VT
VIRGINIA TECH®

2024-25 INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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VIRGINIA TECH

Founded: 1872
Main Campus: Blacksburg, Virginia
Main Campus Size: 1,052 hectares
Students: 37,010
International: 3,400+
Buildings: 235
Sports: NCAA Division 1
Operating Budget: $1.89 billion
Annual Research: $600 million
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14:1
Faculty, Instructors, Researchers: 3,900
Bachelor's Programs: 110+
Master's and Ph.D. Programs: 170+

Nine Colleges:
Engineering; Science; Business; Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; Agriculture and Life Sciences; Architecture, Arts, and Design; Natural Resources and Environment; Veterinary Medicine; Medicine

Campus Locations:
Blacksburg (main campus), Abingdon, Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church, Leesburg, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Newport News, and Roanoke in Virginia; Riva San Vitale, Switzerland

Virtual Campus Tour

#20
Best Public Universities
U.S. News and World Report 2022-23

#39
Undergraduate Business
U.S. News and World Report 2023

Tier 1
Research University
The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education®

#79
Engineering World Ranking
Times Higher Education 2023

Top 50
Research Institution
National Science Foundation

Top 100
Computer Science World Ranking
Times Higher Education 2023

9 colleges

110+ bachelor's degree programs

37,010 students, including more than **3,400** international students

170+ master's and doctoral degree programs

3,900 faculty members, instructors, and researchers

7 major research institutions
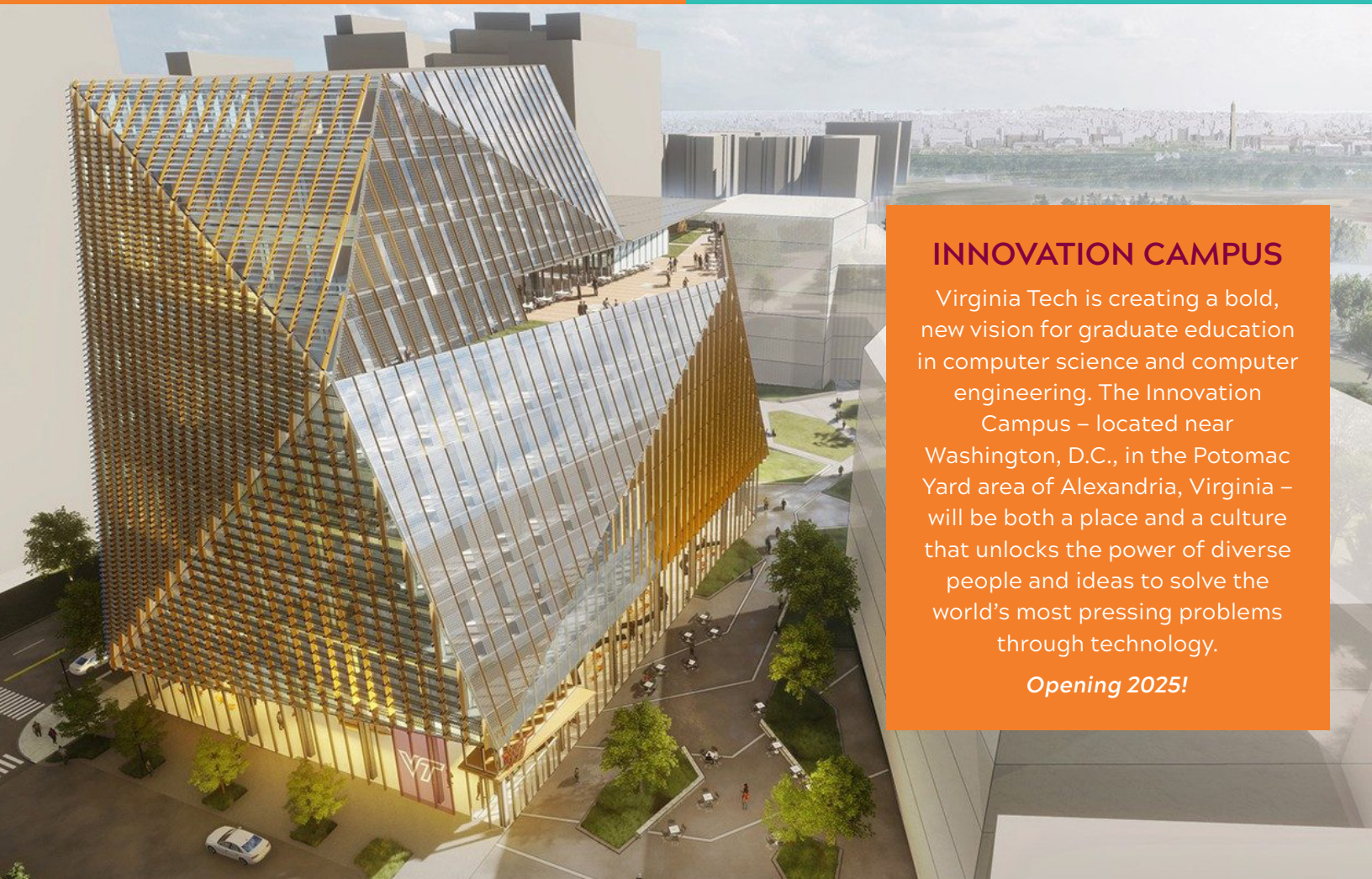
INNOVATION CAMPUS

