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ONE GOAL

STUDENT SUCCESS

Advising at Virginia Tech.®





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DATA REVIEW & ADVISING IMPACT



593 UNIQUE CAMPAIGNS

43,142

Students received a personalized invitation between
July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024



25,564 STUDENTS

**MET WITH AN ADVISOR
AT LEAST ONCE IN FALL**


2023



83%

OF THE STUDENT POPULATION





24,647 STUDENTS
MET WITH AN ADVISOR
AT LEAST ONCE IN
SPRING 2024



84%

OF THE STUDENT POPULATION



106,745
99,674

93%

Completion rate

APPOINTMENTS

Between July 1, 2023-
June 30, 2024 in
Navigate.

APPOINTMENT SUMMARIES

Added to Navigate
between July 1, 2023-
June 30, 2024.



VT EARS INTERVENTIONS FALL 2023

	WITH INTERVENTION	WITHOUT INTERVENTION	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
RATE OF RETENTION TO NEXT TERM	82.7%	77.4%	6.6%



VT EARS INTERVENTIONS SPRING 2024

	WITH INTERVENTION	WITHOUT INTERVENTION	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
RATE OF RETENTION TO NEXT TERM	65.1%	50.7%	14.4%




2024 Virtual Academic Advising and Course Registration



8,168

Advising reports submitted under the “orientation” meeting type between June 7th-August 5th for the entering Fall 2024 cohort!



Navigate Advisory Team



- **AAD:** Vern Ferguson
- **CLAHS:** Amanda Weaver
- **COS:** Courtney Glass
- **CALS:** Stephanie Nelson
- **COE:** Kimberly Johnston
- **CNRE:** Mahealani Kaloi
- **PCOB:** Kelley Ausman
- **CVM:** Katie Cross
- **US:** Helene Goetz
- **DVM:** Jessica Black
- **SAASS:** Emily Patton
- **Cranwell:** Stephanie Montana
- **Graduate School:** Janice Austin
- **MAOP:** Monica Hunter
- **Office of Veteran Services:** Jana Moser Moore
- **SOAR:** Ashley Offutt
- **Student Success Center:** Amber Smith
- **Dean of Students:** Shaka Sydnor



