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General Background
Virginia Tech takes a hands-on, engaging approach to education, preparing scholars to be leaders in their fields and communities. As the commonwealth’s most comprehensive university and its leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers 215 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 30,000 students and manages a research portfolio of more than $450 million. The university fulfills its land-grant mission of transforming knowledge to practice through technological leadership and by fueling economic growth and job creation locally, regionally, and across Virginia. Through a combination of its three missions of learning, discovery, and engagement, Virginia Tech continually strives to accomplish the charge of its motto Ut Prosim (That I May Serve). The Blacksburg campus is located in Montgomery County in the New River Valley.

University Academic Areas
Engineering; science and technology; architecture and urban studies; business; agriculture and life sciences; fine arts; computer engineering; natural resources; humanities and social sciences.

Enrollment
Undergraduate: Approx. 24,000
Graduate and Professional: Approx. 7,200
Total: Approx. 31,200

Websites
www.vt.edu
www.globaleducation.vt.edu
The following rankings (http://www.vt.edu/about/rankings/index.html) represent a few of the broader measures of excellence that the university garners.

**The Princeton Review**

**August 2015**
- No. 2 - Happiest Students
- No. 3 - Best Campus Food
- No. 4 - Best Quality of Life
- No. 4 - Their Students Love These Colleges
- No. 4 - Town-Gown Relations are Great
- No. 8 - Lots of Race/Class Interaction
- No. 18 - Best Run Colleges

**U.S. News and World Report**

**February 2015**
Virginia Tech ranked among Best Global Universities

**September 2014**
- No. 8 - Undergraduate program, College of Engineering (among public colleges)
- No. 23 - Undergraduate program, Pamplin College of Business (among public colleges)
- No. 27 - Virginia Tech among all public universities
- No. 71 - Virginia Tech, among all universities

**National Science Foundation**

**February 2015**
No. 38 - Among the nation’s top research institutions, jumps two spots
Academic Standards
Undergraduate international students whose native language is not English must document proficiency in the English language by submitting either an IELTS, TOEFL, or PTE.

Students taking the IELTS must obtain a score of at least 6.5, with no subscore below 6.5 to be considered for admission to Virginia Tech. Students taking the PTE must obtain a score of at least 53.

Depending on the type of TOEFL used, Virginia Tech expects students to have scores of: Internet-based test: at least 80, with no section sub-score less than 16; Computer-based test: at least 233; Paper-based test: at least 550.

Graduate students must have a minimum TOEFL score of 80 on the IBT, 213 on the CBT, 550 on the PBT, or 6.5 on the IELTS. Please note, some departments may require higher scores. To have your IELTS/TOEFL score automatically sent to Virginia Tech, please specify Virginia Tech's CEEB code (5859) on the test form. While at Virginia Tech students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in order to stay enrolled.

All incoming international graduate students are required to take the English Placement Test (EPT), a diagnostic writing test, during the orientation period prior to the beginning of classes unless they have an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher or both a TOEFL score of 620 PBT or 260 CBT and an essay writing score (Test of Written English) of 4.5 (out of 6) or higher. On the Internet-Based TOEFL (iBT) a total score of 105 with a writing subscore of 26 (out of 30) or higher is required for exemption from taking the EPT.

Those who do not achieve the required scores on the EPT are required to take and satisfactorily complete a semester-long Academic and Professional Writing or Scientific and Technical Writing course during the first semester of their enrollment at Virginia Tech in addition to (but not counted in) their full load of academic classes (9-18 credit hours). There is an additional instructional fee for this course (fee includes the textbooks), taught by the Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute (LCI; http://www.lci.vt.edu/elp/).

National Capital Region (NCR) students should consult with the LCI office in that location about alternative sites for any required additional English training. Those at other sites should consult with the Graduate School offices in Blacksburg.

These requirements are the same for both international degree-seeking and non-degree seeking students. For more information please refer to the Graduate Catalog found at http://graduate-school.vt.edu/graduate_catalog/policies.htm?policy=002d14432c654287012c6542e3720070.

An undergraduate student who enrolls at Virginia Tech under the non-degree/exchange program must meet minimum requirements set by the university. All students must be in good standing at their current school and have at least a recalculated 2.5 GPA to be considered for non-degree student status. Transcripts are required.

For graduate students, the minimum cumulative grade point average for admission is 3.0 or higher, but that requirement may be waived. Department approval may be required.

