



GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name of Institution	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 
Location	Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA 24061 U.S.A. 
Contact Details	Global Education Office 526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, VA 24061 Tel: +1 (540)-231-5888 Email: vtabroad@vt.edu
Websites	Main University Website: www.vt.edu Global Education Office - International Exchange: www.globaleducation.vt.edu About the town of Blacksburg: www.blacksburg.gov
Semester/Term Dates	Fall 2020: August 24 - December 17 Mandatory Exchange Orientation will commence August 17, 2020. We recommend you arrive the weekend of August 15-16 Spring 2021: January 19 - May 12 Mandatory Exchange Orientation will commence January 12, 2021. We recommend you arrive the weekend of January 10-11 Academic Calendar: registrar.vt.edu/dates-deadlines/academic-calendar.html
Assessment Dates	Course exams occur in the final week of the semester in which they are taught and will be made known by the instructors.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline	For Fall 2020 Admission: April 1 For Spring 2021 Admission: October 1
Information Available Online	Detailed information regarding the application process is available here: www.globaleducation.vt.edu/Students0/Inbound.html

Materials to Submit with Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bilateral Exchange Application 2. Copy of transcripts in English 3. Photocopy of passport information page 4. Copy of most recent TOEFL, IELTS, or DAAD, score report (if not native English) 5. List of 5-10 VT courses students propose to enroll in 6. Provide financial supporting documents (see below for detail) 7. US green card or permanent residence (if applicable) 8. Notification from home school if you have been recruited to participate in sport sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association
Link to Course Catalogue	Undergraduate: www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu Graduate: http://www.grads.vt.edu/academics/gcat/index.html Exchange students enroll for classes using an online course enrollment system known as HokieSPA: https://banweb.banner.vt.edu/ssb/prod/HZSKVTSC.P_DispRequest
Minimum Number of Credits Required	Students are expected to participate in full-time enrollment totaling at a minimum of 12 non-virtual / in person credits per a semester
Language of Instruction	English
Language Requirements	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 sub score below 6.5 to be considered for admission to Virginia Tech.
Visa Requirements	Information regarding visa requirements can be found at j1visa.state.gov . Information regarding the visa application and required documentation will be given at a later date.
Financial Support	<p>PERSONAL FUNDS IN YOUR NAME (1A OR 1B):</p> <p>1A) Letter written by a bank official to include (see ‘Example Bank Letter’): financial institution's name/logo, your name, summary of balance only (not multiple pages of your personal expenses), currency (e.g. USD, CNY, EUR), date within the past 6 months, confirmation that the funds are readily available, financial institution official’s ink signature (no electronic signature) and/or bank stamp</p> <p>1B) Bank statement (see ‘Example Bank Statement’) to include: financial institution's name/logo, your name, summary of balance only (not multiple pages of your personal expenses), currency (e.g. USD, CNY, EUR), date within the past 6 months, your confirmation handwritten at the bottom of statement: “I verify that this is a true copy of my bank statement as of today’s date” (add signature and date) (no electronic signature)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>PRIVATE SPONSOR FUNDS (parents, family, friends or other) (1A or 1B and 1A) Letter written by a bank official to include (see ‘Example Bank Letter’): financial institution's name/logo, sponsor’s name, summary of balance only (not multiple pages of your personal expenses), currency (e.g. USD, CNY, EUR), date within the past 6 months, confirmation that the funds are readily available, financial institution official’s ink signature (no electronic signature) and/or bank stamp</p> <p>1B) Bank Statement (see ‘Example Bank Statement’) to include: financial institution's name/logo, sponsor’s name, summary of balance only (not multiple pages of your personal expenses), currency (e.g. USD, CNY, EUR), date within the past 6 months, sponsor’s confirmation handwritten at the bottom of statement: “I verify that this is a true copy of my bank statement as of today’s date” (add signature and date) (no electronic signature)</p> <p>2) In addition to either the Official Bank Letter (1A) or Web Bank Statement (1B), your sponsor also needs complete the Affidavit of Support</p> <p>Further instruction will be given once you affirm your place with Virginia Tech</p>

ACCOMMODATION

General Accommodation Information	Information regarding both on campus and off campus accommodation can be found here: www.globaleducation.vt.edu/Students0/Inbound/beforeyouarrive/Housing-inbound.html PLEASE NOTE: Virginia Tech cannot guarantee on-campus accommodation to all exchange students; therefore students must be prepared to live off-campus if necessary.
On-campus Accommodation	General Information: www.housing.vt.edu Room and board rates: www.housing.vt.edu/contracts/rates.html
Off-campus Accommodation	General Information can be found here: www.techoffcampus.com
Cost of Living	Students must consider the cost of accommodation, food, study materials (textbooks etc.), local travel and other general living expenses. Personal expenditure will vary from student to student. On average, students should plan \$600-\$1000 per month for expenses.
Travel Insurance	It is advised to take out adequate travel insurance to cover your journey, including coverage for medical expenses and personal possessions.
Healthcare	It is mandatory for all exchange students to purchase healthcare that meets the requirements set by Virginia Tech. A medical insurance form listing the requirements and instructions for affirming healthcare coverage for your time at Virginia Tech can be found here: risk.controller.vt.edu/content/dam/risk_controller_vt_edu/aetna/2019-2020/2019-2020%20International%20Waiver.pdf Further information regarding medical insurance can be found at: risk.controller.vt.edu/studentmedicalinsurance.html
University Health Facilities	Schiffert Health Center: www.healthcenter.vt.edu Women's Clinic: www.healthcenter.vt.edu/ourservices/womens_clinic.html Cook Counseling Center: www.ucc.vt.edu

GETTING TO BLACKSBURG

Closest Airport	Roanoke, Virginia www.flyroa.com
Distance from Washington DC to Roanoke, VA	Flight: Approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes (United) Train: Approximately 5 hours and 10 minutes (Amtrak) Bus: Approximately 7 hours and 10 minutes (Virginia Breeze/Megabus)
Airport Pick-up Service	The Global Education Office offers free airport pickup from the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport and Amtrak Station in Roanoke at the start of each semester. This service will be offered to students once applications are completed and the exchange is confirmed.

We look forward to welcoming you at Virginia Tech.

If you have questions regarding the inbound exchange process, please contact the Global Education Office at vtabroad@vt.edu or (540) 231-5888.