

Graduate Student Climate Survey

The following survey is designed to gather information about your experience as a graduate student at Virginia Tech. There are some questions included that were also part of an undergraduate climate survey and your responses will be used to compare the experiences of the two populations. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes of your time. The information will provide the university invaluable information to improve the current campus climate. Thank you for your participation.

I consent to participate in this survey. If you do not consent click here (insert opt out link).

Campus Support

- 1. There are sufficient resources (e.g. library services, technology etc.) available through Virginia Tech to ensure my academic success.**
- 2. There is adequate support for students having academic difficulties.**
- 3. There is adequate support for students having social/emotional difficulties.**
- 4. I know where to find social and personal support within the graduate community if I need it.**
- 5. My support network includes friends and/or faculty members from Virginia Tech.**
- 6. I am usually aware of activities that are geared towards the graduate student population at Virginia Tech.**
- 7. There are sufficient opportunities for socialization within the graduate community.**
- 8. The presence of the Graduate Life Center (GLC) in Blacksburg has helped me feel more connected to the graduate community at Virginia Tech.**
- 9. The GLC provides programs and services that are relevant to my particular needs and interests.**
- 10. I am comfortable in the environment the GLC provides for graduate students.**
- 11. GLC staff members are approachable and able to help me when I have questions.**

Strongly agree[Code = 5]
Somewhat agree[Code = 4]
Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]
Strongly disagree[Code = 1]
Not applicable/Does not apply to me[Code = 0]

12. How often do you feel that you are experiencing a significant level of stress as a result of your graduate student experience?

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Often
- Always

13. Please share with us any other thoughts you may have about campus support.

Campus Safety

How safe do you feel...?

- 14. Walking alone on campus after dark**
- 15. Waiting alone on campus for public transportation after dark**
- 16. Walking alone in parking lots/parking garages on campus after dark**
- 17. Working in the library/lab/GLC late at night**
- 18. In the Blacksburg community and area surrounding campus during the day**
- 19. In the Blacksburg community and the area surrounding campus at night**
- 20. On campus overall**

Extremely safe[Code = 5]
Very safe[Code = 4]
Moderately safe[Code = 3]
Slightly safe[Code = 2]
Not at all safe[Code = 1]
Not applicable/Does not apply to me[Code = 0]

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

- 21. Campus security/campus police are responsive to campus safety issues.**
- 22. Campus administrators and staff take seriously the security policies on campus.**

Strongly agree[Code = 5]
Somewhat agree[Code = 4]
Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]
Strongly disagree[Code = 1]
Not applicable/Does not apply to me[Code = 0]

Faculty/Advising

23. My faculty/advisor respond(s) to my email, calls, or voicemails in a prompt manner.
24. I am satisfied with the quality of advising I have received from my department.
25. Department faculty/staff members (other than my advisor) respond to my emails, calls, or voicemails in a prompt manner.
26. There are adequate opportunities for me to interact with other university faculty outside of my department.
27. I get support from my faculty/advisor to pursue personal research interests?
28. My department faculty encourages me to produce publications and present research.
29. My department has provided me opportunities to serve the department or university in various capacities outside of teaching or research.
30. My department faculty/advisor provides clear expectations.
31. I feel comfortable sharing my professional goals with my advisor.

Strongly agree[Code = 5]

Somewhat agree[Code = 4]

Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]

Strongly disagree[Code = 1]

Not applicable/Does not apply to me[Code = 0]

32. Please share with us any additional information you may have regarding faculty that you believe will be helpful.

Academic Program/Department Climate

33. Department facilities and resources available to me are sufficient to allow me to produce quality work.
34. I feel I am treated fairly in my department.
35. My department provides a supportive learning environment.
36. My department is free from discrimination.
37. My department encourages a collaborative environment among students.
38. My department encourages a collaborative environment with faculty.
39. I am as socially and professionally integrated into my department/program as I would like to be.
40. My department supports my personal commitments outside of graduate school (family, health, social, etc.)

Strongly agree[Code = 5]

Somewhat agree[Code = 4]

Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]

Strongly disagree[Code = 1]

Not applicable/Does not apply to me[Code = 0]

41. Please share with us any information regarding department climate you believe will be helpful.

Financial

42. Do you rely on any of the following sources to pay for your education (check all that apply)?

Family/Personal contribution

Graduate Assistantship/Tuition Waiver

Loans

Need-based financial aid

43. Do you have an assistantship this semester?

Yes

No <If no proceed to question 45>

44. What type of assistantship do you have?

GA

GRA

GTA

45. Do you have a fellowship this semester?

Yes

No

46. Are you employed outside the university?

Yes

No

47. Do you work part-time or full-time for the university?

Yes

No

48. I feel Virginia Tech provides adequate information about financial support

49. I am comfortable approaching my department about financial support

50. I feel my department assists me in finding financial support

51. I worry about my financial situation while in graduate school

52. I am satisfied with the amount of financial support I receive

Strongly agree[Code = 5]