Deadlines
For Exchange during Spring Semester 2016
Nomination Deadline: September 1
Application Deadline: October 1
*Dates are subject to change. Exchange coordinators will be contacted.
Process Questions
At Virginia Tech, the Global Education Office serves as the primary coordinating unit for most logistical issues. All questions about the application process for exchange students should be directed to our office, and we will either answer your questions or consult other individuals or offices as necessary. All prospective applicants will need to contact the Exchange Coordinator(s) at their home universities. The Exchange Coordinator(s) will play a key role in facilitating the application process.

Required Documents
All applications should be submitted online through the Virginia Tech Global Education website, www.globaleducation.vt.edu.

- Complete Bilateral Exchange Program Application. For more information, see http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu/?go=inbound-how-to-apply.

- Copy of transcripts, with translation in English, for each college or post-secondary institution attended (uploading of an unofficial transcript is permissible; Graduate students must bring an original transcript upon arrival).

- Photocopy of passport information page (including passport number, name, and photo).

- Copy of most recent TOEFL or IELTS score report (for those whose native language is not English).

- List of 5-10 Virginia Tech courses student proposes to enroll in (to indicate academic goals at Virginia Tech). List does not guarantee enrollment or availability of courses.
  - In most cases, syllabi of pre-requisite courses should be made available as colleges/departments may need additional information to assess students preparedness for placement in requested courses.

- Provide financial supporting documents
  - Copy of original bank statement documenting personal funds.
  - Copy of original bank statement documenting funds available from parents or other family members, and an affidavit of support from the account holder(s), if applicable.
  - Official award letter from sponsor (if applicable).
  - Official award letter from government agency (if applicable).

Undergraduate students must document that they have funds of at least $8,189 per semester (cost is doubled if staying for a full academic year) to cover expenses while studying at Virginia Tech.

Expenses per semester may include, but are not limited to:
  - On-campus room rates: $2,243-$4,373 (rates vary depending on residence hall)
• Meal Plan: $1,581-$1,812 (rates vary depending on plan)

• Medical Insurance (see page 18 for more information or visit http://www.international.vt.edu/new_students/pre-arrival_information/health_accident_insurance/index.html).

• Other (textbooks, software, course-specific fees, travel, discretionary spending)

**Please note, costs are approximations and are subject to change. Costs including room and board rates are set up the Board of Visitors. Expenses may also vary depending on what is included in the exchange benefits agreement between institutions.

In cases where incoming exchange students are required to pay Virginia Tech’s comprehensive fees, an additional $1,000 is required.

Students with dependents must show an additional $2,500 per semester to cover expenses for a dependent spouse and $1,000 for each dependent child.

Graduate students must document that they have funds of at least $8,189 per semester (cost is doubled if staying for a full academic year) to cover expenses while studying at Virginia Tech.

Expenses per semester may include, but are not limited to:

• On-campus room rates: $2,243-$4,373 (rates vary depending on residence hall)

• Meal Plan: $1,581-$1,812 (rates vary depending on plan)

• Medical Insurance (see page 18 for more information or visit http://graduateschool.vt.edu/igss/insurance/health).

• Other (textbooks, software, course specific fees, travel, discretionary spending)

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An additional $5,000 will be added for accompanying spouses and $2,000 for each child.
See http://graduateschool.vt.edu/igss/financial for more information.

• U.S. green card or permanent resident card (if applicable)

• Notification from your home school coordinator if you intend to participate in a sport sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA; http://www.ncaa.org/).
Semester Schedules

**Spring 2016:** January 19 – May 4, 2016  
Examination Period: May 6-11, 2016

Please refer to the Registrar's website for the most up-to-date information.  

**Orientation Sessions**  
In order to attend all required orientation sessions, undergraduate exchange students should plan to arrive in Blacksburg no later than the morning of the Monday prior to the start of classes. Please refer to the Cranwell International Center for orientation schedules and information:

[http://www.international.vt.edu/new_students/arrival_orientation_information/index.html](http://www.international.vt.edu/new_students/arrival_orientation_information/index.html)

Graduate exchange students must also attend a mandatory orientation prior to the start of the semester. For more information, please contact the International Graduate Student Services office: [http://graduateschool.vt.edu/igss/studentstatus](http://graduateschool.vt.edu/igss/studentstatus)
Academic Information

Areas of Study (undergraduate)
Please be advised this list is subject to change.
For the most up-to-date information please view the Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu/1415/index.html

