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Table 1: Which of the following describes your status when you originally enrolled at Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I completed an undergraduate degree from another 4-year college or university before enrolling at Virginia Tech	1	0.1%
I enrolled at Virginia Tech as my first 4-year college or university experience	964	85.1%
I transferred to Virginia Tech from a community college	116	10.2%
I transferred to Virginia Tech from another 4-year college or university	52	4.6%

Table 2: Which of the following statements best describes how you chose your primary major at VT?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I came to Virginia Tech undecided and chose my primary major once I got here	160	14.1%
I came to Virginia Tech with the same primary major that I am graduating with	606	53.4%
I changed my primary major more than once while I was at Virginia Tech	66	5.8%
I changed my primary major once while I was at Virginia Tech	302	26.6%

Table 3: Did you have a secondary major?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	985	87.9%
Yes	135	12.1%

Table 4: Which of the following best describes your GPA?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
2.00 - 2.50	42	3.7%
2.51 - 3.00	168	14.8%
3.01 - 3.50	399	35.2%
3.51 - 4.00	526	46.3%

Note: For Tables 1-4, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 5: How many distance, hybrid, or online learning courses did you take during your time at VT?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
0	7	0.6%
1-2	44	3.9%
3-4	146	12.9%
5-6	223	19.7%
7-8	201	17.7%
9 or more	513	45.2%

Table 6: Which of the following statements best describes your experiences in online courses?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
These courses were about the same level of difficulty as in person courses	621	55.2%
These courses were significantly easier than in person courses	379	33.7%
These courses were significantly harder than in person courses	125	11.1%

Table 7: Would you opt for an online course in the future if an in-person option is available?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Maybe	426	37.8%
No	291	25.8%
Yes	409	36.3%

Table 8: How long did it take to complete your bachelor's degree at Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Less than 4 years	268	23.7%
4 years	589	52.0%
4.5 years	126	11.1%
5 years	124	10.9%
More than 5 years	26	2.3%

Note: For Tables 5-8, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 9. Academic factors contributing to graduation delays exceeding four years.	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I am graduating with more than one major	16	1.4%
I changed majors which delayed my graduation time	97	8.5%
I completed an internship, field experience, co-op, or practicum that extended my graduation	35	3.1%
I could not get the courses I needed to graduate on time	39	3.4%
I lost credits when I transferred to Virginia Tech	29	2.6%
I needed to retake required courses to graduate	93	8.2%
I participated in a study abroad program that extended my graduation time	10	0.9%
I wanted to or was advised to take a lighter course load	50	4.4%
Other	79	7.0%

Table 10. Personal factors contributing delays exceeding four years.	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I took a job, and it affected my time to focus on my education	39	3.4%
I took a semester or more off because of financial reasons	9	0.8%
I took a semester or more off for personal reasons not directly related to finances	46	4.1%
I went part-time because of financial reasons	12	1.1%
I went part-time for personal reasons not directly related to finances	31	2.7%
Other	136	12.0%

Note: For Tables 9 and 10, percentage indicates percent of total respondents who indicated one of the following factors contributed to a longer time to degree.

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Table 11: Select up to three of the following primary factors contributing delays exceeding 4 years.	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I am graduating with more than one major	15	1.3%
I changed majors which delayed my graduation time	87	7.7%
I completed an internship, field experience, co-op, or practicum that extended my graduation	34	3.0%
I could not get the courses I needed to graduate on time	41	3.6%
I lost credits when I transferred to Virginia Tech	26	2.3%
I needed to retake required courses to graduate	93	8.2%
I participated in a study abroad program that extended my graduation time	10	0.9%
I took a job, and it affected my time to focus on my education	26	2.3%
I took a semester or more off because of financial reasons	7	0.6%
I took a semester or more off for personal reasons not directly related to finances	45	4.0%
I wanted to or was advised to take a lighter course load	50	4.4%
I went part-time because of financial reasons	7	0.6%
I went part-time for personal reasons not directly related to finances	27	2.4%
Other	59	5.2%

Table 12: Did you ever consider withdrawing or transferring from Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	838	74.0%
Yes, but not seriously	178	15.7%
Yes, I left and came back	9	0.8%
Yes, I seriously considered it	108	9.5%

