ADVISING KICK OFF 2025





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- **01** WELCOME: LAUREN THOMAS
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Advising Strategic Plan

The goals of the strategic plan continue the efforts of the Virginia Tech advising community to achieve distinction for holistic student advising, through implementation of initiatives that will enhance the coordinated approach to student support, promote timely graduation, and support the growth and development of the advising community.

Goal 1: Develop a set of guidelines for appointment summaries to aid in coordinated care and holistic advising. Strategies:

- Continue to work towards a high percentage of appointment summary completions in Navigate
- Explore recommendations for appointment summary content which would include ways to support the assessment of advising
- Effectively communicate to students the intended uses of appointment summaries

Goal 2: Educate students on new approaches to academic planning as they begin their time at Virginia Tech. Strategies:

- Establish best practices for utilizing academic plans in the advising session
- Collaborate with campus partners such as, but not limited to, the Office of the University Registrar, Bridge Experience, Career and Professional Development, and Experience VT to support a holistic approach to an academic plan
- Communicate and incorporate new technologies as part of academic planning to include the Course Catalog and other components of the Banner upgrades.

Goal 3: Enhance growth and development opportunities for the advising community. Strategies:

- Establish a professional development growth plan for academic advisors
- Review current professional development offerings and evaluate new opportunities
- Increase recognition of advising at the national level







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Quick Stats for 24-25

24, 593 STUDENTS MET WITH AN ADVISOR AT LEAST ONCE IN FALL 2024

82%

OF THE STUDENT POPULATION

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24,484 STUDENTS

MET WITH AN ADVISOR

AT LEAST ONCE IN

SPRING 2025

83%
OF THE STUDENT POPULATION

105,643

94% Completion rate

APPOINTMENTS

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Between July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 in Navigate.

APPOINTMENT SUMMARIES

Added to Navigate between July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.





VT EARS INTERVENTIONS FALL 2024

| | WITH INTERVENTION | WITHOUT INTERVENTION | PERCENT DIFFERENCE |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| RATE OF RETENTION TO NEXT TERM | 82.9% | 80% | 2.9% |







VT EARS INTERVENTIONS SPRING 2025

| | WITH INTERVENTION | WITHOUT INTERVENTION | PERCENT DIFFERENCE |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| RATE OF RETENTION TO NEXT TERM | 67.2% | 57.4% | 9.8% |



Navigate Goals

2025-2026 Goals:

Goal 1: Define and strengthen participation in the coordinated care network

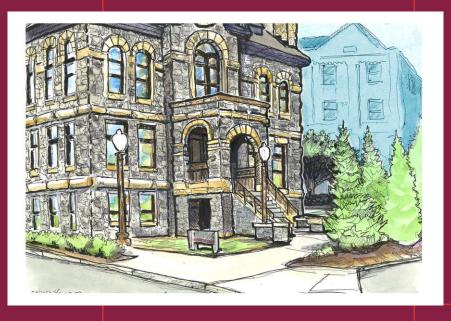
• Ensure that all units and individuals contributing to student support through Navigate understand their roles, responsibilities, and expectations for collaboration within the platform.

Goal 2: Audit and Improve Intervention Tools to Better Meet the Mission

 Ensure the referral system is structured to capture meaningful, mission-aligned indicators of student disengagement or concern, and that it is easy and intuitive for staff to use.

Goal 3: Strengthen Faculty Engagement with Early Alerts (VTEARs) Through Strategic Communication and Clarified Use Cases

 Ensure that faculty understand when and how to submit VTEARS in order to identify student concerns early and connect students with appropriate support resources across campus.



03 **UPDATES** FROM THE COLLEGES





COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

New Hire

- Paige Normand, Academic and Undergraduate Student Support Advisor
- New changes to come within CALSAP!