Virginia Tech is creating a bold, new vision for graduate education in computer science and computer engineering. The Innovation Campus – located near Washington, D.C., in the Potomac Yard area of Alexandria, Virginia – will be both a place and a culture that unlocks the power of diverse people and ideas to solve the world's most pressing problems through technology.

Opening 2025!

VT VIRGINIA TECH®

Virginia Tech pushes the boundaries of knowledge by taking a hands-on, transdisciplinary approach to preparing students to be leaders and problem-solvers. We're reimagining how education and technology intersect, transforming the ways we teach and learn, perform research, and engage with communities around the world.

As Virginia's most comprehensive university and a leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers nearly 300 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 37,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

Subject Areas ranked among US News and World Reports **TOP 20** *in 2023*

- **Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering** (UG & G)

- **Civil Engineering** (UG & G)

- **Environmental Engineering** (G)

- **Paleontology** (G)

- **Environmental Health** (UG)

- **Biological and Agricultural Engineering** (UG & G)

- **Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical Engineering** (UG & G)

- **Computer Engineering** (UG)

- **Nuclear Engineering** (G)

(G= Graduate; UG = Under Graduate)

Over $600 Million
In annual research expenditures

Research

Virginia Tech enriches, supports, cultivates, and champions research, innovation, creative activities and scholarship that seek to make the world a better place.

- *54th overall* in the National Science Foundation's annual survey of higher-education research expenditures

- *Seven major research institutes*, and hundreds of centers and laboratory groups

- 24 faculty members who belong to the prestigious *National Academies*, which advance the pursuit of science, engineering and medicine

- An affiliated corporate research park *housing over 750 businesses* specializing in innovative and disruptive technologies

This is Home

Blacksburg, Virginia

Virginia Tech's main campus is in Southwest Virginia's picturesque New River Valley in the town of Blacksburg. With an area of some 4,850 hectares nestled on a plateau between two mountain ranges, Blacksburg offers naturally beautiful views, unique stores, art galleries and restaurants.

Blacksburg is home to about 44,000 local residents. 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 and has earned a reputation nationwide as a well-managed, stable and forward-looking community.

Fast Facts

■ Blacksburg regularly tops lists of the best places in the country to raise children.

■ It's one of the most "wired" communities on the planet; you can connect to the internet from anywhere in town.

■ Award-winning Blacksburg Transit provides townwide public transportation at a reasonable cost and a game-day shuttle for football and basketball games.

■ You can go swimming or boating in one of the oldest rivers in the world – the New River. It's also one of the few rivers that flow south to north.

Distance to Major Cities

Atlanta: 640 km. or 410 mi.

Boston: 1,100 km. or 710 mi.

Charlotte, N.C.: 270 km. or 173 mi.

New York: 780 km. or 490 mi.

Philadelphia: 660 km. or 426 mi.

Raleigh, N.C.: 320 km. or 228 mi.

Miami: 1,400 km. or 901 mi.

Washington, D.C.: 420 km. or 269 mi.

The Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute

The Language and Culture Institute has helped thousands of students to achieve their dream of studying at an American university – particularly at Virginia Tech!

Our university preparation and English language programs have been developed over a span of 50 years and are highly effective in equipping students for the rigors of academic life.

Four Programs to Choose From

	AdvantageVT	AdvantageVT-Master's	Intensive English	English Essentials
Degree Program Pre-Admission	✓	✓	Optional	
Academic Writing	✓	✓		
Presentation Skills	✓	✓		
Research Skills	✓	✓		
University Success Seminars	✓	✓		
Degree Credit	✓	✓		
Online Level Placement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi-level English Training	✓	✓	✓	✓
Academic Advising	✓	✓	✓	
English Tutoring	✓	✓	✓	
TOEFL Workshops			✓	
On-Campus Housing Eligibility	✓	✓	*Summer Only*	*Summer Only*
Immigration Advising	✓	✓	✓	✓
University Facilities and Services	✓	✓	✓	*Optional* [1]

[1] Access to athletic facilities, student health services, transportation services, etc., at additional cost

Why Choose AdvantageVT?