ATTEND OUR WEBINARS

NAVIGATE STUDENT

SEPT. 12, 1-2PM

REPORTS & ANALYTICS

OCT. 10, 1-2PM

CASES & REFERRALS

NOV. 14, 1-2PM



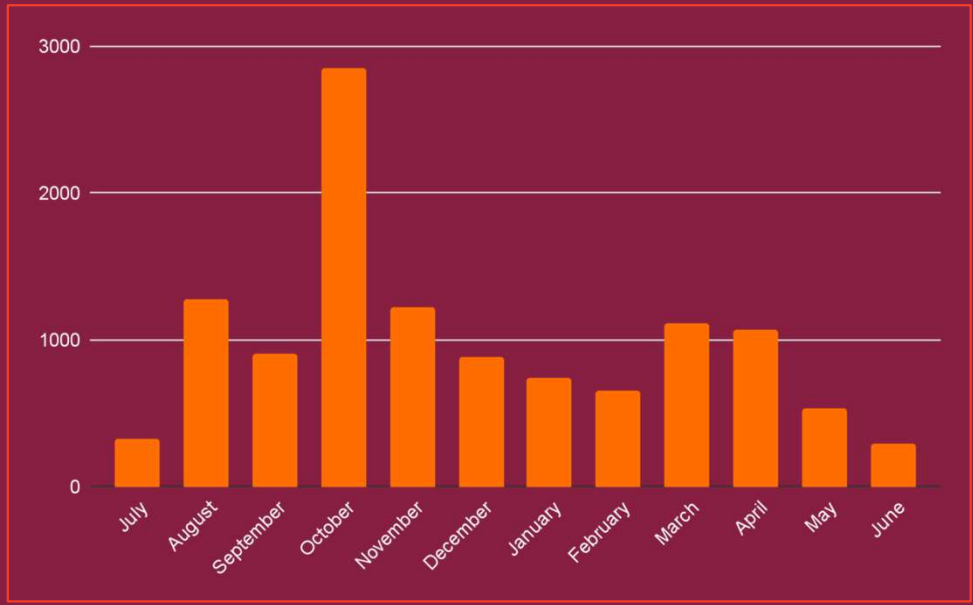


HOKIE GPS

GRADUATION PLAN FOR SUCCESS

11,892

HOKIE GPS PLANS CREATED IN 2023-2024





HOKIE
GPS

GRADUATION PLAN FOR SUCCESS

6,037

ACADEMIC PLANS CREATED WITH 2+ TERMS

3,846

ACADEMIC PLANS CREATED WITH 12 OR MORE
CREDITS PER TERM AND 2+ TERMS





HokieGPS Advisor Committee:

- **AAD** - Tamela Gallimore
- **CLAHS** - Dawn Knight
- **COS** - Rebekah DeToma
- **CALS** - Jessica Bedore and Paula Mercadante
- **COE** - Alice Noble
- **CNRE** - Julie Burger
- **PCOB** - Parker Sanders
- **Vet Med** - Katie Cross
- **US** - Helene Goetz
- **SAASS** - Tim Moore



Academic Planning Workshops



NATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENT WEEK

635

Students participated

Highlights of the week:

“The free swag and encouragement of others involved in making that week possible”

“Seeing how many transfers there are at Virginia Tech”

“The ability to connect with other transfer students and staff”

GOALS OF NTSW	2022	2023
Recognize and celebrate Hokie transfers	96%	95%
Create transfer student visibility among faculty and staff	72%	79%
Connect transfer students to one another	82%	86%



03

Advising Assessment UPDATES



ADVISING ASSESSMENT LEADERSHIP GROUP (AALG)


The AALG includes a point of contact for each academic college who will serve to inform the direction of advising assessment. The group convenes regularly to discuss assessment strategies and measurements across the university.

- **Jennifer Carr**, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- **Rob Jacks**, College of Architecture, Arts, and Design
- **Marlena Lester**, College of Engineering
- **Susan Haymore**, College of Science
- **Amanda Weaver**, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- **Dana McGuire**, College of Natural Resources and Environment
- **Matthew Reppert**, Pamplin College of Business
- **Dana Trask**, University Studies
- **Katie Cross**, College of Veterinary Medicine
- **Chris Takacs**, Academic Advising Initiatives
- **Heather Whedbee**, Navigate Liaison