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
Agribusiness
Agricultural Sciences
Agricultural Technology
(2-year program; apply separately at www.agtech.vt.edu)
Agriculture Business; Animal Agriculture; Crop Production; Landscape and Turf Management
Animal and Poultry Sciences
Biotechnology Science/Pre-Vet; Production/Business
Applied Economic Management
Agricultural Management and Marketing; Environment, Development, and Trade Economics; Veterinary Business Management
Biochemistry
Crop and Soil Sciences
Agroecology; Biotechnology and Genetics; International Agriculture; Soil-Environmental; Turfgrass Management
Dairy Science
Dairy Enterprise Management; Biotechnology/Pre-Vet
Environmental Horticulture
Environmental Science
Aquatic Resources; Land Resources; Plant Resources; Waste Management
Food Science and Technology
Science/Technology/Pre-Vet
Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise
Community and International Nutrition; Consumer Foods; Dietetics; Exercise and Health Promotion; Science of Food, Nutrition and Exercise
Landscape Contracting

Pamplin College of Business
Accounting and Information Systems
Accounting: Information Systems - Assurance; Information Systems - Development
Business Information Technology
Computer-Based Decision Support Systems; e-Business Technology; Operations Management
Economics (Business)
Finance
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Management
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology; Human Resource Management
Marketing
Minor for any Pamplin major: Global Business
Minors for any major: Business; Business Leadership; Real Estate

College of Engineering
Aerospace & Ocean Engineering
Biological Systems Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Computer Science
Construction Engineering and Management
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Engineering Education
Engineering Science and Mechanics
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mining and Minerals Engineering

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management
Apparel Design; Consumer Studies; Family Financial Management; Merchandising Management; Residential Property Management
Classics
Communication
Communication Studies; Multimedia Journalism: Electronic and Print; Public Relations
English
Creative Writing; Literature, Language, & Culture (includes tracts in Cultural Studies, Literature, Pre-Education, and Pre-Law); Professional Writing
French
German
History
Global/Comparative History; Military/Diplomatic/Political History; Science/Technology/Environment History; Social/Cultural/Economic History
Human Development
Humanities, Science & The Environment
International Studies
Business; Environmental Affairs; Global Development; World Politics &

1 Restricted major - one for which demand far exceeds available space.
2 Pre-requisites are strictly enforced in this area.
3 After Spring 2015, MBA program courses are no longer offered on the Blacksburg campus, and applicants should not apply.
4 Studio space is limited and requires department approval.
Policy
Music (audition required)
  Music Design; Music Education; Performance; Theory/Composition

Philosophy
  Pre-Medical Professions

Political Science
  Legal Studies, National Security Studies

Religion and Culture
  Crime/Dviance; Social Inequality; Women’s and Gender Studies; American Indian Studies; Africana Studies

Spanish

Theatre and Cinema

College of Natural Resources & Environment
  Environmental Informatics
  Environmental Resource Management
  Fish Conservation
  Forestry
    Environmental Resource Management; Forest Resource Management; Industrial Forestry Operations; Urban Forestry
  Geography
  Meteorology
  Natural Resources Conservation
    Natural Resources Recreation; Natural Resources Education (grades K-6);
    Natural Resources Science (grades 6-12)

Packaging Systems and Design

Sustainable Biomaterials
  Water: Resources, Policy, and Management
  Wildlife Conservation

College of Science
  Biochemistry
  Biological Sciences
  Chemistry
  Computational Modeling and Data Analytics
  Economics (Sciences)
  Geosciences
    Earth Science Education; Geochemistry; Geology; Geophysics
  Mathematics
    Applied Computational Mathematics; Applied Discrete Mathematics; Mathematics Education
  Microbiology
  Nanoscience
  Neuroscience
  Physics
    Physical Education; Pre-Health; Pre-Law
  Psychology
  Statistics
Areas of Study (graduate)
Please be advised this list is subject to change.
For the most up-to-date information please view the Graduate Catalog: http://graduateschool.vt.edu/graduate_catalog/colleges.htm

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
Agricultural and Applied Economics
Agricultural and Extension Education
Agricultural and Life Sciences
Animal and Poultry Sciences Horticulture
Biochemistry
Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
Dairy Science
Entomology
Food Science and Technology
Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
Plant Pathology, and Weed Science

College of Architecture & Urban Studies
Architecture
Architecture and Design Research
Building/Construction Science and Management
Creative Technologies
Environmental Design and Planning
Government and International Affairs
Landscape Architecture
Planning, Governance, and Globalization
Public Administration and Public Affairs
Urban and Regional Planning

Pamplin College of Business
Accounting and Information Systems
Business Administration
Business Information Technology
Finance
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Management
Marketing

