2021-2022

NEW CADET GUIDE

Chapter 2: Getting Ready

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Summer Programs and Orientation

Summer Academy Cadets

Summer Academy is offered from July 7-Aug. 13. If you will be at Summer Academy, please let us know at corps@vt.edu.

Transfer Cadets

If you have not already completed your housing contract online, you will need to email housing@vt.edu with your full name and birthday and request a "cadet" housing contract. Until housing opens a contract for you, you will not be able to sign up for Corps housing through the StarRez portal.

If MGT 1945 is not already on your schedule, do not allow your academic department advisor to schedule you for classes that meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. We will be batch adding all new cadets for MGT 1945.

Talk with your ROTC program about additional classes you may need to take if you have fewer than four years until graduation. Most ROTCs require a minimum of six semesters remaining to graduation from Virginia Tech to participate and commission. If you have fewer than six semesters remaining, contact your ROTC directly. If you have fewer than four semesters, contact LTC Mariger at corps@vt.edu as soon as possible.

You will be completing New Cadet Week the week before school starts and will complete two semesters in first-year standing in the Corps regardless of your academic level. The only exception to this policy is if you have only four semesters remaining to graduate. This can be discussed at your first interview with your deputy commandant during the school year.

International Cadets

The Corps and Cranwell International Center work together to help make your transition to Virginia Tech, and the United States, a smooth experience.

Like all other new cadets, you will check-in with the Corps and move into your residence hall on the first day of New Cadet Week. We highly recommend that international students choose one of the earlier blocks for move-in, but you must plan to arrive on campus no later than 11 a.m.

It is critical that you complete the Immigration Document Check upon arrival in the United States. You can find instructions for how to do this and a list of the documents you will need to complete the check at students.vt.edu/transition/International_Orientation/immigration_check-in.html. Failure to complete the Immigration Document Check-In e-form may result in the cancellation of your immigration record in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

We will get you to the International Student Orientation sessions for check-in, your visa paperwork, and academic advising during New Cadet Week to help you accomplish the items you must for International Student Orientation. You will be escorted to any orientation events you need to attend by your upperclass cadets. The Cranwell International Center and New Student and Family Programs are aware of your unique situation as an international cadet.

Completing Online Orientation

We expect all families to make it a priority to attend a summer orientation session, which should be easier this year with the tasks available online. Failing to complete your orientation tasks will affect your readiness to train during New Cadet Week. However, if it is not feasible for your family, it is critical that you sign up for Make-Up Orientation when registration becomes available. We will arrange a time for you to attend critical Corps events during Make-Up Orientation. (You may have to miss the rappel tower or obstacle course events during New Cadet Week.)

New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is an overview of life as a Hokie. Although we can't be together on campus yet, we're ready to show you all Virginia Tech has to offer in a way that is at your own pace and tailored to what you need to know.

The experience includes monthly tasks on Canvas, and your academic department should be in touch with you regarding how to sign up for your classes. Parents are encouraged to attend the family programming offered through New Student Orientation. Plus, don't forget to read the university's You're In, Now What? website for new students.

Signing Up for Classes

Your academic department or college will send you information about their plan for registering for classes. Don't forget to check that you have MGT 1945 (Corps Lab) and to add your desired ROTC/Citizen-Leader Track classes and labs.

Hokie Passports

Your Hokie Passport is one of the most important tools you will have as a student at Virginia Tech. It will be used to access your residence hall, your room, your meal plan, the buses, your extra money for laundry (Hokie Passport account), and to check out books or electronics from the library. Through the Orientation Canvas course, you will receive directions on how to submit your picture for your Hokie Passport.

Domestic students will receive their Hokie Passport in the mail and must bring their Hokie Passport to New Cadet Check-In.

For students residing outside of the United States, we will have your Hokie Passport for you at New Cadet Check-In. Bring an authorized identification with you to New Cadet Check-In (U.S. driver's license, passport, etc.). We will issue your Hokie Passport once we have verified your identification. More details will be provided on Canvas.

Parents or family members will need to provide Hokie Passport Services with their student's FERPA passcode before any student information can be released to them.

- Find more information on FERPA at registrar.vt.edu.
- For questions about Hokie Passport Services, go to hokiepassport.vt.edu.