More than 95 percent of AdvantageVT students successfully complete the program and progress to their chosen undergraduate programs.

AdvantageVT graduates outperform other international students in their undergraduate studies.

Nearly one-third of the 2019 cohort of AdvantageVT students graduated from their undergraduate programs with honors.

AdvantageVT

If you qualify for admission except for meeting minimum language test scores, you may be eligible for AdvantageVT.

Students enrolled in AdvantageVT are pre-admitted to participating majors and guaranteed entry to their degree program upon successfully completing program requirements.

While improving your language skills, you'll prepare for the rigors of university study and earn credits toward your degree. Your credit courses will be taught by Virginia Tech professors and count directly toward your intended major.

Program Features

- Undergraduate and graduate-master's preparation.
- Pre-admission to leading programs in business, engineering, and science.
- Up to three semesters of study based on your initial English proficiency.
- Advanced academic writing, presentation, and research skills.
- Integrated credit courses applicable to your degree.
- Academic advising and language tutoring.
- Guaranteed progression to degree studies upon successful completion.

	Sumer	Fall	Spring
Classes Start:	May 20, 2024	August 26, 2024	January 21, 2025
Classes End:	August 9, 2024	December 11, 2024	May 7, 2025

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Most students will have completed more than the following minimum requirements and have at least a B+ (88%) grade-point average. To qualify, 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).

No SAT or GRE required for entry!

Undergraduate Program Structure

- Three entry dates per year – fall, spring, and summer.
- Three placement levels requiring 1 to 3 semesters to complete.
- Semester-based schedule, 16 weeks in the fall and spring, 12 in the summer.
- Curriculum of English for Academic Purposes courses (10 to 20 hrs/wk), University Success Seminars (3 hrs/wk), and credit courses (6 to 9 hrs/wk).
- Earn up to 18 credit hours; 15 credit hours (about 5 degree courses) included in program price.

Undergraduate Degree Pathway Map [1]

Intensive English to Qualifying Level		Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4+	Graduation
	Level 3	English for Academic Purposes 300 (20 hrs/wk)	English for Academic Purposes 400 (10 hrs/wk)	English for Academic Purposes 500 (10 hrs/wk)	Full-Time Degree Program	
			Advanced University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)	3 x Degree Courses (9-11 credits, 9-11 hrs/wk)		
		University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)	2 x Degree Courses (6-7 credits, 6-7 hrs/wk)			
	Level 2	English for Academic Purposes 400 (10 hrs/wk)	English for Academic Purposes 500 (10 hrs/wk)	Full-Time Degree Program		
		Advanced University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)	3 x Degree Courses (9-11 credits, 9-11 hrs/wk)			
		2 x Degree Courses (6-7 credits, 6-7 hrs/wk)				
	Level 1	English for Academic Purposes 500 (10 hrs/wk)	Full-Time Degree Program			
		Advanced University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)				
		2 x Degree Courses (6-7 credits, 6-7 hrs/wk)				

[1] See qualifying test scores by level at AdvantageVT Undergraduate Pathway Program Details

International Undergraduate and AdvantageVT Admission Guidelines

	Direct Admission	AdvantageVT 3-Semester Program	AdvantageVT 2-Semester Program	AdvantageVT 1-Semester Program
Requirements				
Academic Preparation[1]	High school diploma. Advanced math and science preparation. Foreign language recommended.			
Minimum GPA equivalent	3.0-3.5	3.0-3.5		
Test Scores				
Standardized test scores (ACT/SAT)	Optional	Not required		
TOEFL	80 (No subsection less than 16)	60	74	78
IELTS	6.5 (No subsection less than 6.5)	5.5 (No subsection less than 5.5)	6.0 (No subsection less than 6.0)	6.5 (No subsection less than 6.0)
Digital TOEFL ITP[2]	Not accepted	497	537	550
Pearson Test of English	53	44	50	52
Duolingo English Test	115	90	105	110
Cambridge English	176	162	167	172

[1] See specific international admission requirements at the Undergraduate Admissions application site.

[2] Administered on the Virginia Tech main campus only.