College of Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Biological Systems Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science & Applications
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Education
Engineering Mechanics
Environmental Engineering
Environmental Sciences and Engineering
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Mining Engineering
Nuclear Engineering
Ocean Engineering

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought
Communication
Creative Writing
English
Foreign Languages, Cultures, and Literatures
History
Human Development
Philosophy
Political Science
Rhetoric and Writing
Science and Technology Studies
Sociology
Theatre Arts
Material Culture & Public Humanities

School of Education
Education, Career and Technical Education
Education, Counselor Education
Education, Curriculum and Instruction
Education, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Education, Educational Research, Evaluation

College of Natural Resources & Environment
Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences
Forestry
Geography
Geospatial and Environmental Analysis
Natural Resources
Forest Products

College of Science
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Technology Development and Management
Chemistry
Economics
Geosciences
Mathematics
Physics
Psychology
Statistics

Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences
Public Health

Interdisciplinary Academic Programs
Genetics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology
Information Technology
Macromolecular Science and Engineering
Microbiology Graduate Training Program
Molecular Plant Sciences
Translational Biology, Medicine, and Health
Disaster Resilience
Restricted Departments
International exchange students may enroll for courses in almost any academic discipline at Virginia Tech. Please note, however, course placement, in some areas, including departments in the College of Engineering and the Pamplin College of Business, may be difficult. In those cases, placement is unlikely and cannot be guaranteed. Virginia Tech colleges and departments will be consulted to gauge whether exchange students can be accommodated. Exchange students must possess the pre-requisite knowledge needed for each course (this is also required of VT students).

Course Information
Requesting Courses
The university designates a one-week time period during the prior term to allow entry of enrollment requests for a future term. While exchange students are not admitted until after the initial course request period, they will be able to register for courses during orientation. Students can register for courses via Hokie SPA (www.hokiespa.vt.edu, an online tool for students, faculty, and staff that allows users to view academic, financial, and other pertinent information).

Not all courses found in the Course Catalog are offered each semester. Students should consult the university timetable in making course selections.

For courses that specify prerequisites, students must be able to demonstrate that they meet the minimum requirements. If possible, students should bring course outlines or syllabi with them to Virginia Tech, showing what material they have already studied at their home university.

Timetable (use most recent academic year):
https://banweb.banner.vt.edu/ssb/prod/HZSKVTSC.P_DispRequest

Undergraduate: http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu
Graduate: http://graduateschool.vt.edu/ (look under “Academics”)
**Academic Load**
All exchange students must be enrolled full time at Virginia Tech. For undergraduate students, a full-time course load is 12 credit hours or more, with students typically taking between 15 and 19 credits. For graduate students, a full-time course load is 9 credit hours or more. Courses range from 1-4 credit hours. However, most courses are 3 credit hours. Only 3 credit hours of online coursework can be counted toward the minimum course load required.

**Grading System**
The academic achievement of a student in a specific course is rated as follows:

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<th>Letter Grade</th>
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<td>A (Excellent)</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>A grade of &quot;I&quot; (incomplete) may be given when the requirements of a course other than the final examination have not been completed due to illness or extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. The &quot;I&quot; grade is the prerogative of the instructor.</td>
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<td>A-</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>To remove an &quot;I&quot; grade, lecture course requirements must be satisfied during the student's first subsequent term of enrollment, and laboratory course requirements must be satisfied prior to the end of the first term during which the course is offered and the student is enrolled. Incomplete and &quot;X&quot; grades are automatically converted to &quot;F&quot; if requirements are not fully satisfied during the period of time allowed.</td>
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<td>B+</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>An &quot;NR&quot; grade is assigned automatically by the system when a student is enrolled for a class and no other grade is assigned by the instructor. The &quot;NG&quot; is intended to be a grade distinguishable from those initially assigned by the instructor and thus to indicate clearly the origin of the grade.</td>
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<td>B (Good)</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>Courses from which a student withdraws under the terms of the policy explained on the following page, will appear on their transcript with a &quot;W&quot; grade, but will not count in the GPA hours nor in any GPA calculations. The &quot;W&quot; signifies that this policy was invoked and does not reach the rationale for its use. The reasons for use remain the student's responsibility.</td>
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<td>B-</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>The Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed by dividing the total number of quality credits earned by the total number of hours attempted at Virginia Tech, except courses passed on a Pass/Fail basis and courses with an &quot;X&quot; (Continuing Course). &quot;NG&quot; grades are computed as &quot;F&quot; grades in determining GPA. The GPA is unaffected by the &quot;I&quot; grade, unless or until the &quot;I&quot; is converted to an &quot;F&quot; for failure to complete the course requirements within the allotted time.</td>
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<td>C+</td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>A student may not repeat courses in order to improve his or her grade average where a grade of &quot;C&quot; or higher has been earned. An assigned grade of &quot;A-D&quot; will be changed to &quot;P&quot; whenever a graduation analysis (DARS report) detects a repeated course previously passed with a &quot;C&quot; or better.</td>
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<td>P (Passing)</td>
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Grades are based on a 100-point system and are assigned as follows (but are also up to the professor's discretion):  