Corps Requirements This Summer

Commandant's Orientation Video

Both you and your family should watch the commandant's video in Canvas. Maj Gen Randal Fullhart, the commandant of cadets, will explain the organization of the Corps and the ROTCs and what to expect for New Cadet Week and your first year.

Corps' Town Halls

Periodically throughout the summer, the Corps will host a town hall meeting to answer questions you have. These will be announced through an email to your vt.edu email and through an announcement on the Corps New Cadet Paperwork Canvas course. The first will be at 7 p.m. June 15 via a Zoom webinar.

Uniform Fittings

Because orientation is offered virtually this year, new cadets can take their own measurements at home. There will be an assignment on Canvas with a survey to complete. Each measurement will have a video of instructions.

New cadets who have the opportunity to visit campus may sign up for an appointment with the Tailor Shop to be measured for their uniforms in-person. Details will be announced on Canvas. DO NOT show up at the Tailor Shop without an appointment.

Meal Plans

You will be able to select any one of three on-campus dining plans: Major Flex, Mega Flex, and or Premium Flex. Find your perfect meal plan at vt.edu/campus-life/dining.html. Changes are accepted until the day before the dining plans start for the fall semester. Every Monday, you will use your meal plan to eat dinner with other new cadets, called Freshman Eats.

Room Assignments

Room assignments will be made the first week of August. Highty-Tighties may be assigned earlier. If you are interested in joining the Highty-Tighties, please contact LTC Mariger at corps@vt.edu. Your room assignment will be available online. Check One Campus or StarRez.

■ Unforeseen circumstances could require that assignments be changed. StarRez will reflect the most accurate room assignment.

■ If the Corps has not received positive intent to enroll as a cadet by Aug. 1, you will not be allowed to enroll in the Corps for the fall semester unless approved by the commandant of cadets. This may also trigger the withdrawal policy, and you may lose your offer to Virginia Tech.

Company Assignments

Company assignments will be emailed to your vt.edu email the first week of August. Company and roommate assignments are random for new cadets.

Battalions, Companies, and Training Companies

The regiment is made up of three battalions. There are four companies in 1st and 2nd battalions and five companies in 3rd Battalion with Band Company divided into two sections. Each new cadet is placed into a training company within a company. This allows new cadets to be full members of the unit and ensures focused, quality training.

A portion of the regiment will be assigned Main Eggleston Hall on Lower Quad. All other cadets will be housed in Pearson Hall East and West on Upper Quad.

1st Battalion		2nd Battalion		3rd Battalion	
Company	Training Company	Company	Training Company	Company	Training Company
Alpha	Alpha '25	Echo	Echo '25	India	India '25
Bravo	Bravo '25	Foxtrot	Foxtrot '25	Kilo	Kilo '25
Charlie	Charlie '25	Golf	Golf '25	Lima	Lima '25
Delta	Delta '25	Hotel	Hotel '25	Mike	Mike '25
				Band A	Band A '25
				Band B	Band B '25

Sophomore Shuffle

After your first year, you will be shuffled to a new company and battalion for the following reasons:

- To give you broader exposure to different leadership styles

- To equalize the size of each company

- To give you a fresh start as an upperclass cadet

- To expand your professional network

Highty-Tighties are shuffled between Band A and Band B, giving them similar opportunities while supporting the operational mission of the band.

Computer and Software Requirements

Computer Requirements

Each college and department has different computer requirements, which can be found at comprq.vt.edu. Students connect to the Internet in their rooms through an Ethernet cable and connect through wireless when traveling around campus. A long Ethernet cable is useful.

If you need assistance setting up your computer, contact 4Help, the university's IT personnel, at 4Help@vt.edu, 540-231-4357, or by using your VT Username to log into vt4help.service-now.com.

Software Requirements

All incoming undergraduate students are required to purchase a Microsoft Campus Agreement (CA) Software Bundle. This requirement ensures that all undergraduate students have access to the latest versions of Office and their computer's operating system. The bundle provides you with upgrades as long as you remain an undergraduate student at Virginia Tech. For more information see the Requirement FAQs at itpals.vt.edu/softwarelicensingcenter/studentsoftware/incomingundergrad or contact Student Software Sales at studentsoftware@vt.edu or 540-231-3969.

Students in building construction, engineering, landscape architecture, the Pamplin College of Business, and the School of Architecture and Design usually have additional software requirements. Contact your college or the Student Software Distribution Office for more information.