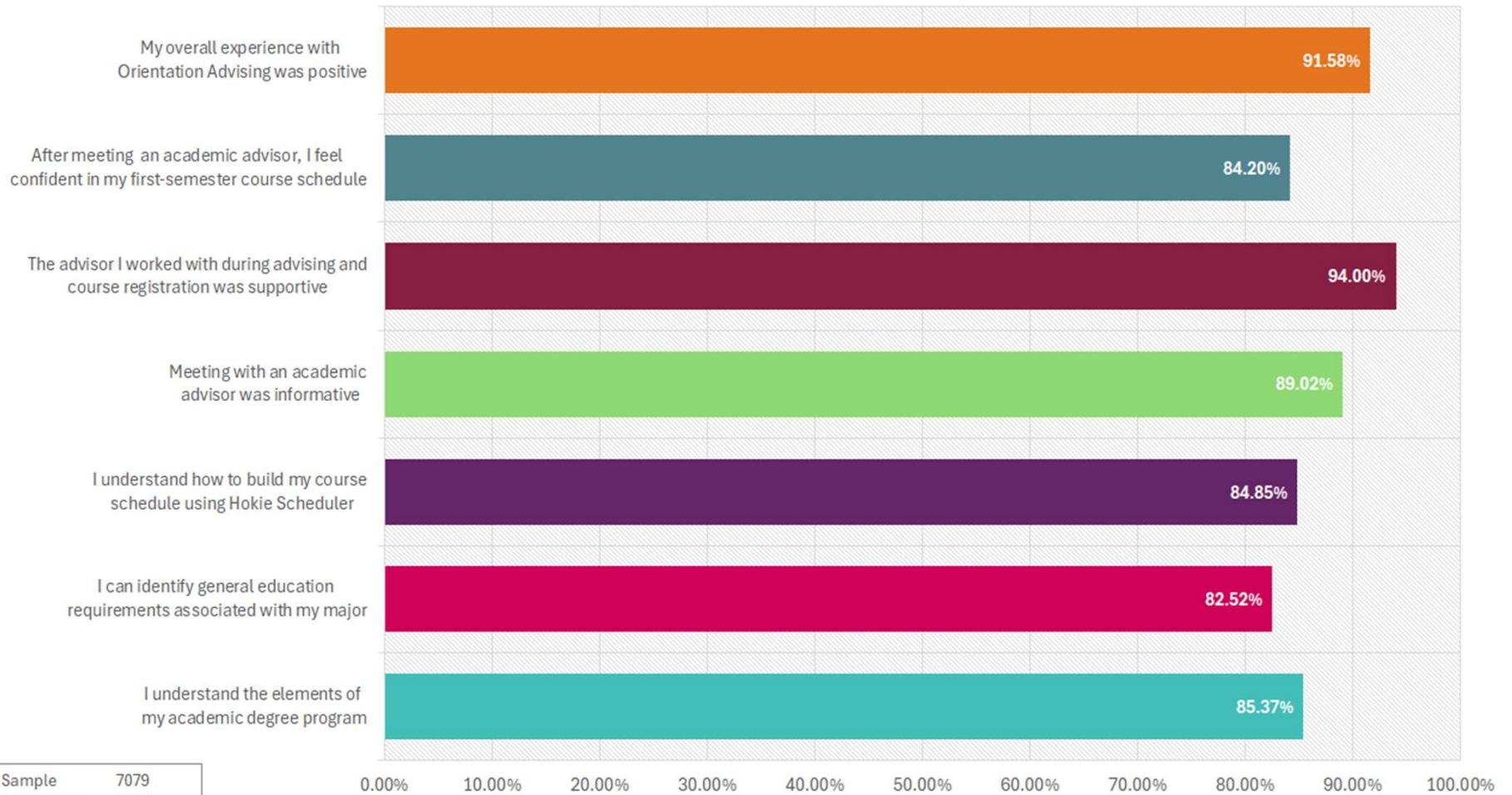


AALG Assessment

2024-2025 Goals:

- 
- Analysis of trends related to **student demographics** and advising; identify how advising impacts the experience of Underserved (USS), Underrepresented Minority (URM), and First-Generation students.
 - Analysis of **student change-of-major data**; identify patterns and trends in students changing colleges, majors, and options.
 - Ongoing assessment of **student learning objectives** via the Student Experience Survey (SES) and institutional data.
 - Assessment of the **Orientation Advising process** using the VAACR (Virtual Academic Advising and Course Registration) survey.

ORIENTATION ADVISING SURVEY: Percent of Respondents Agreed



Sample	7079
Responded	1579
Response rate	22.31%



04 UPDATES FROM THE COLLEGES



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

New Hire

- Dr. Mario Ferruzzi, Dean
Beginning October 15, 2024
- Christeana Williams
Communications and Experiential
Learning Specialist
- Amanda Villar, Academic and
Student Support Advisor

New in Academics

- Fermentation Minor
(FRMT) in Food Science
and Technology

Career Fairs

- In its 2nd year!
- Contact is Katie White
- Fall Fair is Tuesday, October 1, 2024
The Inn at Virginia Tech - Latham
Ballroom
10:00am to 4:00pm
- Spring Fair TBD

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ARTS, & DESIGN

- **Congratulations** to Michelle Flinchum, VT Advisor of the Month March 2024
- **Congratulations** to Susan Rosebrough, the 2024 AAD Outstanding AP Faculty Award Winner
- **Welcome** Susanna Rinehart, New Associate Dean for Academic & Faculty Affairs
- Hiring a new **Professional Academic Advisor** in the School of Design
- **Dee Hopkins** is now advising all Theatre/Cinema/Music majors and minors
- **Curriculum Update:** The Landscape Architecture major is now a 4-year 120 credit hour degree (changed from 5-year, 150 credit hour degree)



PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Pamplin UG Programs

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

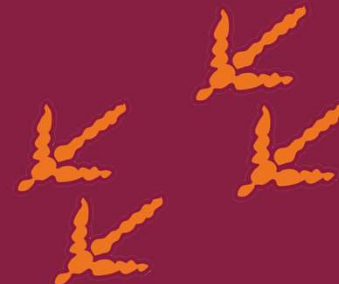
Majors and Minors

- Event and Experience Management - new major
- Accounting and Business Analysis - new major
- Finance and Real Estate - discontinued major
- Business Sustainability - new minor

Advising Personnel Updates

- Lindsey Ramey promoted to Assistant Director of Advising
- Rachel Noel moved from Blackwood Department of Real Estate to Pamplin UG Programs

Advisor Recognition





COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Explore Engineering website
www.eng.vt.edu/exploreengineering now includes majors for each degree program.
- Change of Major Information Sessions for Non-Engineering Students hosted monthly!
- Reductions to the COE Restricted Change of Major Process:
 - www.eng.vt.edu/em/restricted
 - 5 course requirements (ENGE 1215, ENGE 1216, MATH 1225, MATH 1226, ENGL 1105)
 - 12 GPA hours at VT
 - 3.5 overall VT GPA requirement to be guaranteed for non-engineering students
- **Building Construction reminder:**
In 2022 the COE welcomed BC. BC remains non-restricted & continues to direct admit students (no common first-year)
- **Advisor of the Month Recognitions**
Kimberly Johnston
Jennifer Chin
Sharon Williams
- **New Advisors:**
Lauren Varboncoeur - CEE
Hannah Rodriguez - ENGE



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES

New Roles and Updates

- **Rebecca Franklin** (Advisor, SOC)
- **Chelsey Hancock** (Advisor, AHRM)
- **Heather Hollandsworth** (Advisor, SOC)
- **Chris LaPlante** (Advisor, SPIA and PSCI)
- **Kate Renz** (Assistant Director of Employer Relations and Career Services)
- **Dr. Amanda Weaver** (Director of Advising)
- **Dr. Shauna Nefos Webb** (Advisor, SCOM)

Program Curriculum Changes

- IPPL discontinued; new major is EDGE
- PTW discontinued; new major is TSC

Advisor Recognitions

- **Carolyn Ballard** (HDFS)
- **Heath Furrow** (HIST, PPE)
- **Rebecca Franklin** (SOC)
- **Kayla Goodwin** (SCOM)
- **Heather Hollandsworth** (SOC)
- **Sarah Jarrett** (SOE)
- **Dawn Knight** (ENGL)
- **Chris LaPlante** (SPIA, PSCI)
- **Hannah Wildman Short** (PHIL)



COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

- **Unit recognition:** CNRE's Advising Center named Virginia Tech's Exemplary Department for 2023
- **Advisor recognition:**
 - **Julie Burger and Dana McGuire:** Gallup-Certified Strengths Coach
 - **Melissa Cumbia:** Recipient of NACADA's Region 2 Excellence in Advising Primary Advisor Award
- **New advisor:** Mahealani Kaloi (liaison to Fish and Wildlife Conservation)
- **Jarek Campbell, Assistant Director of Recruitment**
 - "Explore Multiple CNRE Majors"
 - Available to meet with departments and/or advisors
- **Survey of Geography:** Spring only course for students interested in GEOG
- **CNRE offers accelerated graduate studies programs to students from a variety of academic backgrounds**
- **All CNRE majors and minors continue to be unrestricted**



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- **Academic Advising Initiatives Advisor of the Month**

- Scott Whitehead: Academy of Data Science (August 2023)
- Peter Osebre: Biological Sciences (September 2023)
- Grace Burden: Biological Sciences (December 2023)
- Dr. Deanna Flora: Academy of Data Science (February 2024)
- April Newcomer: Geosciences (April 2024)
- Vivek Shastry: College of Science (July 2024)

- **Awards**

- 2023-2024 College of Science Outstanding Academic Advising Award (Faculty & Professional)
 - Dr. Tim Saarinen: Chemistry (Faculty Advisor)
 - Emily Vedder: School of Neuroscience (Professional Advisor)
- 2023 AAI Professional Development Grant Recipients: Christina Minford (Psychology) and Emily Vedder (School of Neuroscience)
- Rebekah DeToma (Biological Sciences): Award Recipient for 2024 NACADA Region II Excellence in Advising - New Advisor
- Christina Minford (Psychology): Virginia Tech's 2024 Alumni Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

- **Publications**

- Taylor Swan: (Psychology) Contributed to Chapters 2, 3, and 5 in Hussey, Tim. *The Black Professional Guide to College Student Affairs*. Routledge, 2024.



COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE - PUBLIC HEALTH

- Addition of 2 new approved options within Public Health
 - Pre-Medical Professions Option
 - Pre-Veterinary Professions Option
- Offering Change of Major section of PHS 1004 (CRN: 91952)
- Welcome: New Associate Dean for Public Health Programs Dr. Ela Austin
- Congrats to our 3rd graduating class in May 2024!



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

- Academic Advising Initiatives and University Studies are now one team!
- New contact information:
 - advising@vt.edu - For both US and Transitional questions
 - Main phone number - 540-231-8440
- A few seats still available for transitional students in the VIA section of UNIV 1824 FYE this fall, offered MW 2:30-3:45
 - Students can email dctrask@vt.edu to request a force-add
- Transitional Advising is available daily in fall and spring semesters
<https://www.universitystudies.vt.edu/transitional-advising.html>




STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT (SAASS)

- SAASS Staff Updates
 - Sarah Wattenberg (Tutor Coordinator)
 - Interns: Conner McCarthy, Whitney Osideko, Benjamin Pinckney
- NCAA + Academics
 - All student-athletes must earn a minimum of 6 degree-applicable hours
 - Impacts of Transfer Portal
- AD Honor Roll Recognition
 - September 7 @ Virginia Tech vs Marshall Football Game
- Opportunities
 - Accepting tutor applications
 - Collaborate with SAASS staff
 - Social Media: @VT_SAASS

