



# YOUR PATH BEGINS HERE



AdvantageVT Pathway Program



At Virginia Tech, we are committed to creating a culture that thrives in a world without boundaries. Attracting the best students from around the world allows us to build a community of engaged global citizens who are prepared to be leaders and problem-solvers.

That is why we are pleased to launch AdvantageVT. This pathway program is designed for international students like you who qualify for admission with the exception of the required English proficiency.

Through AdvantageVT, you will be conditionally admitted as an undergraduate student and can start college credit courses while taking advanced university preparation courses.

When you arrive at Virginia Tech, you will find a supportive community dedicated to helping you claim your role in the world.

**JUAN ESPINOZA**

*Assistant Vice Provost for Enrollment Management  
and Interim Director of Undergraduate Admissions*



Your journey to a Virginia Tech degree begins with the AdvantageVT pathway program. This innovative program allows you to earn valuable university credits at one of the world's leading research universities while you improve your academic English skills.

Virginia Tech's tradition of academic excellence, hands-on approach to education, and commitment to providing unrivaled opportunities make it a great place to study, but it is the dedication of our students, faculty, and staff that make it truly exceptional.

As an AdvantageVT student, you will have full access to all of the resources on campus. Our state-of-the-art facilities and vast research opportunities ensure you have the tools for the best possible education.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus!

**DR. DONALD BACK**

*Director, Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute*





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**VIRGINIA TECH**<sup>TM</sup>

# VIRGINIA TECH FOR GOOD

Who is a typical Virginia Tech student? You are. Just like you, our students are unique, driven to learn and to apply what they learn to help solve real-world problems to improve lives. At Virginia Tech, you will master the subjects you are most passionate about, collaborate closely with others, use technology to expand your impact, and – above all – harness your skills in service to others.

■ [www.vt.edu](http://www.vt.edu)

# RESEARCH FOR GOOD

Virginia Tech continues to build its reputation as one of the top research universities in the world. We manage a research portfolio of more than \$502 million, ranking us among the top 50 universities in the U.S., according to the National Science Foundation.

Our world-class faculty, staff, and students are leading the world's research and innovation in areas such as cybersecurity, robotics, computer visualization, additive manufacturing, autonomous vehicles, biotechnology, nanomaterials, renewable energy, computer technology – and many others.

No matter what big problem you want to solve, we have experts ready to help you put your abilities and talents to good use.

■ [research.vt.edu](http://research.vt.edu)





**1872**  
year founded

**\$502 million**  
research portfolio

**9** colleges and graduate school

**#2**  
on-campus dining  
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**110** bachelor's degree programs

**170** master's and doctoral degree programs

**3,400**  
international students

**8**  
major research institutes

**125** countries represented

**10.5 km<sup>2</sup>**  
size of campus in Blacksburg, Virginia

Virginia Tech is one of the world's leading universities, working across disciplines with international partners to find solutions to global challenges.

Located in beautiful Blacksburg, Virginia, our university is a unique place where we provide you with the best of both worlds – a large research university with more than 34,400 students and a safe, small, college-town atmosphere.

### Distance to Virginia Tech

- Atlanta (640 km.)
- Boston (1,100 km.)
- Charlotte, N.C. (270 km.)
- Los Angeles (3,800 km.)
- New York (780 km.)
- Philadelphia (660 km.)
- Raleigh, N.C. (320 km.)
- Miami (1,400 km.)
- Washington, D.C. (420 km.)





# WHAT IS ADVANTAGE VT?

If you meet all Virginia Tech undergraduate admission requirements *except* the minimum language test scores, you may be eligible for the AdvantageVT pathway program. AdvantageVT is ideal for students who want to improve their English while earning credits that will count toward their bachelor's degree.