Note: For Tables 11 and 12, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 13. Question*	Responses (n)	Limited proficiency	Basic proficiency	Intermediate proficiency	Advanced proficiency	Expert proficiency	VT Mean	(SD)
Ability to integrate skills and knowledge from different contexts	1126	3	23	182	570	348	4.1	0.75
Ability to work in teams and solve problems	1120	3	28	111	521	457	4.3	0.75
Critical thinking and analysis skills	1123	3	11	105	579	425	4.3	0.69
Ethical reasoning	1126	4	33	163	538	388	4.1	0.79
Knowledge of global issues	1126	37	153	343	396	197	3.5	1.03
Leadership skills	1126	11	57	217	505	336	4.0	0.88
Oral communication skills	1124	6	44	237	568	269	3.9	0.81
Written communication skills	1127	2	21	186	629	289	4.0	0.71

***Question:** For the following skills and abilities, please indicate the level of proficiency you currently possess as you are graduating from Virginia Tech.

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

Table 14: Question*	Responses (n)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	VT Mean	(SD)
Age	1126	6	24	109	489	498	4.3	0.77
Disability	1124	24	80	178	441	401	4.0	1.00
Gender identity	1125	4	47	170	492	412	4.1	0.84
Political belief	1124	49	98	237	426	314	3.8	1.08
Race or ethnicity	1125	15	44	152	476	438	4.1	0.88
Religion	1126	15	55	182	460	414	4.1	0.92
Sexual orientation	1123	6	32	150	500	435	4.2	0.81

***Question:** Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following choices that complete the statement: Virginia Tech creates a campus environment where everyone is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of:

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Strongly Disagree =1; Disagree =2; Neutral =3; Agree =4; Strongly Agree =5.

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Table 15: Which of the following did you participate in while at Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Attended a professional or scholarly meeting or conference	430	37.9%
Attended one or more performing arts events	451	39.7%
Authored or co-authored a publication	84	7.4%
Community service or volunteer work as part of a course	287	25.3%
Community service or volunteer work outside of a course (e.g., The Big Event)	654	57.6%
Gave a talk or exhibited your work at a professional conference or meeting	228	20.1%
Intercollegiate sports	81	7.1%
Internship, field experience, co-op, or practicum	771	67.9%
Intramural sports	436	38.4%
Other student organizations	648	57.1%
Social fraternity or sorority	296	26.1%
Student government	21	1.9%
Study abroad	178	15.7%
Undergraduate research (for course credit)	261	23.0%
Undergraduate research (not for course credit)	256	22.6%
University living learning community	301	26.5%

Table 16: Were you an international college student?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	1089	96.6%
Yes	38	3.4%

Note: For Table 15, percentage indicates percent of total respondents participating in a particular activity. For Table 16, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 17: Were you a first-generation college student?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	946	83.7%
Yes	184	16.3%

Table 18: Were you a commuter student at any time at Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	697	61.7%
Yes	433	38.3%

Table 19: Did you live on campus at any point while you were attending Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	175	15.5%
Yes, for all of my time at college	51	4.5%
Yes, for part of my time at college	903	80.0%

Table 20: Have you received any financial aid from Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	524	46.5%
Unsure	68	6.0%
Yes	535	47.5%

Note: For Tables 17-20, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 21: Due to financial reasons, I was unable to participate in the following:	Responses (n)	Was Not Interested	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	VT Mean	(SD)
Community service	1099	216	431	296	118	27	11	1.7	0.89
Extracurricular activities (i.e., Venture Out or similar programs)	1100	274	322	267	126	86	25	2.1	1.11
Greek life	1103	469	184	168	134	97	51	2.5	1.27
Intramural sports	1101	371	329	230	126	29	16	1.9	0.98
Non-paid internships	1102	349	190	159	113	162	129	2.8	1.45
Student organizations (i.e., not Greek Life)	1097	215	394	302	129	42	15	1.8	0.96
Study abroad	1107	366	122	145	119	205	150	3.2	1.39
Other	894	412	146	119	170	27	20	2.3	1.08

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Strongly Disagree =1; Disagree =2; Neutral =3; Agree =4; Strongly Agree =5.