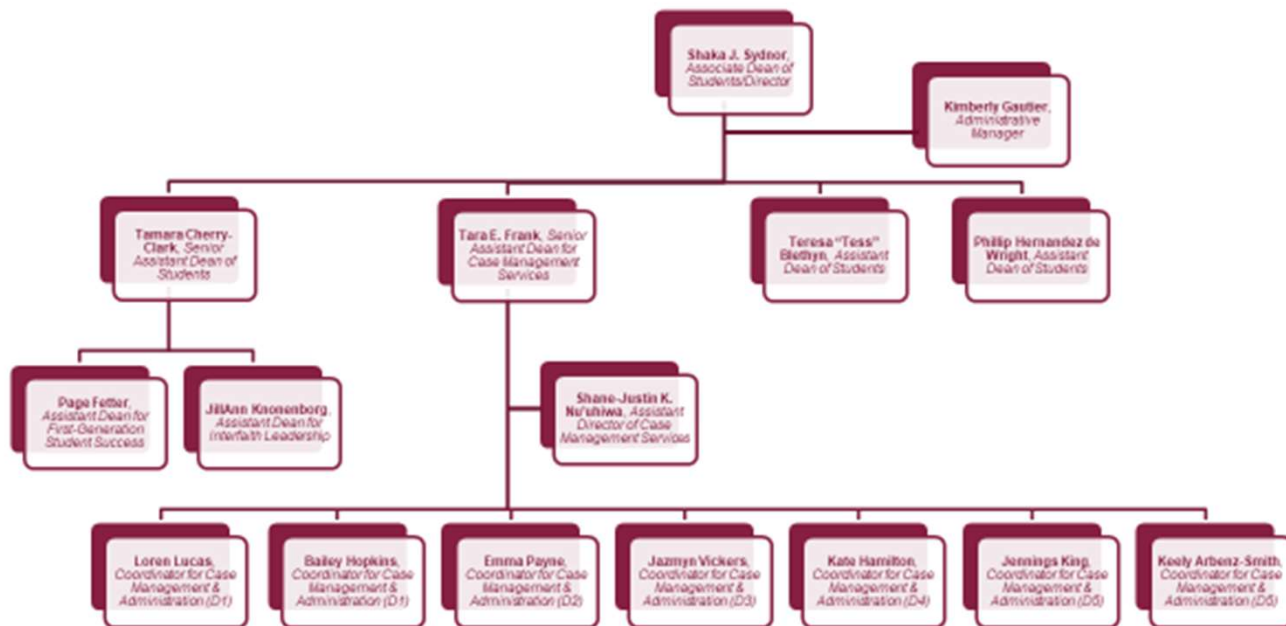


05 UPDATES ACROSS CAMPUS



Dean of Students

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE





DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

STUDENT SUCCESS, OUTREACH, & ENGAGEMENT

First-Generation Student Success, Interfaith Initiative, Generation One Living-Learning Program, Aurora Living-Learning Program, Academic Relief, Academic Partnership & Referrals

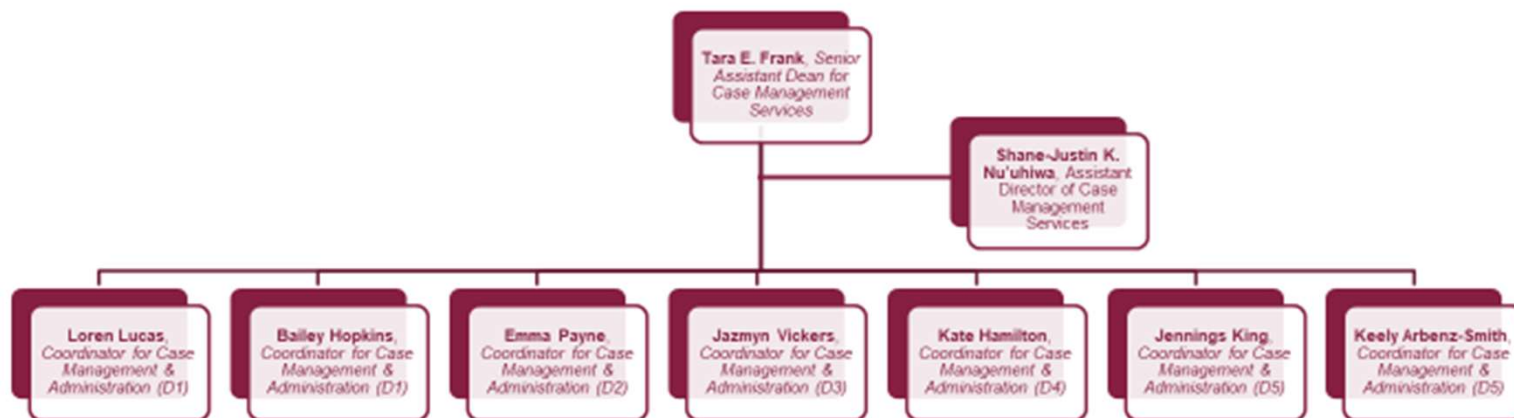
CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Generalist Case Management & Support, Residential Case Management, Care Team, Dean-on-Call, Student Conduct & Gender-Based Violence Hearing Advising

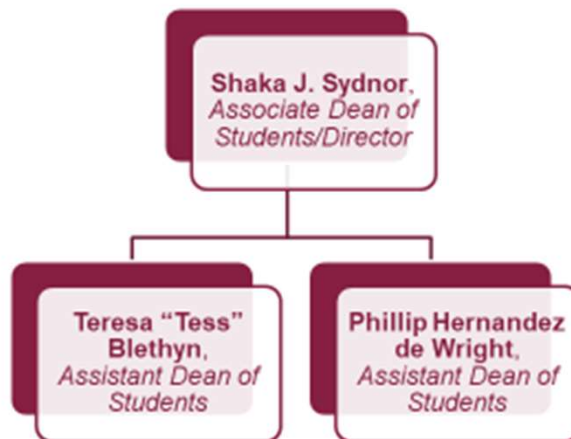
BASIC NEEDS & OFF-CAMPUS SUPPORT

Food Access Initiatives, Emergency Grants, Case Management/Partnerships (Off-Campus, Innovation Campus, & Health Sciences & Technology), Town-Gown, Division Scholarships