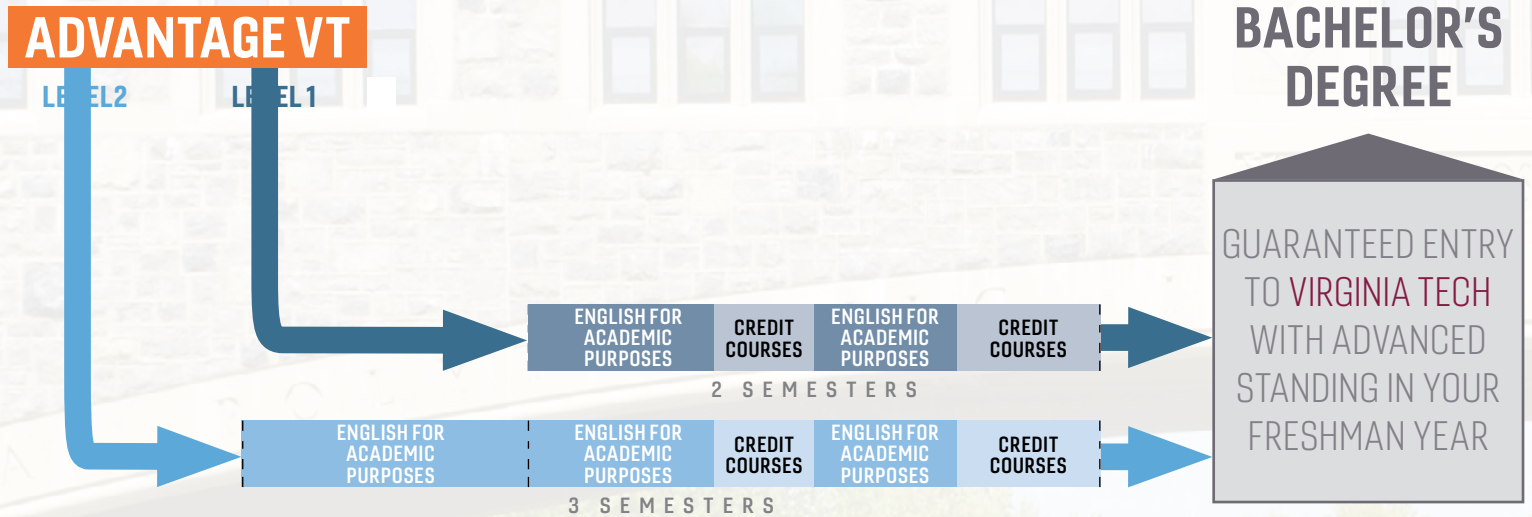
## Program features

- Two levels, based on your English proficiency:
  - LEVEL 1** (*two semesters*) is for students with advanced proficiency
  - LEVEL 2** (*three semesters*) is for students with high intermediate proficiency.
- Three pathways, based on your interest: Business, Engineering, and Science.
- Three entry dates per year – in the spring, fall, and summer.
- No SAT or exit TOEFL required.
- Support throughout the program, through seminars in academic, leadership, and social skills. Additional workshops focused on study skills, time management, test preparation, and other subjects will help prepare students for the demands of undergraduate study in the U.S.
- Upon completing the program, students are guaranteed entry to Virginia Tech with advanced standing in their freshman year.

AdvantageVT students are not required to take the SAT or exit TOEFL!

# ADVANTAGE VT PATHWAY PROGRAM

The AdvantageVT pathway program combines intensive English language study, academic skills training, and university coursework. It is designed to jump-start your journey toward a bachelor's degree at Virginia Tech.



## LEVEL 1

This two-semester program offers a balance of for-credit courses and English for Academic Purposes classes.

For students with **advanced** English proficiency.

TOEFL iBT 74  
IELTS 6.0 (with no subsection less than 6.0)  
PTE 50

## LEVEL 2

Our three-semester program is designed for students who want a complete university preparation experience, with a special focus on intensive English language skills.

For students with **high-intermediate** English proficiency.

TOEFL iBT 60  
IELTS 5.5 (with no subsection less than 5.5)  
PTE 44





## What you can expect from AdvantageVT

- Dedicated faculty members to help with all aspects of your transition to Virginia Tech.
- Continuous support throughout the program, including help with visa issues, advice on academic problems, or adjusting to life in the U.S.
- Access to all university technology resources, libraries, health centers, and sports and recreation facilities.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What does it mean to be an AdvantageVT student?

It means you'll be welcomed into our community and fully supported in your academic pursuits from the day you arrive on campus. Answers to frequently asked questions by students looking to apply to the program are listed below.

### Do I study academic courses?

Yes. You take specialized academic courses that fulfill the university's general education requirements and fully prepare you to enter your degree program while enrolled in AdvantageVT.

### Do I get academic credit that counts toward my degree?

Yes. Depending on your chosen pathway and courses, you can earn 15-18 transferable credits that count toward completion of your degree program.

### Will I get extra academic support and learn study skills?

Yes. The AdvantageVT program provides all students with additional tutoring support to help you succeed academically.