New in Academics

- Agricultural Leadership and Community Education Majors:
 - Agricultural and Extension Education
 - Community Leadership and Development

Courses

- ALS 2504 Animals in Society
- APSC 2984 SS: Shelter Dog Training
- **BCHM 4984** (91883) SS: Chronic Disease Biochem
- BCHM 4984 (92013) SS: Gene Regulation & Medicine
- FST 2004 Exploring Food Science Careers (SPRING only)
- LDRS 1414 Citizen Leadership (CRNs 87214 & 87214)
- SPES 4984 SS: Intro to AI in Agriculture
- **SPES 4984** SS: SPES Talks

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ARTS, & DESIGN

- Congratulations to Michelle Flinchum, the 2025 VT Outstanding New Advisor Award Winner & the 2025 NACADA National Outstanding New Advisor Award Winner!
- Congratulations to Vern Ferguson, the 2025 AAD Outstanding AP Faculty Award Winner
- Congratulations to Dee Hopkins, Advisor of the Month Award Winner for March 2025
- **Welcome** to Parker Sanders, Academic Advisor to the School of Design advising the FMD, RED, CONS, and PM Majors
- College Restructure: Effective July 1, the majors in the former AHRM department have moved from CLAHS to AAD, and will be housed in the School of Design:



Consumer Studies, Fashion Merchandising & Design, Residential Environments & Design, and Property Management





PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Pamplin Academic & Experiential Programs

- Associate Dean, Dr. Michelle Seref
 - Academic Advising
 - Analytics and Student Engagement
 - Career Services
 - Recruitment and Outreach
 - Engage TA Program

Advising Personnel Updates

- Three vacant positions 😅
- Real Estate advising has fully transitioned to centralized team

Advisor Recognition

Curriculum Updates

- Global Business Practices to Improve the Human Condition - discontinued minor
- FIN-Financial Risk Management (FNRM) option renamed to Private Credit & Commercial Banking (FPCB)
- DOE 2026-2027 changes to business curriculum! (including Real Estate)







- Engineering Curriculum Updates:
 - <u>Discontinued</u>: Automotive Engineering Major (AUTE), MSE Nuclear Materials Option (NUCM), Scieneering -Interdisciplinary Engineering and Science Minor (IES), & Innovation Minor (INNO) Minor
- Explore Engineering website
 <u>www.eng.vt.edu/exploreengineering</u> now includes
 majors for each degree program.
- Change of Major Information Sessions for Non-Engineering Students hosted monthly!

New Advisors:

Mark Flynn- CS
Paige Showalter - ME
Courtney Lira- MLSoC (BC/CEM)
*Rachel Hall - MLSoC (BC/CEM)
NACADA Emerging Leaders Mentor

NACADA Academic Advising Today Publication

*Rachel Hall and Caitlin Fanning

<u>Hidden: Identifying Distressed Students in Virtual</u>

<u>Advising Meetings</u>

Marlena Lester

NACADA STEM Steering Committee & VT A/P Faculty Senate, President







COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES

New Roles

- Caitlin Cook Advisor, MCLL
- Chelsey Hancock Advisor, SCOM
- Kayla Ryan Asst. Dir. of Advising
- Meghan Jester Dir. of Enrollment Management
- Nicole Diloia Asst. Dir. of Recruitment

Programmatic Updates

- Discontinued: European & Transatlantic Studies major and these minors: American Indian Studies, Classical Languages, European Engagement, European Studies, Latin, Medieval & Early Modern Studies, Professional & Technical Writing
- New Minors: Communicating and Engaging with Science (PW); Tech for Humanity (PW); Indigenous Studies; Technical & Scientific Communication

Awards & Recognitions

🙎 Dawn Knight

VT Advisor of the Month (Oct. 2024)

T Karen Watson

'25 VT Outstanding Administrator '25 CLAHS Excellence in Advising Award

Kayla Ryan

24-25 VT PD Grant Recipient

Heath Furrow & Heather Hollandsworth 25-27 Advising Network Steering Committee



- Recognition:
 - The Advising and Career Center: NACADA's Outstanding Advising Program Award
 - Melissa Cumbia: Recipient of VT University Award for Excellence in UG Advising & NACADA's Outstanding Advisor Award
- New programs: Sustainable Systems Science major & Sustainability Analytics minor
- FYE courses: New FYE courses developed for more majors within the college
- Assistant Director of Recruitment
- CNRE offers accelerated graduate studies programs to students from a variety of academic backgrounds
- All CNRE majors and minors continue to be unrestricted