Admission requirements vary by program and are subject to change.
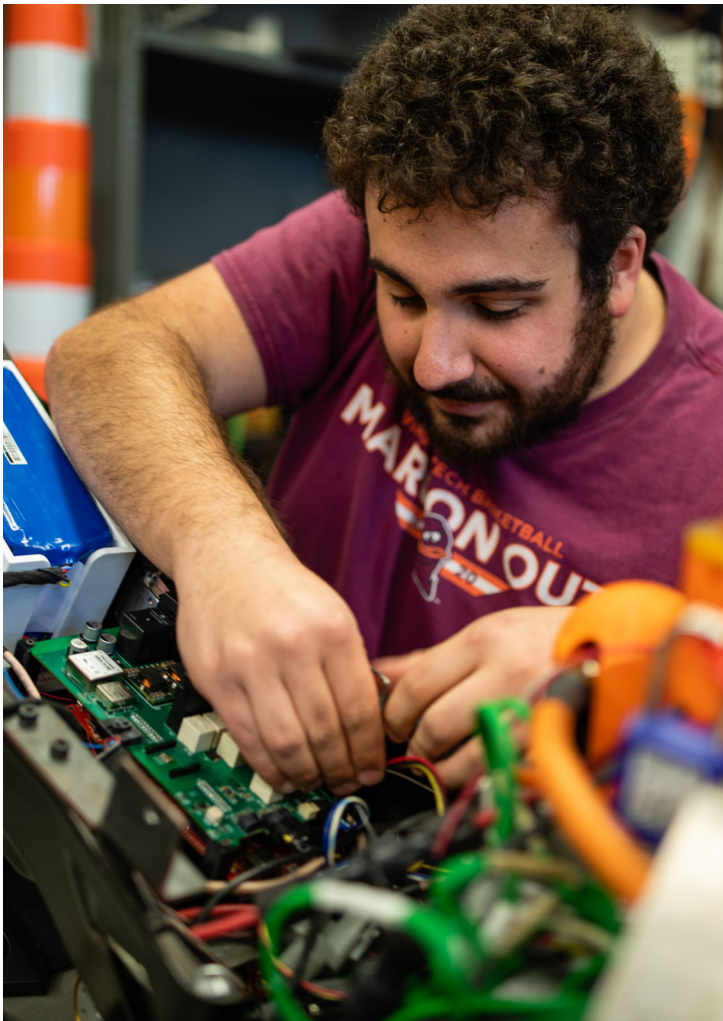
Apply for Direct Undergraduate Admission:

Apply to AdvantageVT:

Direct Admission: *Important Dates and Score Submission*

Application Due Dates

	Early Action	Regular Decision
Apply by:	November 15	January 15
Submit scores by:	December 1	January 31
Notified by:	Mid December	Mid February
Classes start:	August 26, 2024	

English Test Score Submission

IELTS/TOEFL/PTE	CEEB 5859

AdvantageVT: *Important Dates and Score Submission*

Application Due Dates

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
Apply by:	July 10	December 10	April 10
Submit scores by:	July 10	December 10	April 10
Classes start:	August 26, 2024	January 16, 2024	May 20, 2024

English Test Score Submission

TOEFL	CEEB 5859
IELTS/PTE	Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute
Duolingo	Virginia Tech – AdvantageVT Pathway Program

Over 100 AdvantageVT Majors to Choose From

Agriculture and Life Sciences

Agribusiness
Agricultural Sciences
Agricultural Technology
Animal and Poultry Sciences
Biochemistry
Community Economic Development
Crop and Soil Sciences
Dairy Science
Ecological Restoration
Environmental Economics, Management, and Policy
Environmental Horticulture
Environmental Science
Food and Health Systems Economics
Food Science and Technology
Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise
International Trade and Development
Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science
Landscape Horticulture and Design
Plant Science
Exploring Life Sciences

BUSINESS

Accounting
Accounting Information Systems Audit
Certified Financial Planner
Commercial Development and Investment
Computer-Based Decision Support Systems
Corporate Financial Management
Cybersecurity Management and Analytics
Digital Marketing Strategy
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, & Technology
Management
Financial Accounting
Financial Planning and Wealth Management
FinTech
FinTech and Big Data Analytics
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Human Resource Management
Investment Management and Chartered
Financial Analyst
Management Consulting and Analysis
Operations and Supply Chain Management
Professional Sales
Real Estate Finance
Residential Development and Investment
Risk Management and Banking

ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering
Automotive Engineering
Biological Systems Engineering
Biomechanics
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Chip Scale Integration
Civil Engineering
Communications & Networking
Construction Engineering and Management
Controls, Robotics, & Autonomy
Data-Centric Computing
Energy & Power Electronics Systems
Engineering Physics
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Machine Learning
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Micro/Nano Systems
Mining Engineering
Networking & Cybersecurity
Nuclear Materials
Ocean Engineering
Photonics
Radio Frequency and Microwave
Robotics and Mechatronics
Secure Computing
Software Systems
Space Systems

SCIENCE

Applied and Discrete Mathematics
Applied Computational Mathematics
Biological Sciences
Biology Education
Biomedical Biology
Biomedical Microbiology
Business
Chemistry B.A.
Chemistry B.S.
Clinical Neuroscience
Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience
Cryptography and Cybersecurity
Earth Science Education
Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior
Economics
Environmental and Engineering Geoscience
Experimental Neuroscience
Geobiology & Paleobiology
Geochemistry
Geology
Geophysics
Managerial Economics and Data Science
Mathematics Education
Medicinal Chemistry
Nanomedicine
Nanoscience
Physics B.S.
Physics B.A., Physics Education
Physics B.A., Pre-Health
Physics B.A., Pre-Law
Policy and Regulation
Polymer Chemistry
Psychology
Statistics
Systems Biology

AdvantageVT-Master's

Admission Requirements

Admission decisions are made by the departments represented in the program in conjunction with the Graduate School. Students who are selected for admission to a program will generally exceed minimum specifications plus any additional requirements imposed by the program.