### After the AdvantageVT program, do I continue into the first year of my undergraduate program?

Yes. Upon successful completion of the program, you will have advanced standing in the freshman year of your degree program.

### Do I get extra personal help to adjust to living in America?

Yes. The AdvantageVT program staff will support you to ensure you adapt to being an active member of the student community and to living in the United States.

### Do I get a university-issued I-20?

Yes. Virginia Tech issues the initial I-20 for English language and will transfer your I-20 to the undergraduate program after successful completion of AdvantageVT requirements.

### Am I taught by university faculty?

Yes. The AdvantageVT program is taught entirely by expert Virginia Tech faculty, all of whom hold advanced degrees.

### Will it take long to receive an admissions decision?

No. Advantage VT applications are reviewed on a "rolling basis" as they are received.





# ACADEMICS

In order to help AdvantageVT participants become self-sufficient, responsible university students, we have developed a curriculum that prepares them for the academic rigors of a top-ranked American university while also helping them improve their English language skills. AdvantageVT also provides the skills students will need to succeed in both their academic and social lives.

All AdvantageVT students are required to take English for Academic Purposes classes, as well as participate in a University Success Seminar.

## English for Academic Purposes 300 (Level 2)

This course provides the academic preparation required for success in introductory university courses, including advanced English training focusing on the four language skill areas (reading, writing, speaking, and listening). Content focus will be in the areas of engineering, science, and business.

## University Success Seminar 300 (Level 2)

Seminar exploring university culture in general and policies and resources at Virginia Tech in particular. Participants will become aware of opportunities and responsibilities regarding student life, effective study habits, and self-management. There are weekly projects and assessments.

## English for Academic Purposes 400 (Levels 1-2)

EAP 400 promotes academic skills such as analytical, critical, and creative thinking; interpersonal communication; technology literacy; and self-monitoring while developing college-level proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Content focus will be in the areas of engineering, science, and business. Team as well as individual activities are incorporated.

## University Success Seminar 400 (Levels 1-2)

Seminar that cultivates a working knowledge of the details of degree planning, effective studies, support services, and the dynamics of academic interactions. Participants will become aware of opportunities and responsibilities regarding student life, effective study habits, and self-management. Projects and assessments occur weekly.

## English for Academic Purposes 500 (Levels 1-2)


EAP 500 further cultivates academic skills including reflective thinking and problem-solving, teamwork and leadership information literacy, and goal-oriented self-adjustment while polishing English skills. Content focus will be in the areas of engineering, science, and business. Team and individual activities are practiced.


LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2





## University Success Seminars: What You Will Learn


All AdvantageVT students will take part in seminars designed to help them succeed at Virginia Tech. These seminars, designed specifically for AdvantageVT students, will help students build and practice essential study skills, including reading and note taking from university textbooks and lectures, academic discussion strategies, test preparation, and time management.


 Develop methods for effective note taking


 Set goals and manage time


 Understand the university's acceptable use policy


 Explore Virginia Tech's colleges and degree programs, as well as the university class structures


 Cultivate emotional intelligence


 Understand email etiquette and classroom communication


 Utilize the libraries and web resources at Virginia Tech


 Follow the undergraduate honor code


 Explore student organizations and clubs


 Discover the university's athletic and health resources

 Learn personal habits of health and wellness

 Understand Virginia Tech's Principles of Community

 Explore the history of Virginia Tech

 Find out how to manage your money

 Learn to conduct a research project

## Tutoring (Levels 1 and 2)

Among AdvantageVT's strengths are the accessibility of its faculty members and their willingness to help students. All AdvantageVT students are eligible for tutoring support. Faculty will assist students in assessing their academic needs and developing skills to meet these needs.



# THREE UNIQUE PATHWAYS

AdvantageVT students can choose from pathways to degrees in three of Virginia Tech's renowned colleges: Business, Engineering, and Science. Each pathway includes courses that will prepare you for your chosen degree. Whichever path you choose, you will find continuous support throughout the program to help ensure your success.

## BUSINESS

Students who progress to a business major develop key business and life skills through hands-on projects and activities in their courses, internships/externships, and our numerous student organizations. Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business has a dedicated team of professionals who focus solely on the career success of its students. Over 90 percent of students actively seeking full-time employment graduate with a full-time job.

## ENGINEERING

Students in the College of Engineering jump right in to doing innovative projects and research through a wide variety of labs and creative workspaces. The Ware Lab, for example, is a facility dedicated solely to undergraduate student design projects, providing a unique learning environment for engineering students from various majors. Ware Lab student teams compete all over the world against other university teams.