Table 22: During your college years, did you work for pay during at least one term?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	363	32.2%
Yes	764	67.8%

Note: For Table 22, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 23: In which of your college years did you work the following for pay?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Off-campus – 1st Year	138	12.2%
Off-campus – 2nd Year	248	21.9%
Off-campus – 3rd Year	330	29.1%
Off-campus – 4th Year	338	29.8%
On-campus, not part of work-study program – 1st Year	103	9.1%
On-campus, not part of work-study program – 2nd Year	214	18.9%
On-campus, not part of work-study program – 3rd Year	271	23.9%
On-campus, not part of work-study program – 4th Year	267	23.5%
On-campus, part of work-study program – 1st Year	28	2.5%
On-campus, part of work-study program – 2nd Year	40	3.5%
On-campus, part of work-study program – 3rd Year	45	4.0%
On-campus, part of work-study program – 4th Year	49	4.3%

Note: Percentage indicates percent of total respondents that worked for pay.

Table 24: On average, how many hours did you work during these terms?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
5 hours or less	56	7.3%
More than 5-10 hours	215	28.2%
More than 10-15 hours	152	19.9%
More than 15-20 hours	123	16.1%
More than 20 hours	217	28.4%

Table 25: Did you utilize Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) while a student at Virginia	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	951	84.3%
Yes	177	15.7%

Note: For Tables 24 and 25, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 26: At this point, what are your plans within the next 12 months?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Additional undergraduate coursework	19	1.7%
Employment (full-time paid)	795	70.0%
Employment (part-time paid)	168	14.8%
Gap Year	94	8.3%
Graduate or professional school (full-time)	298	26.3%
Graduate or professional school (part-time)	39	3.4%
Internship	160	14.1%
Military Service	40	3.5%
Starting or raising a family	20	1.8%
Traveling	241	21.2%
Unsure	149	13.1%
Volunteer Service (e.g., Peace Corps)	27	2.4%
Other	20	1.8%

Table 27: Have you secured employment?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I am still searching for employment	277	31.5%
No	77	8.8%
Yes	524	59.7%

Note: For Table 26, percentage indicates the percent of total respondents participating in a particular activity. For Table 27, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 28: Are your employment plans related to your major at Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Not related	78	8.9%
Yes, directly related	555	63.2%
Yes, somewhat related	245	27.9%

Table 29: What sector best describe your employment plans after graduation?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Education	32	3.7%
Government	149	17.0%
Healthcare	96	11.0%
Industry	438	50.0%
Not-for-profit	17	1.9%
Other	144	16.4%

Table 30: What is the estimated salary for your employment plans after graduation?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Under \$50,000	89	17.0%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	65	12.5%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	69	13.2%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	135	25.9%
\$80,000 - \$89,999	107	20.5%
\$90,000 or more	57	10.9%

Note: For Tables 28-30, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 31: What type of graduate degree do you plan to pursue next?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
A business master's degree (e.g., MBA)	28	8.5%
A professional master's degree (e.g., MAED, MPH)	47	14.3%
A research master's degree (e.g., MS, MSLS)	135	41.2%
Doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD)	45	13.7%
Judicial degree (e.g., JD)	20	6.1%
Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO)	21	6.4%
Other	32	9.8%

Table 32: Have you already applied to graduate schools?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	61	20.6%
Yes	235	79.4%

Table 33: Have you received an acceptance to any graduate schools at this point?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	36	15.3%
Yes	199	84.7%

Table 34: Have you accepted an offer to enroll in graduate school?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
No	11	5.5%
Yes	188	94.5%

Note: For Tables 31-34, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 35: Have you or will you apply to graduate school at Virginia Tech?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I applied to Virginia Tech for graduate school	31	10.5%
I considered Virginia Tech for graduate school but decided not to apply	33	11.2%
I have accepted an offer to attend graduate school at Virginia Tech	107	36.3%
I plan on applying to Virginia Tech for graduate school in the future	31	10.5%
I will NOT apply to Virginia Tech for graduate school	93	31.5%

Table 36: When do you expect to start pursuing a graduate degree?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
I don't intend to go to graduate school	267	33.2%
More than three years after graduation	130	16.2%
Unsure	178	22.1%
Within the next two to three years	229	28.5%

