Senior Survey 2011-12

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

While the survey is not anonymous, be assured that your responses are confidential. Your name will not be associated with any responses. Comments are reported verbatim with the exception that individual names are removed in those cases where negative remarks are made about an individual. Your name is not associated with the comments. Congratulations on your impending graduation and best wishes for future success.

Sincerely,

The Office of Academic Assessment

VTID Please enter your student ID # with no spaces or dashes: (e.g., 987654321)
What is your PRIMARY MAJOR?

- Accounting and Information Systems
- Aerospace Engineering
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 Human Development  
 Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise  
 Humanities, Science and Environment  
 Industrial and Systems Engineering  
 Industrial Design  
 Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Interior Design  
 International Studies  
 Landscape Architecture  
 Management  
 Marketing  
 Materials Science and Engineering  
 Mathematics  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 Mining Engineering  
 Music  
 Natural Resources Conservation  
 Ocean Engineering  
 Philosophy  
 Physics  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Public and Urban Affairs  
 Sociology  
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 Theater Arts  
 Wildlife Science  
 Wood Science and Forest Products 

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Section II: The questions in this section ask for your perceptions related to ACADEMIC ADVISING in...
When you had a question or needed clarification regarding an academic problem (e.g., what courses to take, graduation requirements, etc.) from which of the following resources were you likely to seek an answer? (check all that apply)

- My official academic advisor
- College or department professional advisor
- College Academic Programs Office
- A faculty member in my major department
- A faculty member outside my major department
- A staff member
- University catalog
- Departmental materials
- Other students

Which of the following best describes your OFFICIAL academic advisor?

- A departmental undergraduate academic advisor
- A faculty member in my major department
- A faculty member outside my major department
- A staff member
- I don’t know

In the last year, how many times did you meet with your OFFICIAL academic advisor?

- None
- One time
- Two times
- Three times
- Four times
- Five or more times
In the last year, how many times did you have telephone or email contact with your OFFICIAL academic advisor?

- None
- One time
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Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding your OFFICIAL academic advisor.

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Which of the following have you participated in while at Virginia Tech? (check all that apply)

- Internship, field experience, co-op, or practicum
- Community service or volunteer work AS PART OF A COURSE
- Community service or volunteer work OUTSIDE OF ANY COURSE REQUIREMENTS
- University learning community
- Research project with a faculty member AS PART OF A COURSE/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
- Research project with a faculty member OUTSIDE OF A COURSE/PROGRAM
- Study abroad
- Attended a professional or scholarly meeting or conference
- Gave a talk or exhibited your work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference or meeting
- Intramural sports
- Intercollegiate sports
- Organizations or clubs designed for people in your primary major
- Other student organizations

Section V: Demographic Information

What is your graduation date?

- December 2010
- May 2011
- Summer 2011
- Other
What year did you first enter Virginia Tech?

- 2009 or later
- 2008
- 2007
- 2006
- 2005
- 2004 or before

How many classes have you taken for VT credit at other institutions (not counting AP and Dual Enrollment courses taken during high school)?

- 0
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-10
- 11-13
- 14-16
- More than 16

Which of the following best describes your current GPA?

- Less than 2.00
- 2.01 - 2.25
- 2.26 - 2.50
- 2.51 - 2.75
- 2.76 - 3.00
- 3.01 - 3.25
- 3.26 - 3.50
- 3.51 - 3.75
- 3.76 - 4.00
Your current age?
- 22 or younger
- 23-24
- 25-27
- 28-30
- 31-35
- 36 or older

What is your racial or ethnic background?
- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- White (non-Hispanic)
- Multi-racial
- None of the above categories
- Prefer not to answer

Your gender?
- Female
- Male

Which of the following is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?
- Employment, full-time paid
- Employment, part-time paid
- Graduate or Professional School, full-time
- Graduate or Professional School, part-time
- Additional undergraduate coursework
- Military Service
- Volunteer Activity (e.g., Peace Corps)
- Starting or raising a family
- Other (Please Specify) ____________________
If you were to do it all over, would you attend Virginia Tech again?

- [ ] Definitely yes
- [ ] Probably yes
- [ ] Probably no
- [ ] Definitely no

Is there any other information you would like to provide about your experience specifically related to your major or to your overall experience at Virginia Tech?

Thank you for taking the time to provide information to improve teaching and learning at Virginia Tech. Please click "submit" to end the survey.