## SCIENCE

College of Science students discover, understand, and apply fundamental scientific principles to pursue questions beyond the boundaries of traditional disciplines and established knowledge to promote healthy people, strong communities, and a sustainable planet. Through hands-on learning in classrooms and labs, and our undergraduate research programs, students work alongside renowned faculty and staff to solve complex issues locally, regionally, and globally.



Whatever major you choose at Virginia Tech, you'll develop the know-how and collaborative skills to apply in the real world. Note that not all majors in every college may be available to pathway students. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions reserves the right to place students into majors based on available space. All students admitted to the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech are classified as "general engineering" for their first year of studies.

# PATHWAY IN BUSINESS

Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business offers programs in accounting and information systems, business information technology, finance, hospitality and tourism management, management, and marketing. Pamplin emphasizes technology and analysis that improve business, entrepreneurship that leads to innovation and innovative companies, international opportunities for learning and research, and an inclusive, collaborative community. ■ [international.pamplin.vt.edu](http://international.pamplin.vt.edu)

## LEVEL 1 2-semester pathway

### DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Semester 1	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 400: English for Academic Purposes	10	
University Success Seminar	4	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	4	4
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 500: English for Academic Purposes	10	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Introductory Business Courses	6	6
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to advance in AdvantageVT from semester to semester, all students must achieve a minimum of 70% proficiency in their EAP courses.

All students must achieve a 2.5 or better grade point average in their credit bearing courses.

## LEVEL 2 3-semester pathway

### DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Semester 1	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 300: English for Academic Purposes	20	
University Success Seminar	4	
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 400: English for Academic Purposes	10	
University Success Seminar	4	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	4	4
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Semester 3	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 500: English for Academic Purposes	10	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Introductory Business Courses	6	6
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>16</b>

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to advance in AdvantageVT from semester to semester, all students must achieve a minimum of 70% proficiency in their EAP courses.

All students must achieve a 2.5 or better grade point average in their credit bearing courses.

VirginiaTech.  
Pamplin College of Business



Virginia Tech  
BUSINESS



# MAJORS

The AdvantageVT Business Pathway allows you to progress into one of six different majors:

- Accounting and Information Systems
- Business Information Technology
- Finance, Insurance and Business Law
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Management
- Marketing

## SPOTLIGHT

### Marketing

At Pamplin College of Business, you will be taught by leading researchers as well as experienced professionals. Our undergraduate program in marketing management is designed to offer a broad business education with an emphasis on professional training for development of marketing strategies and managing marketing operations.



### Management

This major prepares students to be effective managers capable of adding value in a range of organizations and business contexts in the global economy employing an entrepreneurial approach to business. We emphasize the development of versatile skills that are essential to achieve organizational goals: analytical problem-solving, communication skills, cross-functional thinking, leadership, ethical decision-making, and teamwork.

### Hospitality and Tourism Management

Recently ranked No. 2 in the U.S. and No. 6 in the world\*, our program focuses on the “business of hospitality and tourism.” Our students gain skills in finance, accounting, marketing, revenue management, business information technology, and social media. All students are required to engage in field study/ internship activities, and we enjoy one of the highest placement rates on campus. Recruiters often brag to us about the way our graduates are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work, confident and unafraid of challenges.

*\*QS World University Rankings*



# PATHWAY IN ENGINEERING

Virginia Tech's College of Engineering, the largest engineering school in Virginia, is consistently ranked among the best in the country. It is known for its "Hands On, Minds On" environment where students can learn and conduct research both inside and outside the classroom. ■ [eng.vt.edu](http://eng.vt.edu)

## LEVEL 1 2-semester pathway

### DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Semester 1	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 400: English for Academic Purposes	10	
University Success Seminar	4	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 500: English for Academic Purposes	10	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
Introductory Engineering Course	4	4
Optional Lab	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to advance in AdvantageVT from semester to semester, all students must achieve a minimum of 70% proficiency in their EAP courses.

All students must achieve a 3.0 or better grade point average in their credit bearing courses.

## LEVEL 2 3-semester pathway

### DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Semester 1	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 300: English for Academic Purposes	20	
University Success Seminar	4	
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 400: English for Academic Purposes	10	
University Success Seminar	4	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	4	4
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Semester 3	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 500: English for Academic Purposes	10	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
Introductory Engineering Course	4	4
Optional Lab	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>18</b>

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to advance in AdvantageVT from semester to semester, all students must achieve a minimum of 70% proficiency in their EAP courses.

