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Table 1: What kind of high school did you attend?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Public	1999	81.0%
Private	393	15.9%
Charter	21	0.9%
Magnet	33	1.3%
Homeschool	7	0.3%
Other (<i>Specified</i>)	14	0.6%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Other Specified: American School (1), Boarding College Prep School (1), Both public and private (1), Combination of private school then homeschool and dual enrollment (1), DODEA (2), Early College (1), International (2), Online (1), Public (freshmen year, international (soph.-senior years) (1), public 2 years private 2 years (1), Public Online School (1), Vocational (1).

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Table 2: In high school indicate if you participated in International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), or Honors courses or programs?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
International Baccalaureate (IB)	259	10.5%
Advanced Placement (AP)	2042	82.6%
Dual Enrollment (DE)	1119	45.2%
Honors Courses	1889	76.4%
None	112	4.5%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 3: How many International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), or Honors courses did you complete?

	Responses (n)	1	2	3	4	5	More than 5	University	
								Mean	(SD)
International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses	258	27	23	13	23	18	154	4.7	(1.8)
Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	2042	154	195	213	223	278	979	4.6	(1.7)
Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses	1119	284	257	150	84	62	282	3.2	(1.9)
Honors Courses	1880	63	109	111	121	86	1390	5.2	(1.4)

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Table 4: How many International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), or Honors exams did you complete?

	Responses (n)	0	1	2	3	4	5	More than 5	University	
									Mean	(SD)
International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams	258	26	31	27	20	17	20	117	4.9	(2.3)
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	2036	93	204	222	229	229	268	791	5.1	(2.0)

Table 5: Which best describes your academic participation in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
I took IB courses/exams and earned a full IB diploma.	100	38.8%
I took IB courses/exams but did not earn the full IB diploma.	158	61.2%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 6: During your last year of high school, about how often did you:

	Responses (n)	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	Almost Always	University	
							Mean	(SD)
Feel challenged by a class	2466	47	362	1297	661	99	3.2	(0.79)
Participate in class discussion	2467	5	145	678	1067	572	3.8	(0.86)
Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues	2467	141	708	958	511	149	2.9	(0.98)
Revise a paper two or more times before submitting	2465	84	352	685	848	496	3.5	(1.07)
Have conversations with an individual from a background different than	2467	9	127	447	1024	860	4.1	(0.88)
Perform volunteer service as part of a class or graduation requirement	2464	440	342	564	566	552	3.2	(1.40)
Perform volunteer service not as part of a class or graduation requirement	2459	158	374	813	654	460	3.4	(1.14)
Serve a leadership position in a club or team for school or out of school	2464	207	248	522	651	836	3.7	(1.27)

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Never=1; Rarely=2; Sometimes=3; Very Often=4; Almost Always=5.

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Table 7: How many colleges did you apply to including Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
1-3	514	20.8%
4-6	785	31.8%
7-9	569	23.0%
10-12	355	14.4%
More than 12	246	10.0%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 8: How many colleges acceptances did you receive including Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
1-3	887	36.0%
4-6	973	39.4%
7-9	435	17.6%
10-12	106	4.3%
More than 12	66	2.7%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 9: Were you accepted to your first choice?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes	205	20.3%
No	805	79.7%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 10: How important were each of the following factors in your decision to attend Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	Not Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Important	Very Important	University	
							Mean	(SD)
Virginia Tech's reputation	2462	39	171	499	1160	593	3.9	(0.92)
Major availability	2459	35	94	278	873	1179	4.2	(0.90)
Future career opportunities	2462	9	33	174	842	1404	4.5	(0.72)
Commitment to service (<i>Ut Prosim</i>)	2462	174	328	751	809	400	3.4	(1.12)
Cost	2465	185	387	675	655	563	3.4	(1.21)
Scholarships/financial aid	2462	348	497	599	486	532	3.1	(1.34)
Location	2462	212	419	724	717	390	3.3	(1.17)
Campus visit	2458	327	324	509	767	531	3.3	(1.31)
Recommendation from someone other than family	2459	366	417	541	685	450	3.2	(1.32)
Extracurricular opportunities	2463	96	298	559	862	648	3.7	(1.11)

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Not Important=1; Slightly Important=2; Moderately Important=3; Important=4; Very Important=5.