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.

- In most cases, undergraduate studies closely related to the intended major.

- A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) for most majors. Some programs require higher GPAs.

Departmental admission requirements are detailed on their websites and in the Graduate Catalog.

Master's Program Structure

- Three entry dates per year – fall, spring, and summer.

- Three placement levels requiring 1 to 3 semesters to complete.

- Semester-based schedule, 16 weeks in the fall and spring, 12 in the summer.

- Curriculum of English for Academic Purposes courses (10 to 20 hrs/wk), University Success Seminars (3 hrs/wk), and credit courses (3 to 6 hrs/wk).

- Up to 9 credit hours (3 degree courses) included in program price.

Master's Degree Pathway Map [1]

		Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4+	
Intensive English to Qualifying Level	Level 3	English for Academic Purposes 600 (20 hrs/wk)	English for Academic Purposes 700 (10 hrs/wk)	English for Academic Purposes 800 (10 hrs/wk)	Full-Time Degree Program	Graduation
			Advanced University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)	2 x Degree Courses (6 credits, 6 hrs/wk)		
		University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)	1 x Degree Course (3 credits)			
	Level 2	English for Academic Purposes 700 (10 hrs/wk)	English for Academic Purposes 800 (10 hrs/wk)	Full-Time Degree Program		
		Advanced University Success Seminar (3 hrs/wk)	2 x Degree Courses (6 credits, 6 hrs/wk)			
		1 x Degree Course (3 credits)				
	Level 1 [2]	English for Academic Purposes 800 (10 hrs/wk)	Full-Time Degree Program			
		2 x Degree Courses (6 credits, 6 hrs/wk)				

[1] See qualifying test scores by level at AdvantageVT-Master's Graduate Pathway Program Details
[2] Advanced University Success Seminar optional for Level 1 placements, at additional cost

International Graduate and AdvantageVT-Master's Admission Guidelines

	Direct Admission	AdvantageVT-Master's 3-Semester Program	2-Semester Program	1-Semester Program
Requirements				
Academic Preparation[1]	4-year university diploma. Minimum GRE or GMAT requirements if required by program.			
Minimum GPA equivalent	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Test Scores				
TOEFL	90 (No subsection less than 20)	65	74	80 (No subsection less than 16)
IELTS	6.5[2]	5.5	6.0 (No subsection less than 5.0)	6.5 (No subsection less than 5.5)
Digital TOEFL ITP[3]	577	513	537	550

[1] See specific international admission requirements at the Graduate School admissions site.

[2] English proficiency requirements are higher in many departments.

[3] Administered on the Virginia Tech main campus only.

Admission requirements vary by program and are subject to change.

Direct Admission: *Important Dates and Score Submission*

Application Due Dates

	Fall	Spring	Sumer
Apply by:	April 1	September 1	January 1
Deptartment Decision:	May 15	October 15	February 15
Classes Start:	August 26, 2024	January 21, 2025	May 20, 2024

### English Test Score Submission

IELTS/TOEFL	CEEB 5859

AdvantageVT-Master's: *Important Dates and Score Submission*

Application Due Dates

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
Apply by:	May 1	October 1	February 1
Submit scores by:	May 1	October 1	February 1
Classes start:	August 26, 2024	January 21, 2024	May 20, 2024

