

2020 Survey of Incoming Freshmen

Start of Block: Introduction and Introductory Questions

Congratulations on your acceptance to Virginia Tech! To help us prepare for your arrival on campus, we ask you to complete this brief survey. The information you provide will guide faculty, administrators, and staff as they develop curricula and programs to facilitate your success. Results from the survey may also be published in academic journals. Your name will not be associated with any of your responses, and your responses will be confidential.

If you have questions or concerns about this survey or its use on our campus, contact Bethany Bodo, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, at bbodo@vt.edu or 540-231-6003.

Welcome to Virginia Tech!

Sincerely,

The Office of Analytics and Institutional Effectiveness

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Consent Information

All of the information that you provide in this survey will be kept confidential. Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, exit now.

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End of Block: Introduction and Introductory Questions

Start of Block: Survey Items for All

Q1 1. What do you see as your primary reason for pursuing an undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech?

- To help me get a job (1)
 - To help me develop a strong foundation for success in graduate school, law school, or medical school (2)
 - To broaden my knowledge base and strengthen skills such as writing and critical thinking (3)
 - To take classes to transfer to another institution (4)
 - My parents made me attend (5)
 - At this point, I am not really sure (6)
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Q2 2. Do you think you will be the same person or a different person by the time you complete your degree?

- The same (1)
 - Mostly the same (2)
 - More the same than different (3)
 - More different than the same (4)
 - Mostly different (5)
 - Different (6)
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Q3 3. During your time at Virginia Tech, how often do you think you will be challenged intellectually?

- Not at all (1)
 - Rarely (2)
 - Occasionally (3)
 - Often (4)
 - All of the time (5)
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Q4 4. How often do you think you will be challenged socially?

- Not at all (1)
 - Rarely (2)
 - Occasionally (3)
 - Often (4)
 - All of the time (5)
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Q5 5. Which of the following skills and abilities do you feel you need to improve upon the most to be successful? (*select up to three*)

- Written communication skills (1)
 - Oral communication skills (2)
 - Critical thinking/analysis skills (3)
 - Computer/technology skills (4)
 - Interpersonal (social) skills (5)
 - Leadership skills (6)
 - Ability to communicate with people different from myself (7)
 - Ethical reasoning (8)
 - Scientific reasoning (9)
 - Quantitative reasoning (10)
 - Information literacy/library skills (11)
 - Knowledge of global issues (12)
 - Organizational ability (13)
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Q6 6. What is your greatest concern as you enter Virginia Tech?

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Q7 7. What do you think your primary major will be when you graduate?

▼ Accounting and Information Systems (1) ... Wildlife Conservation (69)

Q8 8. What excites you about coming to Virginia Tech?

Q9 9. When you were working at a challenging task in a high school class, how confident were you that you would succeed?

- I never had a challenging task in high school (1)
- Not at all confident (2)
- Somewhat confident (3)
- Confident (4)
- Extremely confident (5)

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Q10 10. What percent of time were the following instructional methods used in your high school classes?

| | less than 10% (1) | 10 – 25% (2) | 26 – 50% (3) | 51 – 75% (4) | 76 – 90% (5) | more than 90% (6) |
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| Discussion and debate (1) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Student presentations (2) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Teacher lecture (3) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Role plays (4) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Art and drama activities (5) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Projects using technology (6) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Group projects (7) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Research projects (8) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Case studies (9) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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Q11 11. In which of the following do you think you will participate while at VT?

| | Not likely (1) | Probably yes (2) | Definitely yes (3) |
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| Internship, field experience, co-op, or practicum (1) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community service/volunteer work as part of a course (2) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community service/volunteer work outside of course requirements (3) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| University learning community (e.g., Galileo, Hypatia, Da Vinci, Residential Leadership) (4) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Research project with a faculty member (5) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Study abroad - break week or short-term (6) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Study abroad - at least a semester (7) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Attend a professional or scholarly meeting or conference (8) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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Q12 12. In which of the following do you think you will participate while at VT?

| | Not likely (1) | Probably yes (2) | Definitely yes (3) |
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| Give a talk or exhibit work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference or meeting (1) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Intramural sports (2) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Intercollegiate sports (3) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Organizations or clubs designed for people in my primary major (4) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Social fraternity or sorority (5) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Student government (6) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Arts organization (music, theatre, dance) (7) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Organization focused on special interest/hobby (8) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Organization related to cultural or ethnic heritage (9) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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Q13 13. Which of the following is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?

- Employment (1)
- Graduate or Professional School (2)
- Military Service (3)
- Volunteer Activity (e.g., Peace Corps) (4)
- Starting or raising a family (5)
- Other (Please Specify) (6) _____

Q14 14. How many credits will you be transferring into Virginia Tech?

- 0 (1)
- 1-3 (2)
- 4-6 (3)
- 7-10 (4)
- 11-13 (5)
- 14-16 (6)
- More than 16 (7)

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Q15 15. When do you think you will graduate with your undergraduate degree from VT?

- In 3 years (1)
 - In 3.5 years (2)
 - In 4 years (3)
 - In 4.5 years (4)
 - In 5 years (5)
 - More than 5 years (6)
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Q16 16. Which of the following best describes your high school GPA?

- Less than 2.50 (1)
 - 2.50 - 2.75 (2)
 - 2.76 - 3.00 (3)
 - 3.01 - 3.25 (4)
 - 3.26 - 3.50 (5)
 - 3.51 - 3.75 (6)
 - 3.76 - 4.00 (7)
 - greater than 4.00 (8)
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Q17 17. What is your racial or ethnic background?

- African American (1)
 - Asian/Pacific Islander (2)
 - Hispanic/Latino (3)
 - Native American (4)
 - White (non-Hispanic) (5)
 - Multi-racial (6)
 - None of the above categories (7)
 - Prefer not to answer (8)
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Q18 18. Your gender?

- Female (1)
 - Male (2)
 - Other (3) _____
 - Prefer not to respond (4)
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Q19 19. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your expectations for living and learning at Virginia Tech?

End of Block: Survey Items for All