Table 37: How did you typically communicate with your primary academic advisor?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Emails	313	27.7%
Meetings in person	316	27.9%
Virtually (i.e., zoom)	490	43.3%
Other	12	1.1%

Table 38: During this academic year, how many times did you meet with your academic advisor?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
None	147	13.0%
1-3	724	64.0%
4-6	176	15.5%
7-9	39	3.4%
10 or more	46	4.1%

Note: For Tables 35-38, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

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Table 39. Question*	Responses (n)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	VT Mean	(SD)
I was always able to contact my academic advisor to meet or answer questions	1122	32	48	120	433	489	4.2	0.97
I was given accurate information about academic requirements and choices	1122	49	62	141	475	395	4.0	1.05
I was given assistance in choosing what and when I should take courses	1127	39	68	126	499	395	4.0	1.01
I was given assistance in exploring and clarifying my career-related goals	1125	77	163	241	374	270	3.5	1.20
I was given assistance in exploring and clarifying my educational goals	1126	52	102	185	460	327	3.8	1.09
I was given assistance in finding out about academic support services available at VT	1125	62	111	230	454	268	3.7	1.11
My advisor was always prepared	1122	37	70	150	378	487	4.1	1.05
When I sought advice, I was treated with respect	1122	24	23	92	412	571	4.3	0.87

***Question:** Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about the academic advising you received in your primary major.

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Strongly Disagree =1; Disagree =2; Neutral =3; Agree =4; Strongly Agree =5.

Table 40. Question*	Responses (n)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	VT Mean	(SD)
Courses in my major helped me be a better communicator	1126	8	48	140	542	388	4.1	0.83
Courses in my major helped me synthesize information across different sources	1124	5	22	94	584	419	4.2	0.72
Courses in my major incorporated technology that enhanced my learning	1124	12	50	140	494	428	4.1	0.87
Courses in my major increased knowledge of my field	1127	7	21	52	441	606	4.4	0.72
Courses in my major increased my understanding of ethical behavior in my field	1125	10	42	150	548	375	4.1	0.83
Courses in my major required me to think critically	1125	8	14	51	540	512	4.4	0.69
Courses in my major were academically challenging	1127	9	43	104	570	401	4.2	0.80

***Question:** Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about courses in your primary major.

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Strongly Disagree =1; Disagree =2; Neutral =3; Agree =4; Strongly Agree =5.

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Table 41: Question*	Responses (n)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	VT Mean	(SD)
Faculty in my major encouraged student-faculty interaction outside of the classroom	1125	23	96	239	463	304	3.8	0.99
Faculty in my major incorporated technology that enhanced my learning	1126	10	63	185	550	318	4.0	0.87
Faculty in my major knew me as a person	1124	64	147	259	412	242	3.6	1.13
Faculty in my major provided opportunities for students to learn cooperatively	1124	11	37	139	586	351	4.1	0.80
Faculty in my major set high standards for my learning	1126	5	28	123	527	443	4.2	0.77
Faculty in my major were accessible outside of class	1122	10	42	147	576	347	4.1	0.82

***Question:** Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about faculty in your primary major.

Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Strongly Disagree =1; Disagree =2; Neutral =3; Agree =4; Strongly Agree =5.

Table 42: If you were to do it all over, would you attend Virginia Tech again?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Maybe	187	17.3%
No	41	3.8%
Yes	853	78.9%

Table 43: What is your race and/or ethnicity?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
African American or Black	46	4.1%
Asian/ Pacific Islander	117	10.4%
Hispanic/Latino	86	7.7%
Multi-Racial	53	4.7%
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	5	0.4%
None of the above categories	5	0.4%
Prefer not to answer	30	2.7%
White (non-Hispanic)	780	69.5%

Note: For Tables 41-43, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.

Table 44: What is your gender identity?	Responses (n)	VT Percentage
Female	525	46.9%
Male	555	49.6%
Nonbinary	19	1.7%
Trans female	2	0.2%
Trans male	1	0.1%
Prefer not to respond	14	1.3%
Other	4	0.4%

Note: For Table 44, percentage indicates percent of total responses to the question.