Graduation Requirements

Historically, graduation requirements were based on Date of Graduation (DOG) checksheets which required approval two years prior to graduation in a specific calendar year. Effective with students entering in the 2020-2021 Academic Year and thereafter, graduation requirements will be based on Date of Entry (DOE).

What does Date of Entry (DOE) graduation mean?

All graduation requirements will be established based on a student's academic year at the time of entry to Virginia Tech beginning with the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Academic year is defined as Summer though the end of Spring. Those requirements will remain in effect for a period of 7 years from the student's entrance.

How does this affect students who entered under Date of Graduation (DOG)?

Any students who entered Virginia Tech prior to Summer 2020, and who do not complete a degree, under Date of Graduation (DOG) degree requirements, prior to the end of calendar year 2022, will be placed on the date of entrance (DOE) degree requirements, as defined by the 2021-2022 catalog. This includes transitioning any students who would have previously been accountable for the Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) to Pathways.

What happens when a Date of Entry (DOE) Student doesn't graduate in 7 years?

Students failing to graduate within 7 years of their date of entry catalog will be moved to the subsequent date of entry catalog. (i.e., A 2020-2021 DOE student doesn't graduate before 2027-2028 then their DOE will be updated to the 2021-2022 requirements)

Potential Updates

New Majors/Minors/Alternate Catalogs:

In consultation with their academic advisors and with the approval of the degree program's associate dean, students may elect to select the degree requirements devised for students having subsequent entrance dates (catalog).

The intent is that students will remain on the same catalog (checksheet), effective with their respective date of entrance, except in those instances where the student's major was established after their entering term. *(Note: Students are not allowed to select the degree requirements that have been defined for students entering in previous academic years)*

QUESTIONS? Let us know, we are glad to assist!
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Advising Tips

What does this change mean when advising students?

All students who entered on Date of Entry (DOE) Requirements will know what is required for their degree when they enter. Meaning a Degree Audit Report (DARS) will be accurate at the time of matriculation. No more waiting until the junior year to find out what student's graduation requirements are!

How does this help with students looking to change or add majors?

If a student is planning on changing or adding a major a detailed What-If Degree Audit Report (DARS) will be readily available.

Previous Graduates

Effective January 2022, any VT Undergraduate Alumni that elects to return and pursue an additional degree will be required to apply for readmission. Once this is processed, the student will be placed on the requirements in effect at the time of readmittance.