- A 93-100  
- A- 90-92  
- B+ 87-89  
- B 83-86  
- B- 80-82  
- C+ 77-79  
- C 73-76  
- C- 70-72  
- D+ 67-69  
- D 63-66  
- D- 60-62  
- F <60
**Housing & Costs Overview**

Your request for on-campus housing will be noted based on the receipt date for your bilateral exchange application. Normally, the demand is greater than the spaces available. If on-campus housing is not available, students can arrange housing at apartment complexes available in Blacksburg. **On-campus housing is NOT guaranteed.** (If you are offered a space on campus, you will receive a contract from Housing & Residence Life office. To be guaranteed a room on campus, the contract must be promptly signed and returned. The housing and dining contract is a legally binding agreement [see below for dining information]).

On-campus housing options and costs: See [www.housing.vt.edu](http://www.housing.vt.edu) or [www.bursar.vt.edu](http://www.bursar.vt.edu) for more information.

Off-campus housing options and costs: Renting an apartment in Blacksburg can range from $300 to $800 per month for shared accommodations. One resource for rental listings is the Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing Service: [www.studentcenters.vt.edu/vtoch/rentals/ocp](http://www.studentcenters.vt.edu/vtoch/rentals/ocp).

**Food & Dining**

Dining Services program at Virginia Tech is ranked among the best in the country. The state-of-the-art dining centers on campus serve approximately 6.2 million meals each year.

Meal plans vary for on- and off-campus students. Students living on campus are required to purchase a dining plan. Visit [www.dining.vt.edu](http://www.dining.vt.edu).

**Textbooks & Materials**

The cost for textbooks and other materials can range from $300 to $500 per semester, depending on the course and area of study.

**Student Centers and Activities**

Squires Student Center, the main building for student activity, contains two ballrooms, performance spaces, a food court and dining areas, activity rooms, an art gallery, the BreakZone and Venture Out Centers, and more. BreakZone offers billiards, bowling, table tennis and arcade games. For those interested in fun, safe, and educational outdoor options, Venture Out is a useful resource in planning adventures or renting equipment. The Graduate Life Center (GLC) and Johnston Student Center (GBJ) on campus are also available to students.

Students are encouraged to become as involved as possible at Virginia Tech. There are over 700 student organizations of varying interests from water polo to rugby. Search organizations here: [http://gobblerconnect.vt.edu/organizations](http://gobblerconnect.vt.edu/organizations).
Service Opportunities
The commitment to service is strong at Virginia Tech and examples of living out the university motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), are seen throughout the year. Virginia Tech is home to the largest collegiate Relay for Life (a national fundraising event for cancer research). At The Big Event students volunteer to complete projects for residents in the community. See www.engage.vt.edu/.

Sports
Intramural
Virginia Tech has one of the most active intramural programs in the country, serving more than 13,000 participants per year. Both recreational and competitive leagues are offered. Activities include:

- Dodgeball Tournament
- Innertube Water Polo
- Kickball Tournament
- Putt-Putt Tournament
- 9-on-9 Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Swim Meet
- Table Tennis

Club
Sport clubs play other colleges and universities, but are not part of the NCAA (http://www.ncaa.org/). They are supported by the Recreational Sports department. Club sports include:

- Baseball
- Basketball (Women)
- Bowling
- Clay Target
- Crew
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse (Men)
- Rugby (Women)
- Soccer (Women)
- Softball (Women)
- Tennis (Women)
- Volleyball (Men, Women)
- Water Polo (Men, Women)

Varsity
Virginia Tech is part of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). Most sporting events are free and open to all students. Football and basketball games require tickets. Students may obtain a ticket through a lottery system. The Hokies have 16 national level athletic teams:

- Baseball
- Basketball (Men, Women)
- Cross Country
- Football
- Track and Field
- Wrestling
- Lacrosse
- Soccer (Men, Women)
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis (Men, Women)
- Volleyball
- Golf
On-campus Computer Facilities
There are computer labs and wireless networks around campus, such as at Newman Library, the Math Emporium, and Pamplin Lab. Residence halls are equipped with high-speed internet access for students with personal computers.