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Table 11: How long do you anticipate it will take you to complete your bachelor’s degree at Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Less than 4 years	374	15.3%
4 years	1916	78.3%
4.5 years	56	2.3%
5 years	99	4.0%
More than 5 years	3	0.1%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 12: Rate your proficiency in each of the following areas:

	Responses (n)	Limited	Basic	Intermediate	Advanced	Expert	University	
		Proficiency	Proficiency	Proficiency	Proficiency	Proficiency	Mean	(SD)
Written communication skills	2440	6	161	757	1294	222	3.6	(0.75)
Oral communication skills	2439	17	228	924	1027	243	3.5	(0.82)
Critical thinking/analysis skills	2438	1	71	631	1346	389	3.8	(0.72)
Leadership skills	2439	34	238	758	1033	376	3.6	(0.91)
Ability to work in teams to solve problems	2438	5	72	530	1348	483	3.9	(0.74)
Ethical reasoning	2436	5	124	726	1206	375	3.7	(0.78)
Knowledge of global issues	2439	80	604	1004	594	157	3.1	(0.94)
Ability to integrate skills and knowledge from different contexts	2438	7	127	835	1151	318	3.7	(0.78)

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Limited Proficiency=1; Basic Proficiency=2; Intermediate Proficiency=3; Advanced Proficiency=4; Expert Proficiency=5.

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Table 13: During your time at Virginia Tech, how often do you think you will be challenged academically?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Not at all	1	0.04%
Rarely	17	0.70%
Occasionally	355	14.5%
Often	1563	63.9%
All the time	510	20.9%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 14: Which of the following do you expect to participate in while at Virginia Tech? (Check all that apply)

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Internship, field experience, coop, or practicum	2135	86.3%
Community service or volunteer work (in a credit course)	1372	55.5%
Community service or volunteer work (not for course credit)	1466	59.3%
Student organizations or Greek Life	1151	46.5%
Undergraduate Research (for course credit)	1475	59.6%
Undergraduate Research (not for course credit)	818	33.1%
Author or co-author a publication	226	9.1%
Give a talk or exhibit your work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference or meeting	435	17.6%
Study abroad	1267	51.2%
Intramural sports	1216	49.2%
Intercollegiate sports	326	13.2%
Pursue creative projects/performances	848	34.3%
Learn to speak or write in a new language	622	25.2%

Note: Percentage indicates the percent of total respondents participating in a particular activity.

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Table 15: During your first year at Virginia Tech, how many hours per week do you plan on working *on campus*?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
None – I won’t have a job on campus	1626	67.0%
1-10 hours per week	476	19.6%
11-20 hours per week	274	11.3%
21-30 hours per week	44	1.8%
More than 30 hours per week	7	0.3%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 16: Is your on-campus job related to the Federal work-study program?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes	225	28.5%
No	564	71.5%

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Table 17: During your first year at Virginia Tech, how many hours per week do you plan on working off campus?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
None – I won’t have a job off campus	1930	79.5%
1-10 hours per week	289	11.9%
11-20 hours per week	165	6.8%
21-30 hours per week	31	1.3%
More than 30 hours per week	14	0.6%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question

Table 18: How concerned are you with each of the following while at Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	Not Concerned	Slightly Concerned	Moderately Concerned	Concerned	Strongly Concerned	University	
							Mean	(SD)
Academic achievement	2451	168	386	541	580	776	3.6	(1.27)
Time management	2448	118	422	594	702	612	3.5	(1.18)
Finding a place to belong/community	2447	416	489	560	538	454	3.0	(1.36)
Finances	2446	395	503	518	501	529	3.1	(1.38)
Housing	2447	706	602	639	328	172	2.5	(1.23)
Advising issues	2440	703	653	596	333	155	2.4	(1.21)
Mental health	2443	624	622	516	377	304	2.6	(1.34)
Transportation/parking	2439	894	725	468	248	104	2.2	(1.15)

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Not Concerned=1; Slightly Concerned=2; Moderately Concerned=3; Concerned=4; Strongly Concerned.

