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

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Public	1689	78.2%
Private	396	18.3%
Charter	21	1.0%
Magnet	31	1.4%
Homeschool	10	0.5%
<i>Other (Specified)</i>	12	0.6%

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

Other Specified:

1. *Both public and private (5)*
2. *Dual enrollment/homeschool (1)*
3. *Governor’s school (3)*
4. *Hybrid homeschool/public school (1)*
5. *Military Academy (1)*
6. *Vocational school (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)	214	9.9%
Advanced Placement (AP)	1830	84.6%
Dual Enrollment (DE)	1045	48.3%
Honors Courses	1687	78.0%
None	96	4.4%

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	209	26	17	10	13	11	132	4.7	(1.89)
Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	1828	99	160	172	200	259	938	4.7	(1.61)
Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses	1044	245	257	144	105	48	245	3.2	(1.89)
Honors Courses	1683	47	80	104	85	68	1299	5.3	(1.35)

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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	208	13	24	19	12	14	20	106	5.3	(2.13)
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	1825	64	143	179	181	204	246	808	5.4	(1.88)

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.	93	44.5%
I took IB courses/exams but did not earn the full IB diploma.	116	55.5%

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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	2160	21	286	1082	665	106	3.3	(0.78)
Participate in class discussion	2157	7	103	591	968	488	3.9	(0.84)
Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues	2159	139	686	822	380	132	2.9	(0.99)
Revise a paper two or more times before submitting	2159	52	312	594	700	501	3.6	(1.07)
Have conversations with an individual from a background different than	2158	10	139	388	832	789	4.0	(0.92)
Perform volunteer service as part of a class or graduation requirement	2156	377	315	473	493	498	3.2	(1.40)
Perform volunteer service not as part of a class or graduation requirement	2155	121	292	675	617	450	3.5	(1.13)
Serve a leadership position in a club or team for school or out of school	2158	151	177	439	624	767	3.8	(1.21)

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	277	12.8%
4-6	676	31.3%
7-9	559	25.9%
10-12	376	17.4%
More than 12	274	12.7%

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	546	25.3%
4-6	899	41.7%
7-9	481	22.3%
10-12	160	7.4%
More than 12	71	3.3%

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Table 9: Were you accepted to your first choice?

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Yes	200	21.5%
No	730	78.5%

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	2153	29	125	406	1011	582	3.9	(0.90)
Major availability	2157	17	63	246	759	1072	4.3	(0.84)
Future career opportunities	2153	6	24	146	669	1308	4.5	(0.70)
Commitment to service (<i>Ut Prosim</i>)	2151	135	243	647	737	389	3.5	(1.10)
Cost	2155	141	309	574	628	503	3.5	(1.18)
Scholarships/financial aid	2152	303	422	520	428	479	3.2	(1.35)
Location	2154	186	321	589	711	347	3.3	(1.17)
Campus visit	2149	245	296	471	668	469	3.4	(1.28)
Recommendation from someone other than family	2146	323	394	503	523	403	3.1	(1.33)
Extracurricular opportunities	2153	81	227	505	790	550	3.7	(1.08)

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	296	13.8%
4 years	1706	79.3%
4.5 years	57	2.6%
5 years	89	4.1%
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	2145	7	107	637	1166	228	3.7	(0.74)
Oral communication skills	2145	17	167	770	950	241	3.6	(0.82)
Critical thinking/analysis skills	2143	1	53	528	1229	332	3.9	(0.70)
Leadership skills	2144	31	175	628	950	360	3.7	(0.90)
Ability to work in teams to solve problems	2142	4	62	426	1157	493	4.0	(0.75)
Ethical reasoning	2141	8	119	603	1042	369	3.8	(0.81)
Knowledge of global issues	2143	70	545	893	491	144	3.0	(0.94)
Ability to integrate skills and knowledge from different contexts	2144	6	102	702	1051	283	3.7	(0.77)

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	4	0.2%
Rarely	17	0.8%
Occasionally	292	13.6%
Often	1389	64.8%
All the time	442	20.6%

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	1910	88.3%
Community service or volunteer work (in a credit course)	1182	54.6%
Community service or volunteer work (not for course credit)	1314	60.7%
Student organizations or Greek Life	1088	50.3%
Undergraduate Research (for course credit)	1310	60.5%
Undergraduate Research (not for course credit)	803	37.1%
Author or co-author a publication	227	10.5%
Give a talk or exhibit your work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference or meeting	377	17.4%
Study abroad	1086	50.2%
Intramural sports	1100	50.8%
Intercollegiate sports	307	14.2%
Pursue creative projects/performances	752	34.8%
Learn to speak or write in a new language	525	24.3%

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	1372	64.4%
1-10 hours per week	461	21.6%
11-20 hours per week	263	12.3%
21-30 hours per week	24	1.1%
More than 30 hours per week	10	0.5%

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	213	28.4%
No	536	71.6%

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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	1700	80.0%
1-10 hours per week	259	12.2%
11-20 hours per week	139	6.5%
21-30 hours per week	20	0.9%
More than 30 hours per week	6	0.3%

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	2140	151	331	503	506	649	3.6	(1.26)
Time management	2139	102	395	539	577	526	3.5	(1.18)
Finding a place to belong/community	2134	353	485	496	453	347	3.0	(1.32)
Finances	2139	323	483	458	417	458	3.1	(1.37)
Housing	2137	591	553	524	291	178	2.5	(1.26)
Advising issues	2131	610	557	559	275	130	2.4	(1.20)
Mental health	2138	620	585	462	290	181	2.5	(1.27)
Transportation/parking	2138	799	639	423	196	81	2.1	(1.13)

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	1592	74.5%
Extremely unlikely	171	8.0%
Unlikely	138	6.5%
Neutral	107	5.0%
Likely	68	3.2%
Extremely likely	62	2.9%

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	1704	78.7%
Graduate or professional school	1268	58.6%
Military Service	152	7.0%
Volunteer Service (e.g., Peace Corps)	64	3.0%
Starting or raising a family	395	18.3%
Traveling	521	24.1%
I don't know	204	9.4%
Other	19	0.9%

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	4	0.2%
In Virginia only	174	10.2%
Anywhere in the USA	917	53.8%
Outside the USA	40	2.3%
Anywhere – location is not important	569	33.4%

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	1314	77.3%
I would seek part-time employment	22	1.3%
I would seek full- or part-time employment	364	21.4%

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)	487	38.4%
Master's degree in business administration	206	16.2%
Other professional master's degree (i.e., Master of Public Health, Master of Public Administration)	182	14.4%
Law Degree (e.g., J.D.)	90	7.1%
Medical Degree (e.g., M.D. or D.O.)	268	21.1%
Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., PharmD.)	308	24.3%
Not sure	320	25.2%
None	6	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	601	49.1%
No	60	4.9%
Unsure	564	46.0%

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	112	5.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	347	16.4%
Hispanic/Latino	151	7.1%
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	8	0.4%
White (non-Hispanic)	1249	58.9%
Multi-racial	130	6.1%
None of the above categories	41	1.9%
Prefer not to answer	83	3.9%

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	999	47.1%
Female	1049	49.5%
Nonbinary	16	0.8%
Trans Male	7	0.3%
Trans Female	6	0.3%
Prefer not to respond	39	1.8%
Other	3	0.1%

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

Other Specified: 1. Agender 2. Attack Helicopter 3. Bigender

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	217	10.0%
No	1947	90.0%

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	1	0.5%
Yes, associate degree during high school	53	24.4%
Yes, bachelor’s degree	0	0.0%
No	163	75.1%

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	169	7.9%
No	1966	92.1%

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