English Test Score Submission

TOEFL	CEEB 5859
IELTS/PTE	Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute
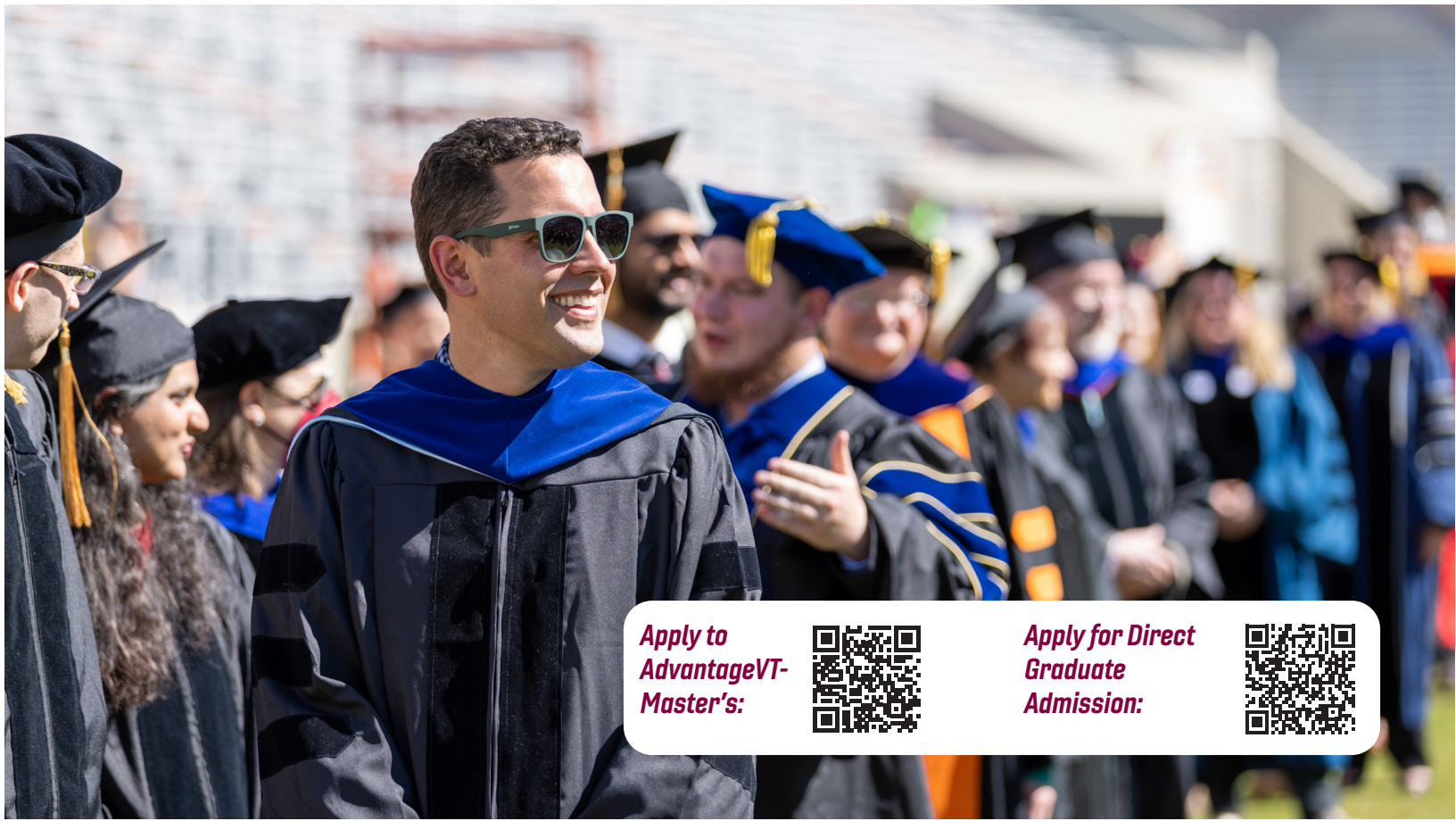
Apply to AdvantageVT-Master's:

Apply for Direct Graduate Admission:

International Graduate and AdvantageVT-Master's Admission Guidelines

Areas of Concentration for AdvantageVT-Master's

Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics
Biomaterials
Biomechanics
Biomedical Imaging
Cardiovascular Engineering
Dynamics and Control
Fluid Mechanics
Nanobioengineering
Neuroengineering
Solid Mechanics
Tissue Engineering
Translational Cancer Research
Transportation Safety

Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence
Bioinformatics
Computer Systems
Data Analytics
Human-Computer Interaction
Synergistic Environments for Experimental Computing
Urban Computing

Industrial & Systems Engineering
Human Factors Engineering and Ergonomics
Management and Systems Engineering
Manufacturing Systems Engineering
Operations Research

Mechanical Engineering
Bio, Micro and Nano Systems
Energy Engineering and Science
Design Materials and Manufacturing
Nuclear Engineering and Science
Robotics, Autonomous and Dynamical Systems
Vehicle Systems and Safety

Civil Engineering
Construction Engineering and Management
Structural Engineering
Transportation Infrastructure and Systems Engineering

Accounting and Information Systems
Accounting Analytics
Audit
Financial Services
Information Systems
Taxation

Hospitality and Tourism Management
Entrepreneurship in Hospitality and Tourism Management
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Hospitality & Tourism Business Analytics and Revenue
International Hospitality & Tourism Strategy

Architecture
Community Design
Design Research
High Performance Environments
Urban Design
Visual Media

Urban Affairs and Planning
Urban Affairs and Planning
Environmental Policy and Planning
Housing, Community, and Economic Development
International Development Planning
Land Use and Physical Development Planning
Transportation Planning and Policy
Planning Analytics
Urban Design

Public Administration and Policy
Management
Public Policy
Methods & Analysis
Public Service

Don't see what you need?
Contact us!

