

## 2017-2018 University Senior Survey Report

**Table 1: Please respond to the following items in reference to faculty or courses in your PRIMARY major.**

	Responses (n)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	University Mean	(SD)
was intellectually challenging	1176	1%	5%	48%	46%	3.4	(0.62)
required me to think critically	1176	1%	3%	41%	54%	3.5	(0.60)
increased my knowledge of the field	1172	1%	2%	28%	69%	3.7	(0.57)
helped me become a better writer	1173	4%	26%	45%	26%	2.9	(0.81)
helped me to become a better oral communicator	1172	2%	14%	48%	35%	3.2	(0.75)
helped me synthesize information from different sources	1171	1%	6%	49%	43%	3.3	(0.64)
increased my understanding of ethical behavior	1171	3%	12%	49%	36%	3.2	(0.76)
incorporated technology that enhanced my learning	1168	3%	14%	44%	39%	3.2	(0.79)
set high standards for my learning	1170	2%	9%	43%	46%	3.3	(0.71)
encouraged student faculty interaction outside the classroom	1172	6%	23%	40%	31%	3.0	(0.89)
provided opportunities for students to learn cooperatively	1171	2%	6%	49%	44%	3.3	(0.66)
were accessible outside of class	1173	2%	7%	53%	38%	3.3	(0.68)
knew me as a person	1172	8%	24%	41%	28%	2.9	(0.91)

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

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**Table 2: Please indicate the level of proficiency you possess compared to other college graduates.**

	Responses (n)	Very Low	Low	Ave	Above Ave.	University Mean (SD)
Written communication skills	1149	0%	3%	40%	56%	3.5 (0.57)
Oral communication skills	1149	1%	4%	43%	53%	3.5 (0.60)
Critical thinking/analysis skills	1149	0%	2%	32%	66%	3.6 (0.53)
Leadership skills	1147	1%	5%	35%	60%	3.5 (0.62)
Ability to work in teams to solve problems	1148	0%	3%	29%	68%	3.6 (0.54)
Ethical reasoning	1148	1%	3%	38%	59%	3.5 (0.59)
Ability to work across disciplines	1149	1%	6%	41%	53%	3.5 (0.63)
Knowledge of global issues	1148	3%	20%	45%	32%	3.5 (0.57)
Ability to communicate with people different from yourself	1148	1%	3%	32%	65%	3.5 (0.60)

*Note: Means were calculated using the following scale: Very Low=1; Low=2; Ave=3; Above Ave=4.*

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**Table 3: In the last year, how many contacts (in person, email, telephone) did you have with your academic advisor?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
none	74	6%
1-2	341	30%
3-5	376	33%
6-10	170	15%
11-20	69	6%
more than 20	122	11%

*Note: Percentage indicates percentage of total responses to the question*

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**Table 4: Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding advising you received in your major.**

	Responses (n)	Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	University Mean	(SD)
I was given assistance in thinking through my university related choices (e.g., what classes should I take?)	1095	0%	5%	15%	41%	39%	3.1	(0.84)
I was given assistance in exploring and clarifying my educational goals	1064	0%	6%	21%	41%	31%	3.0	(0.88)
I was given assistance in exploring and clarifying my career related goals	1038	0%	8%	26%	38%	28%	2.9	(0.92)
I was given assistance in finding out about academic support services available at Virginia Tech	1008	0%	6%	22%	45%	27%	2.9	(0.86)
I was given accurate information about academic requirements and choices	1082	0%	4%	10%	37%	49%	3.3	(0.82)
When I sought advice, I was treated with respect	1046	0%	2%	4%	28%	66%	3.6	(0.68)

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**Table 5: Which of the following have you participated in while at Virginia Tech? (check all that apply)**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Internship, field experience, coop, or practicum	854	73%
Community service or volunteer work (in a credit course)	346	29%
Community service or volunteer work (not for course credit)	901	77%
University learning community (e.g., Galileo, Hypatia, Da Vinci, REACH, Residential Leadership, SERVE)	225	19%
Research project with a faculty member (in a credit course)	334	28%
Research project with a faculty member (not for course credit)	212	18%
Study abroad break week or short term	140	12%
Study abroad at least a semester	100	8%
Attended a professional or scholarly meeting or conference	618	53%
Gave a talk or exhibited your work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference or meeting	364	31%
Intramural sports	560	48%
Intercollegiate sports	92	8%
Organizations or clubs designed for people in my primary major	593	50%
Social fraternity or sorority	338	29%
Student government	45	4%
Attended one or more performing arts events	795	68%
Other student organizations	684	58%

*Note: Percentage indicates the percentage of total respondents for the particular activity.*

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**Table 6: How many classes have you taken for VT credit at other institutions (not counting AP and Dual Enrollment courses taken during high school)?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
0	466	41%
1-3	331	29%
4-6	109	10%
7-10	49	4%
11-13	19	2%
14-16	28	2%
More than 16	122	11%

*Note: Percentage indicates percentage of total responses to the question.*

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**Table 7: How many classes in a distance-learning format have you taken for credit at Virginia Tech?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
None	563	50%
One	118	11%
Two	156	14%
Three	126	11%
Four	63	6%
More than four	97	9%

*Note: Percentage indicates percentage of total responses to the question.*

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**Table 8: Overall, do you believe your education experiences in distance-format classes were similar to non-distance classes?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Distance course experiences were better	59	11%
Distance course experiences were about the same	288	52%
Distance course experiences were not as good	210	38%

*Note: Percentage indicates percentage of total responses to the question*



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**Table 9: Which of the following best describes your current GPA?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Less than 2.00	1	0%
2.01-2.25	10	1%
2.26-2.50	27	2%
2.51-2.75	55	5%
2.76-3.00	115	10%
3.01-3.25	190	17%
3.26-3.50	271	24%
3.51-3.75	263	23%
3.76-4.00	191	17%

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**Table 10: What is your racial or ethnic background?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
African American	23	2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	95	8%
Hispanic/Latino	37	3%
Native American	1	0%
White (non-Hispanic)	887	79%
Multi-racial	41	4%
None of the above categories	7	1%
Prefer not to answer	33	3%

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**Table 11: What is your gender?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Female	625	56%
Male	486	43%
Other	8	1%

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**Table 12: Which of the following is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Employment, full-time paid	690	62%
Employment, part-time paid	43	4%
Graduate or Professional School, full-time	275	25%
Graduate or Professional School, part-time	10	1%
Additional Undergraduate Coursework	7	1%
Military Service	43	4%
Volunteer Activity (e.g., Peace Corps)	15	1%
Starting or raising a family	0	0%
Other	38	3%

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**Table 13: If you were to do it all over, would you attend Virginia Tech again?**

	Responses (n)	University Percentage
Definitely no	35	3%
Probably no	79	7%
Probably yes	282	25%
Definitely yes	725	65%

*Note: Percentage indicates percentage of total responses to the question*