefer not to answer

Your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Not sure

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your expectations for living and learning at Virginia Tech?