Intensive English

Intensive English is a multilevel academic preparation program designed to help you make the transition to American academic life.

The program provides classroom instruction in all language skill areas: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Pronunciation. We will also teach you academic study skills so you are ready to succeed at an American college or university, including test-taking and note-taking skills, critical reading and writing, and research and library skills.

Many of our students go on to study at a college or university in the United States at the undergraduate or graduate level. The Intensive English Program features an option for conditional admission to Virginia Tech's distinctive undergraduate programs.

English Essentials

For cost-conscious students, English Essentials is a course-only program option with all of the features of Intensive English *except* conditional admission, academic advising, tutoring, and TOEFL workshops. Access to university facilities and services (recreation facilities, health services, transportation services, etc.) is available at additional cost.

Program Features

■ Intensive preparation toward meeting university English language requirements.

■ Optional conditional undergraduate admission to Virginia Tech (qualifying TOEFL score required for progression).

■ Full-time instruction encompassing all skill areas, with Intermediate, High Intermediate ,and Advanced levels.

■ Know before you go – online level placement.

■ Included academic advising, tutoring, and TOEFL workshops.

Program Structure

■ Three entry dates per year – fall, spring, and summer.

■ Semester-based schedule, 16 weeks in the fall and spring, 12 in the summer.

■ 20 hours of instruction per week.

Admission Requirements

■ Minimum age 17.

■ High school diploma.

	Sumer	Fall	Spring
Classes Start:	May 20, 2024	August 26, 2024	January 21, 2025
Classes End:	August 9, 2024	December 11, 2024	May 7, 2025

Intensive English and Undergraduate Conditional Admission Application Guidelines

English Test Requirements

Intensive English Levels of Study

	Level 300 Intermediate	Level 400 High Intermediate	Level 500 Advanced
TOEFL	27	35	54
IELTS	4.0	5.0	5.5
Pearson	23	35	42
Duolingo	60	80	90
Cambridge	142	154	160

Application Due Dates

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
Apply by:	July 25	December 20	April 25
Submit scores by:	July 25	December 20	April 25
Classes start:	August 26, 2024	January 17, 2024	May 20, 2024

English Test Score Submission

TOEFL	CEEB 5859
IELTS/PTE	Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute
Duolingo	Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute

Additional Conditional Admission Requirements

Academic Preparation	■ High school diploma. ■ Advanced math and science preparation. ■ Foreign language recommended.
Minimum GPA Equivalent	3.0-3.5
Standardized Test Scores (ACT/SAT)	Optional

English Essentials

Applicants to English Essentials will follow the same process as applying to the Intensive English program. Students enrolled in English Essentials take the same classes, with the same curriculum and teachers, as Intensive English students. Conditional Admission is not available under the English Essentials program, nor are academic advising, tutoring, or TOEFL workshops. Access to university facilities and services (recreation facilities, health services, transportation services, etc.) is available at additional cost and can be purchased at registration.

Apply for Intensive English, Conditional Admission, or English Essentials:

Tuition and Fees

Virginia Tech is consistently recognized for its quality of education, with nationally ranked academic programs, a wide range of undergraduate research opportunities, and excellent graduate career statistics.

Estimated costs for the 2023-24 academic year are listed here to give students a benchmark for planning their attendance at Virginia Tech. These costs are provided for planning purposes only and are subject to change.

Important: In addition to the tuition and fees described here, various additional fees may be assessed depending upon your college and the course(s) in which you are enrolled. Refunds of tuition and fees are subject to the universities published policies and procedures.

Preparatory Programs, *per semester*

	AdvantageVT	AdvantageVT-Master's	Intensive English	English Essentials
Tuition	$21,000	$18,500	$9,760	$5,000
Room and Board	$5,820	$6,329	*Summer Only*	*Summer Only*
Comprehensive Fees*	$1,858	$1,858	$1,858	*Optional*
Health Insurance	$1,755	$1,755	$1,755	$1,755
Books and Supplies	$550	$550	$550	$550
Total	**$30,983**	**$28,992**	**$13,923**	**$7,305**

University Programs, *per year*

	Undergraduate	Graduate
Tuition	$31,754	$29,266
Room and Board	$11,640	$12,658
Comprehensive Fees*	$3,716	$3,716
Health Insurance	$3,510	$3,510
Books and Supplies	$1,200	$1,200
Total	**$51,820**	**$50,350**

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

*Comprehensive fees allow access to expanded services, including health and exercise facilities, intramural sports, bus service, library services, athletic ticket pools, and more.