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

New Advisors

- Jessica McMahan (Biological Sciences)
- April Grizzard (CMDA)
- Christopher Savage (Physics)
- Michelle Kovac (School of Neuroscience)
- Philip Ankrah (School of Neuroscience)

Publications

- Sarah Bechtel, Taylor Moore, and Vivek Shastry
 - NACADA Academic Advising Today March 2025

From Challenges to Innovation: The Evolution of an Embedded Advisor Model

Academic Advising Initiatives Advisor of the Month

- Jessica Hurdus: Mathematics (September 2024)
- Taylor Moore: Psychology (December 2024)
- Christina Minford: Psychology (February 2025)
- Caitlin Cook: School of Neuroscience (April 2025)

Awards

- 2023-2024 College of Science Outstanding Academic Advising Award
 - Jessica Hurdus (Mathematics)
- 2024 AAI Professional Development Grant Recipients
 - Jessica Hurdus (Mathematics) and April Newcomer (Geosciences)
- 2024 ACPA Graduate Student and New Professional Community of Practice Outstanding Dedication to Professional Service Award
 - Taylor Moore (Psychology)
- 2025 NACADA Region 2 Excellence in Advising (Primary Role) Winner
 - April Newcomer (Geosciences)

Programmatic Updates

- Systems Biology major and minor discontinued
- Experimental Neuroscience major discontinued
- Neuroscience is a new major effective Fall 2025
- CMDA is a restricted major effective Fall 2025
 - Criteria available on Registrar's Change of Major website



COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PUBLIC HEALTH

- Continued Growth of BSPH Program with 370+ students
- PHS 1004: BSPH Essentials
- Approved options within Public Health
 - Pre-Medical Professions Option
 - Pre-Veterinary Professions Option
- New Undergraduate Program Director to start August 18, 2025 (Dr. Kristi Lewis)
- Retirement of Dr. Kerry Redican, December 31, 2025
- New Department Chair of Population Health Sciences to start December 1, 2025
- Congrats to our 4th graduating class in May 2025!



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

- New Roles & Updates
 - University Studies is now part of the <u>Academic Advising & Transition Support</u> (AATS) office and **Nasim Schwab** is now the Director of AATS!
 - Welcome to **Haley Tucker** our new Assistant Director of Transfer Student Initiatives!
- Same contact information:
 - <u>advising@vt.edu</u> For both University Studies and Transitional questions
 - Main phone number (540) 231-8440
- We are offering one section of UNIV 1824 FYE this fall for transitional students, offered TR 12:30-1:45
 - Students can email <u>dctrask@vt.edu</u> to request a force-add
 - UNIV 1824 is no longer a Pathways 3 class
- <u>Transitional Advising</u> appointments are available all year (fall, spring, & summer)

STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT (SAASS)

- SAASS Staff Updates
 - Flory Bierma (Learning Specialist)
 - Meridith Long (Tutor Coordinator)
 - Sarah Wattenberg (Track + Field, Men's Tennis)
 - Interns: DJ Bryant, Kelsey Luther, Maggie Morris
- NCAA + Academics
 - All student-athletes must earn a minimum of 6 degree-applicable hours
 - Impacts of Transfer Portal
- AD Honor Roll Recognition
 - September 20 @ Virginia Tech vs Wofford Football Game
- Opportunities
 - Accepting tutor applications
 - Collaborate with SAASS staff

- Social Media @VT_SAASS
- AAI Book Club at SAASS!