All students must achieve a 3.0 or better grade point average in their credit bearing courses.



## SPOTLIGHT

### Aerospace Engineering

The Kevin T. Crofton Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering offers a unique blend of two disciplines that takes advantage of commonality in the analysis and design of aerospace and ocean systems. All our programs are vehicle-oriented, with an emphasis on aircraft and spacecraft in the aerospace program.

## MAJORS

The AdvantageVT Engineering Pathway allows you to progress into one of 14 different majors:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Construction Engineering and Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Science and Mechanics
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Ocean Engineering



# PATHWAY IN SCIENCE

In Virginia Tech's College of Science, students immerse themselves in hands-on learning and undergraduate research to help solve complex issues locally, regionally, and globally alongside our world-class faculty and research staff. The college is dedicated to excellence, discovery, diversity of ideas and people, and service. ■ [science.vt.edu](http://science.vt.edu)

## LEVEL 1 2-semester pathway

### DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Semester 1	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 400: English for Academic Purposes	10	
University Success Seminar	4	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 500: English for Academic Purposes	10	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
Introductory Science Course	3	3
Optional Lab	3	1
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to advance in AdvantageVT from semester to semester, all students must achieve a minimum of 70% proficiency in their EAP courses.

All students must achieve a 2.5 or better grade point average in their credit bearing courses.

## LEVEL 2 3-semester pathway

### DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Semester 1	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 300: English for Academic Purposes	20	
University Success Seminar	4	
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 400: English for Academic Purposes	10	
University Success Seminar	4	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
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Semester 2	Hours Per Week	Credit Hours
EAP 500: English for Academic Purposes	10	
Freshman English Course	3	3
Select Math Course	3	4
Introductory Science Course	3	3
Optional Lab	3	1
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>18</b>

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to advance in AdvantageVT from semester to semester, all students must achieve a minimum of 70% proficiency in their EAP courses.

All students must achieve a 2.5 or better grade point average in their credit bearing courses.

# SPOTLIGHT

## Neuroscience

In the School of Neuroscience, we are working to understand the mind, brain, and behavior in health and disease at a cellular, genetic, molecular, and systems levels through interdisciplinary studies and hands-on research.



## MAJORS

The AdvantageVT Science Pathway allows you to progress into one of 18 different majors:

- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Clinical Neuroscience
- Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience
- Computational and Systems Neuroscience
- Computational Modeling and Data Analytics
- Economics
- Experimental Neuroscience
- Geosciences
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Nanoscience
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Systems Biology

# CAMPUS LIFE

At Virginia Tech, your education extends beyond our classrooms. You will find countless opportunities to explore new interests, expand your knowledge, meet new people, and become involved in the university community. We are sure you will find something that suits your interests!

## OUR GRADUATES GET JOBS



Within six months of graduation, 88% percent of our graduates are employed or pursuing graduate degrees. Our Career and Professional Development team at the Smith Career Center assists you from your first year and even beyond.

## HAPPIEST STUDENTS #2



The Princeton Review ranks Virginia Tech No. 2 in the nation for having the happiest students.

## FITTEST COLLEGE #1

Based on our food and recreational and fitness offerings, Active Times ranked Virginia Tech the fittest college in the nation.



## AMONG WORLD'S TOP UNIVERSITIES

According to Times Higher Education and QS World Rankings, Virginia Tech is one of the world's top universities.

■ [vt.edu/about/rankings](http://vt.edu/about/rankings)

## Get involved

Whether you're looking for musical groups or robot wars, there's a club for you. In fact, more than 700 student clubs and organizations are active on campus. And, hey, it only takes three people to start your own.

## Hokie Passport

As part of the Virginia Tech community, you have access to world-class facilities, resources, and activities throughout your time in AdvantageVT. During orientation, you will receive your official university identification card, called a Hokie Passport. This is used to ride the bus, borrow library materials, and access the university's fitness facilities.

## Food for thought

Virginia Tech has award-winning dining centers, including all-you-care-to-eat facilities, a la carte food courts, a gourmet coffee and ice cream shop, and grab-and-go food shops. Blacksburg, meanwhile, offers more than 200 shops and restaurants featuring a range of cuisines. Many grocery stores in the area carry imported food items.