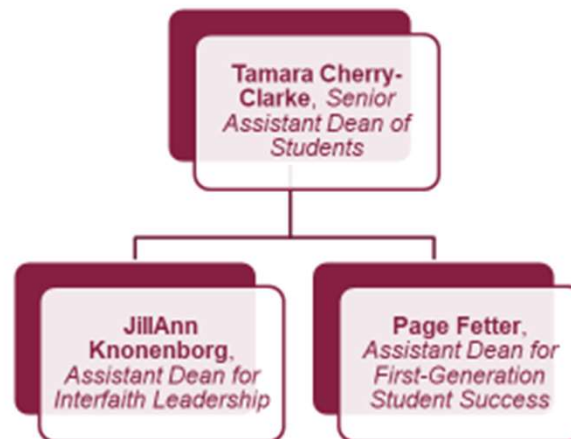
CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEAM



BASIC NEEDS & OFF-CAMPUS SUPPORT TEAM



SUCCESS, OUTREACH, AND ENGAGEMENT TEAM



FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS (FGSS)

- **1163 Enrolled New First-Gen Students for Fall 2024!**
 - 226 Transfer Students
 - 937 FTIC
 - 13.67% of the Incoming Class
- **Weeks of Welcome Events:**
 - VTU Movie on the Drillfield: First-Gen Zone
 - Thursday, August 22nd @ 8:30 p.m.
 - First-Gen Welcome Bash
 - Saturday, August 24th @ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - First-Gen Paint Party
 - Monday, August 26th @ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **First-Gen Welcome Mixer**
 - All students, faculty, & staff welcome!
 - Tuesday, September 10th @ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Holtzman Alumni Center

CONTACT UPDATES:

Email firstgen@vt.edu or
Tamara Cherry-Clarke
(tcherryclarke@vt.edu)
for inquiries after Friday, Aug 16th



HOKIES FIRST

Peer Mentoring Program
Apps Open 8/16 - 9/6



Co-curricular Education for the Modern Workplace

- 2050 Projections
 - 8 million religious people across the globe
 - Outnumber non-religious people 30 to 1
- "Set your resume apart on your schedule"

Advocacy for Minoritized Students

- Demographics
 - ~5,300 minoritized religious students
- Equitable Accommodation
 - Absence Verification (AV) for religious observances
 - OEA protections

INTERFAITH INITIATIVE (IFI)



Office of the University Registrar



Curricula Requirements

- Date of Graduation v. Date of Entry
- [Checksheets](#) (legacy)
 - Process retired effective 2024 academic year
 - Historical documents will remain on OUR webpage
 - Proposals now through [CIM](#); Approved curriculum published in Catalog
- [University Catalog](#) (today)
 - Finalized course & program curriculum; includes academic policies
 - Graduate School will join later in 2024



Curricula Requirements Cont.

- Catalog Year
 - The specific graduation requirements a student is pursuing. The catalog year can be updated for a student in consultation with their academic advisor and with the approval of both the academic dean and Office of the University Registrar within the confines of [policy](#). A student's catalog year may be altered by the university due to a period of non-enrollment.
- Catalog Rights
 - A student has the right to pursue the curriculum associated with the year they begin attending Virginia Tech or a subsequent year as policy allows. Students who defer their attendance forfeit their initial catalog rights.
- Future Goals with Baseline Banner
 - Workflows to allow user self-service with admin approvals
 - Bulk update functionality



Living Learning Programs



Living-Learning Programs

New LLPs for 2024

New Locations for LLCs

LLC Program Directors

To keep in mind...



