New Student and Family Programs

International Student Resource Guide
Welcome to Virginia Tech! We are so excited to have you joining us here this upcoming year and hope that your time at Virginia Tech is fruitful and full of amazing opportunities. Blacksburg, VA is the home of Virginia Tech and offers an amazing atmosphere for students to learn, grow, and excel as both a student and a person. At Virginia Tech, we want our students to have the opportunity to pursue their greatest desires and our over 800+ student clubs and organizations will aid you in this. We hope that you time here at Virginia Tech allows you to seek opportunities that interest you and to prepare you to be a global and successful citizen. Our strong academic programs will aide you in your preparation for your future careers.

We hope this resource guide is helpful in providing you insight into what your experience at Virginia Tech could look like.

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Arriving Here

Air Travel

Roanoke Regional Airport (ROA) (https://www.flyroa.com/) - Closest airport to Virginia Tech
Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) https://www.cltairport.com/
Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) https://www.rdu.com/
Dulles International Airport (IAD) https://www.flydulles.com/iad/dulles-international-airport

Ground Travel

- From Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU): Arriving via RDU, please visit https://www.rdu.com/ground-transportation/ for available options.
- From Dulles International Airport (IAD): Arriving via IAD, please visit https://www.flydulles.com/iad/parking-transportation for available options.
- MegaBus–This service drops students off at the Squires Student Center on campus. Tickets can be purchased online ahead of time: https://us.megabus.com/
Academic Resources

International Studies Major
The international studies major provides a multidisciplinary approach to the study of international affairs with an emphasis on foreign language proficiency. Students will learn how to design policies and strategies to manage international challenges.

https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/international-studies-major.html

Language and Culture Institute
The Language and Culture Institute helps international student adjust and connect to their time at Virginia Tech. With programs that include the Intensive English Program that provides international students a preparation course designed to help international students make the transition to American academic life.

https://lc.i.vt.edu/

Cranwell International Center
Cranwell International Center will serve as an important resource throughout your time at Virginia Tech. Cranwell is responsible for providing immigration services and advising to all international students with their team of international student advisors who will be assigned to students based on their academic college/department.

https://international.vt.edu/immigration_services/IntlHokies.html
Support

Virginia Tech is here to support you in all ways of life whether it be academic, social, or culturally; we are here to make your time amazing.

Campus Events

Virginia Tech students have access to a multitude of events including: concerts, socials, volunteering, and trips. One of student's favorite's is the International Street Fair.

Community

The Council of International Student Organizations (CISO) is the governing body for all international student organizations at Virginia Tech. They represent the international community and serve as a liaison between the international student organizations and the university administration of Virginia Tech.

Opportunities

With opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom, Virginia Tech has something for every student no matter their interests.

Being Here

Being a student at Virginia Tech is an amazing experience. You are surrounded by fellow Hokies that are striving for greatness and have grand aspirations.

Hokie Nation

Virginia Tech graduates join a network of 238,000 Hokies worldwide. Students and alumni enjoy access to Handshake, a platform for internship and job postings offered by Career Services.

https://career.vt.edu/STUDENTS.html
Getting Involved

International Student Organizations

Virginia Tech has over 800 student organizations including academic, cultural, faith-based, Greek, political, service-based, social and more. For a complete list of campus organizations, visit gobblerconnect.vt.edu.

- Afghan Student Union
- African Student Association
- Albanian Student Association
- Sudanese Student Organization
- Arabic Language Club at VT
- Bengali Students’ Association
- Caribbean Students’ Organization
- Ethiopian Students Association
- Hellenic Students Association
- Indian Students Association
- Iranian Society at VT
- Korean Student Association
- Middle Eastern Student Association
- Nepalese Student Association
- Pakistani Student Alliance
- Saudi Student Club at VT
- South Asian and Indian Culture
- Taiwanese Student Associate
- Thai Student Association at VT
- Turkish Student Association
- Vietnamese Community at VT

Mozaiko Living Learning Program

Mozaiko is a program of the Cranwell International Center, and is a collaborative venture that includes support from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Science, Pamplin College of Business and a number of departments across campus with interest in engaging with students in the intercultural experience.

https://llp.vt.edu/llc/mozaiko.html
Cultural and Community Centers

The Cultural and Community Centers are here to advocate for a safe, inclusive environment and to advise students as they navigate life at VT. Through programming and events, they raise cultural awareness and invite the community to learn about and develop an appreciation for cultural differences.

- Black Cultural Center
- El Centro
- American Indian and Indigenous Community Center
- LGBTQ+ Resource Center
- Asian Cultural Engagement Center
- Intercultural Engagement Center

https://ccc.vt.edu/

Cranwell International Center

Cranwell International Center provides programming for the Virginia Tech community that promotes and uplifts the international student experience to the larger campus. This programming allows for international and domestic students to engage with one another the various cultures that make up the Virginia Tech community.

Programming includes:
- International Café Hours
- International Street Fair
- Collaborations with Campus Resources

https://international.vt.edu/events-and-workshops.html

Employment Opportunities

Virginia Tech students have many options for campus jobs and internships. Handshake is the official site for jobs, internships and on-campus interviews. Student positions on campus are also offered through: Student Affairs, academic colleges, Career and Professional Development, and more.

https://career.vt.edu/job-search/search-tools/career-resources-for-international-students.html
Off-Campus Resources

Local Cell Phone Providers

Verizon Wireless – 800 University City Blvd Ste 102, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 553-8600
AT&T (Student Recommended) – 876 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 739-3537
Sprint – 55 Conston Ave NW, Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-0072
T-Mobile – 782 New River Rd Suite 716, Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 381-1710

*Current international students shared that WhatsUp and Discord were their communication options of choice for communicating with those in their home country.*

Local Banking Options

Atlantic Union Bank – 601 North Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 951-0180
National Bank – 100 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 951-6205
Wells Fargo – 200 North Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-4211
BB&T – 902 Prices Fork Road, Ste 110, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 808-1200
First Citizens Bank – 1322 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 961-6212