## Intercollegiate sports

Virginia Tech students practically live in maroon and orange. You can hear their thunderous cheers during basketball games at Cassell Coliseum or soccer games at Thompson Field. As members of the elite Division I Atlantic Coast Conference, the Hokies provide fans a chance to attend some of the most competitive games in the nation.





AN AMERICAN FOOTBALL GAME AT LANE STADIUM



STUDYING AT NEWMAN LIBRARY



GOBBLERFEST ON THE DRILLFIELD

# BEAUTIFUL BLACKSBURG

The town of Blacksburg is nestled on a plateau between the picturesque Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains in southwestern Virginia. Home to about 43,000 residents, the town is considered small by most any standard – but don't let its size or location fool you.

Because of its award-winning services, reasonable cost of living, safety, moderate climate, and abundant leisure activities, Blacksburg is consistently ranked among the country's best places to live.

Vibrant and engaging, Blacksburg's downtown offers many unique stores, art galleries, and restaurants. The area's wide red-brick sidewalks, Victorian street lamps, and park benches encourage foot traffic and make meeting folks easy.

# DISCOVER VIRGINIA

Virginia is in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. To the west, we have beautiful mountains, and to the east is the famed Chesapeake Bay. From hiking the Appalachian Trail to riding the waves at Virginia Beach, Virginia has plenty to offer.

Blacksburg is less than an hour from one of Virginia's most vibrant cities, Roanoke. The city has earned the nickname "Star City of the South" by being the recreational, cultural, and business hub of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. The nickname is also attributed to the iconic Roanoke Star, which sits atop Mill Mountain and overlooks the entire region.

## Weather

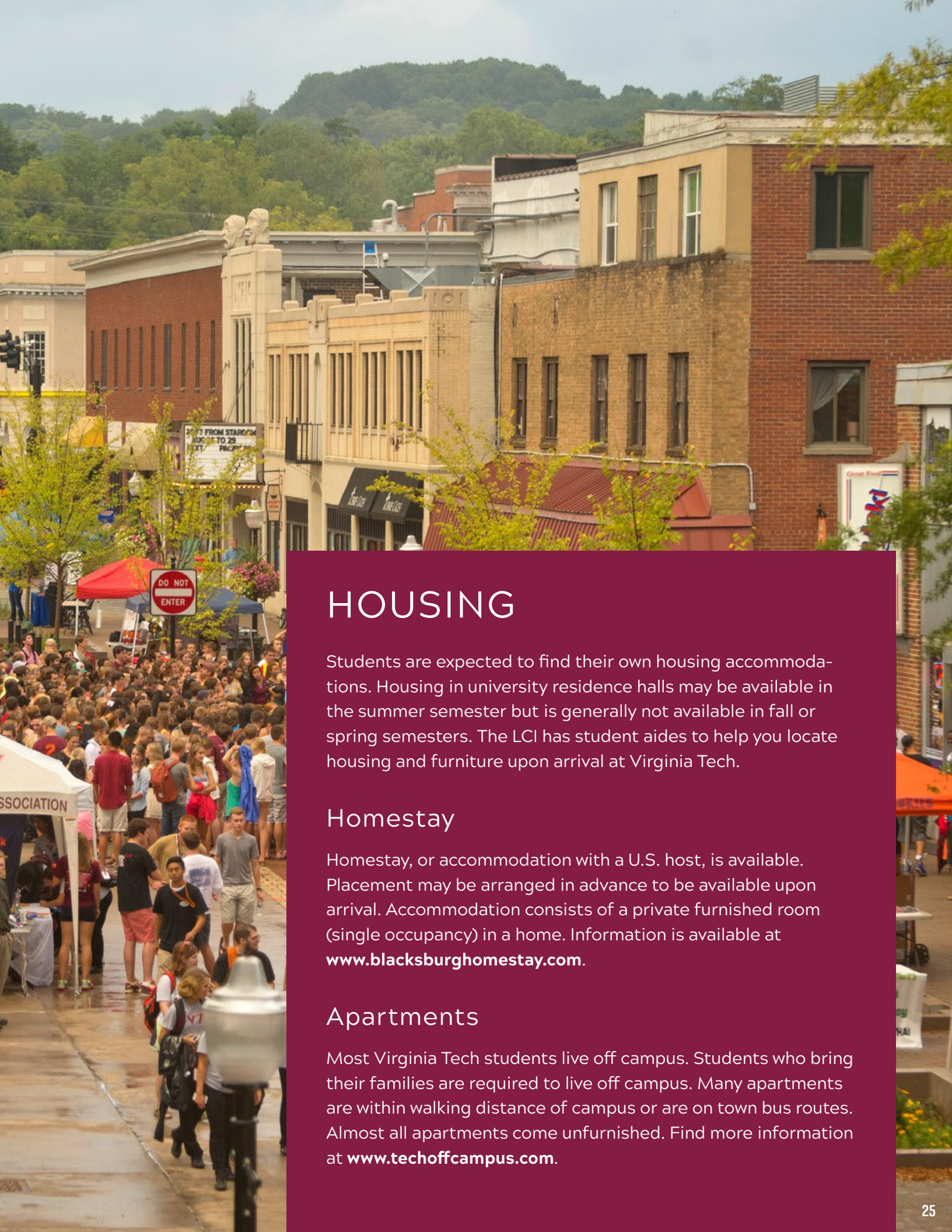
Summers in Blacksburg are warm and humid, and winters are generally cool to cold with occasional snow. Monthly mean temperatures range from 30.9° F (-0.6° C) in January to 71.1° F (21.7° C) in July.