27 Living-Learning Programs





Living-Learning Programs

Aurora: Harper Hall

VIA: Newman Hall

GenOne: Slusher Tower

Thrive: Slusher Tower

Reach: Slusher Tower

Galileo & Hypatia: Pritchard Hall

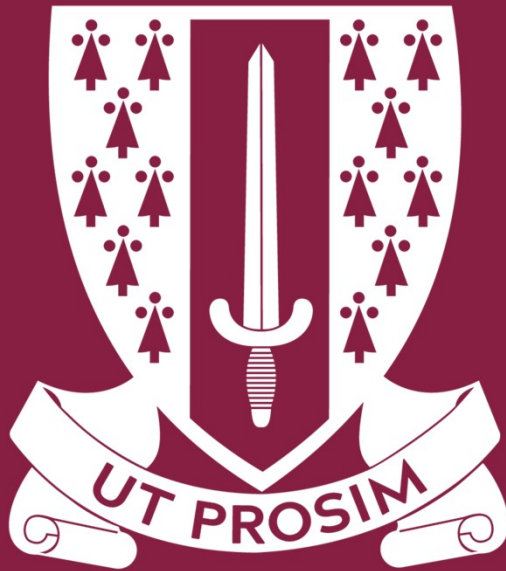
Program Directors



Fall 2023 LLP Students by College



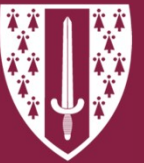
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Corps of Cadets



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Corps Course and Lab Waivers

- **Corps Leadership Courses**
 - Mandatory for all First-year Cadets (MGT 1945/6) and Sophomores (MGT 2945/6)
 - MGT 1945 includes Thursday Corps Lab
 - Will force add First-year Cadets with Lab conflict to allow them to enroll in classroom sessions
 - Asynchronous MGT 2945 session is force-add only for Cadets with unresolvable conflicts
- **Corps Lab - Thursdays, 3:30-4:45p**
 - Mandatory for ALL Cadets
 - Free Time block added to all Cadet schedules
- **VPI Courses**
 - Mandatory for all Citizen Leader Track (non-ROTC) Cadets
 - Includes Tuesday VPI Lab
- **Waivers**
 - All waivers must be approved by the Cadet's Deputy Commandant/VPI Director
 - Only granted for unresolvable conflict with a REQUIRED in-major course, verified by advisor
 - NEW THIS YEAR - Using DocuSign for this process
 - Please do not remove Free Time block without the approved waiver



LMCC, LAS and MN Minors

- Cadets can enroll in three different Leadership Minors
 - LMCC - administered by the Rice Center on behalf of Pamplin College of Business
 - LAS and MN - administered by College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- ROTCs routinely auto-enroll ROTC cadets in LAS or MN
- LMCC enrollment is only on request to the Rice Center
- Disenrollment
 - To disenroll from LMCC, contact Ms Leketa Miller (leketa@vt.edu)
 - To disenroll from LAS or MN, use this [link](#) (maintained by CLAHS)



Degree Plans

- ROTC & VPI require cadets complete an academic degree plan
- Timing, frequency, and details vary
- Forms
 - Air Force – Form 48
 - Army – Form 145-4
 - Navy/Marines – Degree Completion Plan
 - VPI – any approved college advising team plan
- Responsibility is on the Cadet – not the academic advisor



06

ADVISING RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Advising Matters Conference Keynote -- Latham Ballroom

Advising Network



Membership

- Open membership with annual renewal (September 1 deadline for '24-'25)

Fall 2024 Events

- Advising Chats (in-person only and online only)
 - Topics related to Student Veterans, Students with Disabilities, and Student Athletes
- Book Club
 - “The Four Pivots: Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves” by Shawn A. Ginwright, PhD.
- Social Events
 - Rising Silo, Walk and Talk, Moon Hollow Brewing, Maroon Door

Stay Connected

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

Academic Advisor Mentor Program (AAMP)

Fall 2024 Mentors



Matt Cheatham,
College of
Engineering



Melissa Cumbia,
College of Natural
Resources &
Environment



Kayla Goodwin,
College of Liberal
Arts & Human
Science



Rob Jacks,
College of
Architecture, Arts, &
Design



Christina Minford,
College of Science



Fall 2024



Registrar's Office Updates:

Monday, September 9, 1:00-2:00: PM

Advising Strategic Plan Report:

Thursday, September 26, 1:00-2:30 PM

Career and Professional Development:

Tuesday, October 3, 2:00-3:00 PM

Global Advising Week: Save the Date!

MAY 2025





UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Fall 2024 Academic Advising Mentor Program:** Registration open
- **Professional Development Grant:** Application open Aug.12-Sept. 6, 2024
- **Majors Fair:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024
- **National Transfer Student Week:** October 22--25, 2024
- **Spring 2024 Academic Advising Academy:** Registration opens November 2024
- **Advising Matters Conference:** March 7, 2025
 - Call for proposals: October 2024

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