General Application Information

Proof of Financial Support

New students applying from overseas and seeking a student (F-1) visa or F-1 students transferring to the LCI from other schools must provide documents proving sufficient funds to cover tuition, living expenses and health insurance for the period of study. This requirement may be satisfied as follows:

■ A bank or brokerage statement in your name or in the name(s) of your parents. This statement must show sufficient funds to support all expenses relating to your studies. If a parent's bank statement is used, the parent must provide a signed statement that these funds on deposit will be used to support your studies.

■ A letter from a bank certified by a bank official stating that you or your parents have a bank balance sufficient to support your studies. This letter must show a minimum amount on deposit to support all expenses relating to your studies.

■ A scholarship letter from an educational institution, or a government agency showing sufficient funding to support all expenses relating to your studies.

■ An affidavit of support from a relative or sponsor in the United States. This affidavit must show sufficient income and resources to support all expenses relating to your studies. A Form I-134 Affidavit of Support is available from the Department of Homeland Security.

■ *A combination the above methods is also acceptable.*

Application Processing Timeline

■ Applications are reviewed on a "rolling basis" as they are received. All communication concerning applications is sent via email.

■ Within three business days of submitting of your application, you should receive an email confirmation. Your application will be reviewed when your application fee and all required supporting documents have been received.

■ Within one week of acceptance, you should receive your acceptance package – including arrival details and information on how to obtain your visa.

■ Within three business days of submitting your program deposit, a Form I-20, which is used to obtain a student visa, will be issued via your email address.

Refund Policy for Applications

Application fees are nonrefundable. Program deposits are nonrefundable except when an applicant's visa has been denied. In this case, the deposit will be refunded upon presenting proof in the form of a visa denial letter issued by the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Student Life

Residence Living

About 10,000 students live in residence on the Virginia Tech campus across 46 residence halls. Buildings include study, fitness, laundry, and cooking facilities. Many room configurations are available. Some halls feature living/learning communities with themes around arts, majors, learning opportunities, leadership, and entrepreneurship.

Our campus dining services are regularly rated among the best in the U.S.

On-campus housing is available to AdvantageVT students throughout the year, and to Intensive English students during the summer semester.

Activities and Events

The Princeton Review ranks Virginia Tech 15th in the nation for having the happiest students.

Opportunities abound for fellowship and involvement in life on campus. The university hosts over 800 clubs, as well as 52 fraternity and sorority life communities.

Community and university events are abundant. Students can attend art exhibits, plays, films, music performances, lectures, and community festivals. Virginia Tech is also host to intercollegiate American football, basketball, soccer, and baseball games.

Sports and Leisure

Students can participate in intramural sports, join exercise classes, participate in outdoor adventure activities, and enjoy access to Virginia Tech's world-class student athletic facilities.

McComas Hall, a student gym, features weight training equipment, basketball and volleyball courts, fitness studios, a jogging track, and an eight-lane swimming pool. Outdoor facilities include numerous tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts.

Squires Student Life Center is also a staple of student life, with billiards, bowling, table tennis, and other activities.

Access to facilities and university services is included in student fees.

Housing & Dining

Your living space will provide a deep connection to your campus and community in Blacksburg. Whether you are rooming with a friend from home, part of a Living-Learning Program, or living off campus, you will build incredible friendships where you live that will define your experience at Virginia Tech.

Living-Learning Programs

Our Living-Learning Programs provide students with the opportunity to thrive in and out of the classroom in an environment that becomes home. There are options for students from every academic college and every class year. This experience will change the way you think about living on campus by integrating what you study, where you live, who you live with, and how you think about the world. Learn more at llp.vt.edu.

Off-Campus Housing

There are lots of housing opportunities off campus. Blacksburg has apartments, townhomes, and rental homes, and homestay options available depending on your needs. Go to **techoffcampus.com** to view apartments, townhomes, and find roommates.

Campus Dining

Virginia Tech has built a reputation for outstanding dining. Our dining program stays at the leading edge of national trends. Students report high overall satisfaction and appreciate the variety of dining options available on campus.

Explore Housing Options:

A Student's Perspective

Norovbanzad Tsogt-Ochir, a student from Erdenet, Mongolia wanted to get her master's degree in at an American university. She had exceeded almost all of Virginia Tech's rigorous admission requirements, but her English proficiency wasn't quite strong enough for full admission. She joined the AdvantageVT-Master's program to prepare her for pursuing graduate studies full-time at Virginia Tech.

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Norovbanzad Tsogt-Ochir

Upon completion of the program, Tsogt-Ochir launched into research and working to complete her master's degree full time. She says her professors, colleagues, and fellow research scientists have been welcoming, helpful, and supportive of her research goals.

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