### Blacksburg Climate (°C)

	High	Low
January	5.3	5.9
February	7.2	4.7
March	11.8	1.2
April	17.4	3.4
May	21.9	8.4
June	26.1	13.6
July	27.9	15.6
August	27.4	14.8
September	24.1	10.6
October	18.6	4.1
November	13.1	0.6
December	6.6	4.6







# HOUSING

Students are expected to find their own housing accommodations. Housing in university residence halls may be available in the summer semester but is generally not available in fall or spring semesters. The LCI has student aides to help you locate housing and furniture upon arrival at Virginia Tech.

## Homestay

Homestay, or accommodation with a U.S. host, is available. Placement may be arranged in advance to be available upon arrival. Accommodation consists of a private furnished room (single occupancy) in a home. Information is available at [www.blacksburghomestay.com](http://www.blacksburghomestay.com).

## Apartments

Most Virginia Tech students live off campus. Students who bring their families are required to live off campus. Many apartments are within walking distance of campus or are on town bus routes. Almost all apartments come unfurnished. Find more information at [www.techoffcampus.com](http://www.techoffcampus.com).



# TUITION AND FEES

## Estimated Price Per Semester

Estimated costs for the 2018-19 AdvantageVT academic year are listed here to give you a benchmark for planning your attendance. These costs are estimates for planning purposes only and are subject to change.

<b>Tuition:</b>	\$19,000	<b>LEVEL 1</b> (two semesters) <b>ESTIMATED COST: \$53,540</b>
<b>Room and board:</b>	\$4,400	<b>LEVEL 2</b> (three semesters) <b>ESTIMATED COST: \$80,310</b>
<b>Comprehensive fees*:</b>	\$1,370	
<b>Health insurance:</b>	\$1,500	
<b>Books and supplies:</b>	\$500	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,770</b>	

Note that the number of credit hours for which you are enrolled may affect the total price.

\* Allows access to expanded services, including intramural sports, bus service, library services, athletic ticket pools, and more.

**Important:** In addition to the tuition and fees described above, various course and lab fees may be assessed depending on the course(s) in which you are enrolled. These fees are used to support extraordinary course-specific costs (e.g., laboratory materials or equipment, course materials retained by you, etc.). Refunds of fees are subject to the university's published policies and procedures.

## 2018-19 ENTRY DATES

	Application Deadline	Arrival Date	Classes Start
<b>Fall Semester</b>	June 25, 2018	August 5, 2018	August 20, 2018
<b>Spring Semester</b>	November 1, 2018	January 6, 2019	January 22, 2019
<b>Summer Semester</b>	March 1, 2019	May 18, 2019	May 28, 2019

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## Academic requirements

Most students who are selected for admission will have completed more than the following minimum requirements and have at least a B+ (88%) grade-point average.

To qualify for AdvantageVT, you must have graduated from an accredited secondary school or high school with these courses on your transcripts:

- 3 units of math (includes algebra I, geometry, and algebra II)
- 2 units of laboratory science (chosen from biology, chemistry, or physics)
- additional academic units (foreign language is highly recommended)

Some majors have other requirements, such as an additional year of advanced math or lab science.

## English language requirements

Your score on the TOEFL iBT (or a similar test) determines the AdvantageVT level at which you start.