04 **UPDATES** from Office of the University Registrar



- Banner SaaS go-live delayed from November to May 2026
- CLSS & PATH are still being released in 2025
 - CLSS ~Early November to dept schedulers; pilot program to start sooner
 - PATH by mid-October for Spring 2026 registration

Reason

- Ensure students have the tools needed for robust registration
- Significantly reduce number of systems to support student success
- Leverage new functionality (e.g., Pre-Flight, alternative Course Request selections, etc.) of PATH as the new permanent VT registration system
- o Capitalize on the overlap with today's Course Request to compare efficacy
- Reduce UI changes at Banner SaaS go-live



Select your style:

18 Hours

17 Hours







Audits *

Course Planning * Career Planning *

Roadmaps *

Exceptions

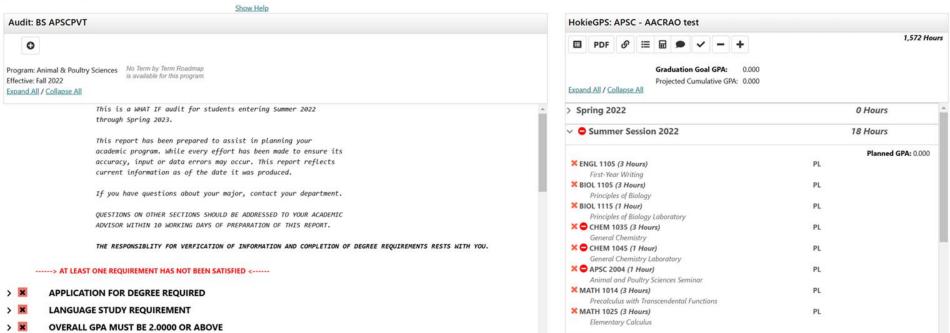
A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS REQUIRED, ADDITIONAL HOURS MAY BE

NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS

HokieGPSs

HokieGPS Builder

Student: Richard Sparks / 905089343



Fall 2022

Winter 2023

Legend = Course List = Course with Pre or Co Requisites = Completed Course

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Textbook/Bookstore Information. Campus Term

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Reset

Search Hint: You can search for partial course numbers. For example, selecting MATH subject code and entering a course number of 1 will retrieve all MATH 1xxx sections.

Select Term Blacksburg ~ Information Online courses are displayed under all campuses. Spring 2025 (opens in a new window) Winter 24-25 To view only online courses, select Academic Calendars the "Virtual" campus from the drop down. View Exam Schedules Subject Click on the Exam code in the Exam ENGL - English ~ column to view exam information for that particular course section/CRN Course Number Free Time and Lunch CRNs View Building Abbreviations (Optional) Campus Map Course Modality

ALL Modalities

Title

(Optional)

FIND class sections

Course Request Number (CRN) (Optional) - must be at least 3 digits

Virginia Tech Timetable of Classes

Display ALL Sections (FULL and OPEN)
2 Comments: **2** ?

Pathways General Education

Search Pathways Concept

Schedule Type

Show All Types

Printer Friendly List

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Staff

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RJ Hooper

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Search Results

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Select Term, Campus, Subject, and any other applicable search criteria and press "FIND class sections"

Important Dates and Registration

Click on the CRN to view prerequisite

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CRN?

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· Click on the CRN to view additional information about the course section. IMPORTANT MESSAGES · Click on the code in the Exam column to view final examination information. Shaded rows indicate FULL classes. Displayed course offerings are subject to sufficient resources.

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Capacity ?

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· Click on the Question Mark in the heading line for a description of the column. · You must be logged into Hokie SPA to view enrollment information.

Face-to-Face Instruction

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Virginia Tech Information System

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| Search | Go | | RETURN TO MENU |

Course Request - Spring 2025

Course Request is a process to REQUEST courses which will be assigned to you in the future. You will then have the opportunity to make changes to your schedule using Drop/Add.

Important Dates and Registration Information

(opens in a new window)

- · Timetable of Classes
- · Academic Calendar
- · View Exam Schedules
- · Free Time and Lunch CRNs
- · What do the errors mean?
- · Registration Status page

Prerequisite Checking Enforced during Registration!