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Table 19: How likely are you to use the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) while at Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Not applicable	1778	72.9%
Extremely unlikely	177	7.3%
Unlikely	148	6.1%
Neutral	126	5.2%
Likely	92	3.8%
Extremely likely	119	4.9%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 20: At this point, which of the following best describes your plans after graduating from Virginia Tech? (Check all that apply)

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Employment	1944	78.6%
Graduate or professional school	1356	54.8%
Military Service	173	7.0%
Volunteer Service (e.g., Peace Corps)	77	3.1%
Starting or raising a family	372	15.0%
Traveling	631	25.5%
I don't know	294	11.9%
Other	23	0.90%

Note: Percentage indicates the percent of total respondents participating in a particular activity.

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Table 21: After graduation, where do you plan to seek employment?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
In Blacksburg only	3	0.2%
In Virginia only	183	9.4%
Anywhere in the USA	1064	54.8%
Outside the USA	32	1.6%
Anywhere – location is not important	661	34.0%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 22: What type of employment will you seek after graduation?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
I would seek full-time employment	1484	76.5%
I would seek part-time employment	33	1.7%
I would seek full- or part-time employment	422	21.8%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 23: What degree(s), if any, do you plan to pursue in the future? (Check all that apply)

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
A research master's degree (e.g., MS in Chemistry, MS in Civil Engineering, MS in History)	490	19.8%
Master's degree in business administration	222	9.0%
Other professional master's degree (i.e., Master of Public Health, Master of Public Administration)	245	9.9%
Law Degree (e.g., J.D.)	104	4.2%
Medical Degree (e.g., M.D. or D.O.)	289	11.7%
Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., PharmD.)	326	13.2%
Not sure	360	14.6%
None	12	0.5%

Note: Percentage indicates the percent of total respondents anticipating pursuing a particular course of graduate study.

Table 24: Are you considering Virginia Tech for your graduate education?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes	645	49.4%
No	80	6.1%
Unsure	580	44.4%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 25: What is your racial or ethnic background?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
African American or Black	121	5.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	332	13.7%
Hispanic/Latino	184	7.6%
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	9	0.4%
White (non-Hispanic)	1528	62.9%
Multi-racial	151	6.2%
None of the above categories	36	1.5%
Prefer not to answer	68	2.8%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 26: What is your gender identity?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Male	1136	46.7%
Female	1205	49.5%
Nonbinary	25	1.0%
Trans Male	13	0.5%
Trans Female	2	0.1%
Prefer not to respond	41	1.7%
Other	11	0.5%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Other Specified: Agender (1), any pronouns (1), bigender (both transgender male and nonbinary), Genderfluid, Genderfluid Transmac (1), I don't know, man, this doesn't help me understand myself any further (1), My gender does not matter, stop collecting data that drives us apart (1), questioning (1), shouldn't matter (1), somewhere between woman and nonbinary. The specifics are an enigma, even to me (1), Trans Fem (1).

Table 27: What is the highest level of education completed by either of your parents?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
High School	323	13.2%
Trade School Certification	29	1.2%
Associate degree	101	4.1%
Bachelor's Degree	772	31.5%
Master's Degree	944	38.6%
Doctoral Degree	278	11.4%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 28: Have you attended community college or another 4-year university prior to Virginia Tech?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes	84	3.4%
No	2360	96.6%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 29: Did you receive an associate or bachelor's degree?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes, associate degree after high school	0	0.0%
Yes, associate degree during high school	60	24.1%
Yes, bachelor's degree	1	0.4%
No	188	75.5%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 30: Are you an international student?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes	184	7.5%
No	2263	92.5%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.