### LEVEL 1:

(two semesters)

TOEFL iBT 74

IELTS 6.0  
(with no subsection less than 6.0)

PTE 50

### LEVEL 2:

(three semesters)

TOEFL iBT 60

IELTS 5.5  
(with no subsection less than 5.5)

PTE 44

## No SAT, no exit TOEFL

Virginia Tech does not require the SAT for international applicants. AdvantageVT students do not have to take a TOEFL test after completing the program.



# APPLY TODAY

It's easy to apply. Just go to [www.lci.vt.edu/apply](http://www.lci.vt.edu/apply)

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

To complete your application, pay the program application fee and submit the supporting materials listed below. You can upload scans of all your required documents as part of your online application.

- Nonrefundable \$235 application fee.
- Completed paper version of the **Virginia Tech undergraduate application**.
- Educational Documents:** All documents in a language other than English must be accompanied by certified English translations. Notarized translations alone will not be accepted. Translations supplement, but do not replace original documents. Remember to send both.
  - **Diplomas/Certificates:** Students who have completed secondary school or high school must submit copies of their diplomas or school leaving certificates. Report of scores on school leaving examinations must also be submitted.
  - **Transcript/Statement of Marks:** This contains the record of courses studied, marks (grades) awarded, length of class periods, and grading scale with minimum passing mark. These must be submitted for upper secondary or high school years and must be complete for applicants who have graduated from school. For those applicants who are still enrolled in school, the transcript, or statement of marks, must show the most current term of grades to date. The transcript must be an original copy, certified by the sending institution.
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE:** To have your TOEFL score automatically sent to the Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute, please specify **CEEB code C096** on the test form.
- Copy of the identity page of your **passport**.
- Copy of bank statement and letter of financial support or letter of sponsorship.



# OTHER PATHS TO VIRGINIA TECH

We have a program to fit every level of English language proficiency, regardless of whether you've taken the TOEFL or IELTS.

>> If you meet the minimum requirements for English proficiency you may want to consider applying directly to the undergraduate program:

## Direct Undergraduate Admission

■ [admissions.vt.edu](https://admissions.vt.edu)

The deadline to submit your online application is January 15. To have your IELTS/TOEFL/PTE score automatically sent to Virginia Tech, please specify Virginia Tech's CEEB code (5859) on the test form. We recommend the English language proficiency tests be taken by January 15 and scores must be received before February 1.

## English Language Requirements

International students whose native language is not English must document proficiency in the English language by submitting either an TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE score.

**TOEFL:** At least 80, with no subscore less than 16

**IELTS:** At least 6.5, with no subscore below 6.5

**PTE:** At least 53

## Other Requirements

As for the SAT, please note that for international students we are a test-optional university. In addition, we have an optional interview available through InitialView.

>> If you have lower English skills but wish to enter Virginia Tech:

## Conditional Admission

■ [lci.vt.edu/cap](https://lci.vt.edu/cap)

Virginia Tech offers conditional admission to prospective undergraduate students who meet all university admission requirements except language test score requirements.

Applicants are conditionally admitted based upon an evaluation of their high school records.

Once you are in the program, you will work toward meeting admission requirements while studying at the Language and Culture Institute. When conditional requirements are met, you will be transferred into the undergraduate program.

## Eligibility

- The most competitive applicants present a high school equivalent grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (88%) for engineering majors and at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (75%) for other majors.
- Transfer students from U.S. or foreign universities are ineligible.
- You must be 17 years old or older at the time you begin intensive English studies.

>> If you want to improve your English skills in a university setting:

## Intensive English Program

■ [lci.vt.edu/iep](http://lci.vt.edu/iep)

There is no better way for you to improve your English language skills and experience American culture than through the Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute (LCI). Whether you want to prepare for university study in the U.S. or to simply enhance your language skills for work or pleasure, the LCI will help you reach your goals.

### Intensive English Program

- Full-time, noncredit academic program
- Six start dates, in the fall, spring, and summer
- 10 levels of instruction, from beginning to advanced.
- Advanced computer-assisted learning center
- All faculty have master's degrees or doctorates and certificates of advanced study

### Study Near Washington, D.C.

You can choose to study at our main campus in Blacksburg or at our location just minutes from the nation's capital. Our state-of-the-art learning center in Fairfax, Virginia, is located near a major Metro stop, providing easy access to all of Washington's tourist sites.

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# AdvantageVT Pathway Program

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