View list of Online Prerequisite Checking Participating Departments

Maximum Credit Hours you can request: 19.00

Current Date and Time:

01/15/25 07:33 PM

You currently have no Course Requests for this term

Add new CRNs below

ADD Course Request Numbers

Enter up to 10 DIFFERENT Course Request Numbers (CRNs) into the boxes below and press the "ADD CRN(s)" Button. The CRNs will be validated and you will be presented with the Course Information (Subject and Course Number, Title, Credit Hours, Grading Mode).

| #No | CRN | #No | CRN | #No | CRN | #No | CRN | #No | CRN |
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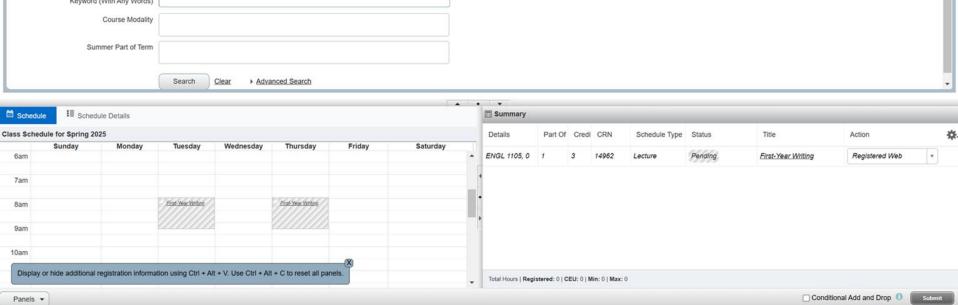
Add CRNs Reset



Student • Registration • Select a Term • Register for Classes

Register for Classes









- PATH Timeline
 - Now: technical implementation, testing, & VT employee notice
 - Aug 18th & 19th: Four hybrid advisor training options
 - Aug 26th to Sept 23: Seven online-only advisor training options
 - ~Sept 29th PATH user resources published online
 - Oct 8th (tentative): PATH go-live; Add/drop system (i.e., Banner registration) taken offline
 - Winter 25-26 registration ends in Banner, continues in PATH
 - Oct 21 Course Request (in PATH) opens for spring 2026
 - Dec 1 Add/Drop (in PATH) opens for spring 2026

**NOTE: Once PATH goes live, Banner 9 Registration will no longer be available



- Personnel Changes
 - Jessica Elmore, Assistant Registrar for Transfer Credit, joined this year
 - Vicki Langford, Associate Registrar for Student Services, will be retiring
 Aug 29
 - Congratulations & Thank You to Vicki!
 - <u>Position is posted</u> (strategic oversight of transfer credit, records, registration, domicile, and calendaring)
- Degree Audit Advisor Committee (DAAC)
 - <u>Webpage</u> now includes individual topics for DAAC's review and their status



- Policy Updates & Reminders
 - 6305
 - The new Academic Standing calculation will be implemented with Banner SaaS (May 2026)
 - Transfer credit is now allowed to be taken while student is out on Suspension under Academic or Integrity reasons (not Conduct)
 - New max registration caps during Spring/Fall, Summer, & Winter terms (15/12/3) for those on Probation are effective now
 - Pathways waiver now includes any completed (domestic) bachelor's degree regardless of source





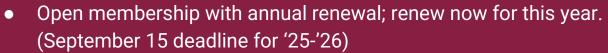
05 **ADVISING RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**





Advising Network

Membership



Fall 2025 Events

- <u>Advising Chats</u> (all online)

 Topics include leadership development and supporting students in a post-DEI landscape.
- Book Club

Get It Done: Surprising Lessons from the Science of Motivation by Ayelet Fishbach

Social Events

Walking tour of campus history, several socials with coffee, drinks, or food.

Stay Connected

Instagram: @advisingnetworkvt | Facebook: Advising Network | Website: an.advising.vt.edu

Academic Advisor Mentor Program (AAMP)

Fall 2025 Mentors



Courtney Glass, College of Science



Rachel Hall, College of Engineering



Rob Jacks, College of Architecture, Arts & Design



Dawn Knight College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences



Chris LaPlante, College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences



Kayla Ryan, College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences





Documenting Interactions in Navigate: Tuesday, September 9, 1:00-2:00: PM

A Compassionate Response to Crisis: Wednesday, September 24, 3:00-4:00 PM

TBD or NACADA webinar

Global Advising Week: Save the Date! MAY 2026











- Majors Fair: Wednesday, October 1, 2025
- National Transfer Student Week: October 20-24, 2025
- Spring 2026 Academic Advising Academy: Registration opens November 2025
- Advising Matters Conference: March 6, 2025
 - Call for proposals: October 2025