Entertainment
Students can attend performances at The Center for the Arts; events presented by the Virginia Tech Union; the BreakZone in Squires Student Center; and more. Just a short walk from campus, Downtown Blacksburg offers restaurants and shops, as well as the historic Lyric Theatre.

Student Medical Insurance
All international students are required to have health insurance either through the university's Student Health Insurance Plan or a comparable plan. The annual premium cost for Aetna Student Health, the university-sanctioned health insurance, is approximately $2,330 per year for single students. It is possible to add spouses and/or dependent children to the plan for additional cost. The cost is not included in tuition. For more information about the requirements and coverage options, go to: www.co.vt.edu/Risk/studenthealthinsr/. If you have alternative insurance coverage that meets the university’s requirements, you may submit a waiver request to the university’s Controller’s Office: http://www.co.vt.edu/Risk/index.html.

Health & Fitness Facilities
The Schiffert Health Center on campus (www.healthcenter.vt.edu/) is available to students. The LewisGale Hospital Montgomery (mrhospital.com), a regional hospital providing a full scope of healthcare services, is located just over a mile from campus. Virginia Tech has two gyms, as well as a golf course. Both War Memorial and McComas Gyms have 25-yard pools, weight machines, and aerobic equipment. Exercise classes are offered for a fee.

Work Options
International exchange students can apply to work on campus for up to 20 hours a week, but only after consultation with a Virginia Tech immigration adviser.

Other Fees
Some Virginia Tech courses may require additional fees, including Engineering, Business, and Architecture and Design, that are not included in the Exchange Benefits Agreement. Graduate students seeking certificate may also incur additional fees.
Transportation
Most students fly into the regional airport in Roanoke, Virginia, which is 45 minutes from the Virginia Tech main campus. There is a Smart Way bus shuttle to Blacksburg (www.smartwaybus.com).
Most places on campus and around town are within walking distance. The Blacksburg Transit offers local bus service, free to students with their student ID. The Megabus, a city-to-city commercial bus company, offers daily departures to Washington, D.C. and Knoxville, Tennessee from Christiansburg, Virginia.

Blacksburg Information
Blacksburg, some 12,000 acres nestled on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains, is special. Home to about 41,700 local residents, the town is considered small by most standards—but don’t let its size or location fool you. Because of the town’s 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. More information about the Town of Blacksburg can be found at: www.vt.edu/where_we_are/blacksburg/index.html.

Surrounding Areas
The Town of Christiansburg and its New River Valley Mall is less than 10 miles on Route 460 from campus. The City of Radford, home to Radford University, is about 30 minutes from campus. About 45 minutes away from campus is Roanoke, the largest city in Southwest Virginia.

Feeling Adventurous?
To the north:
• Less than 15 minutes to Pandapas Pond, with fishing and hiking trails.
• Mountain Lake Resort, where parts of “Dirty Dancing” was filmed.
• About 45 minutes to Cascades Falls, among the East Coast’s most beautiful waterfalls.
• Around two hours to Charlottesville, home to Virginia Tech ACC-rival, the University of Virginia.
• The national capital, Washington, D.C., is 4-5 hours away.

To the south:
• Around 15 minutes to The Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech.
• Some 30 minutes to Claytor Lake State Park for swimming, camping, hiking, and picnicking.
• An hour or so to Fancy Gap, which offers spectacular scenery and views of the southern Appalachian Mountains.
• Less than two hours to Abingdon, home of the historic Barter Theatre, the State Theatre of Virginia.
• Around two hours to Winston-Salem, N.C., home of ACC-rival Wake Forest University.
• A little more than two hours to Bristol, home to the Birthplace of Country Music and near the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area.
• Less than three hours to Charlotte, N.C., North Carolina’s largest metropolitan area.

To the east:
• Less than two hours to Lynchburg, the “City of the Seven Hills” on the James River.
• Some three hours to Richmond, Virginia’s capital city.
• Nearly five hours to Virginia Beach’s shoreline.

To the west:
• Two and a half hours to Charleston, the capital of West Virginia.
• Around three hours to Breaks Interstate Park, often called the “Grand Canyon of the South.”
• Around three hours to Big Stone Gap, home of the Southwest Virginia Museum.
• Less than four hours to Knoxville, home to the University of Tennessee.