Somewhat agree[Code = 4]
Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]
Strongly disagree[Code = 1]
Not applicable/Does not apply to me[Code = 0]

53. Please share with us any other thoughts you may have on financial support.

Campus Diversity

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

- 54. Virginia Tech is diverse.**
- 55. I personally add to the diversity of my campus.**
- 56. I take advantage of the opportunities provided by Virginia Tech to learn about diversity-related issues.**

Strongly agree[Code = 5]
Somewhat agree[Code = 4]
Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]
Strongly disagree[Code = 1]

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

- 57. Virginia Tech is supportive of people with physical disabilities.**
- 58. Virginia Tech is supportive of students with non-physical disabilities (i.e., learning disabilities).**
- 59. Virginia Tech is supportive of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer.**
- 60. Virginia Tech is supportive of people who identify as transgender.**
- 61. Virginia Tech is supportive of people with diverse ethnic backgrounds.**
- 62. Virginia Tech is supportive of international students.**

Strongly agree[Code = 5]
Somewhat agree[Code = 4]
Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]
Strongly disagree[Code = 1]

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

- 63. I feel I am treated fairly as a student on this campus.**

64. I would feel comfortable reporting an act of discrimination or harassment that I had **witnessed**.

65. I would feel comfortable reporting an act of discrimination or harassment that I had **experienced**.

Strongly agree[Code = 5]
Somewhat agree[Code = 4]
Somewhat disagree[Code = 2]
Strongly disagree[Code = 1]

Please answer the following questions:

66. I have witnessed **discriminatory behavior** on the Blacksburg campus within the last 12 months.

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68. I have witnessed **harassment** on the Blacksburg campus within the last 12 months.

69. I have experienced **harassment** on the Blacksburg campus within the last 12 months.

70. Have you been singled out on the Blacksburg campus because of your identity (race, ability/disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc.) within the last 12 months?

71. Do the course offerings, events, and activities at Virginia Tech reflect the lives, perceptions, and contributions of people from diverse backgrounds?

Yes (please explain)[Code = 1] [Textbox]
No[Code = 0]

72. Please share with us any other thoughts you may have on campus diversity.

73. If you could start over again, would you enroll at Virginia Tech?

Definitely would[Code = 4]
Probably would[Code = 3]
Probably would not[Code = 2]
Definitely would not[Code = 1]

74. If “not” please explain...

Veteran Services

75. Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?

Yes

No <if no skip section>

76. What is your current U.S. military status?

Active Duty Military

Discharged from Military service

National Guard

Reserves

Veteran

Other:

77. Have you been activated or on active duty during your time at Virginia Tech?

Yes

No

78. In what branch of service are/were you?

Air Force

Army

Reserve

National Guard

Coast Guard

Marines

Navy

Other (please specify)

79. Where do you go most often for information about Veterans services and benefits?

Virginia Tech Veterans Services Office

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

County Veterans Services Office

American Legion Veterans Services Office

Military Unit/Education Officer

Other (please specify)

80. Please choose the top three items you believe the Graduate School should focus on in terms of Veterans services and policies: (Check up to three)

Additional veteran services and programs

Alternative curriculum delivery formats (online, evening, weekend, etc.)

Classes just for Veterans

Off-campus referral procedures to address veteran needs

Retention/degree completion assistance

Services for family members of active duty service members/veterans

Special orientation for veterans

Veteran Resource Center/Lounge
Other (please specify)

81. What are your sources of funding for your university education? (Check all that apply)

Employment
Family resources/support
GI Bill/ Military tuition assistance
Grants
Loans
Scholarships
VA educational benefits
Other (please specify)

82. Do you have any comments or suggestions about the veteran services at Virginia Tech?

Yes (please explain)
No

About You

83. What is your age?

(Drop down)

84. What is your enrollment status?

Part time (8 credit hours or less)
Full time (9 credit hours or more)

85. Are you registered with Virginia Tech's office for Services for Students with Disabilities?

Yes
No

86. Are you an international student?

Yes
No

87. Where do you currently live?

On campus
<If on campus
 >GLC
 >Main Campbell Hall
 >Other (specify):

Off campus

<If off campus

>How far is your commute?

Less than 1 mile

Between 2-5 miles

More than 5 miles

88. What degree program?

Masters

PhD

Education Specialist

Certificate

Non Degree

89. What program of study?

(drop down list)

90. What is your biological sex?

M

F

91. Do you identify as transgender?

Yes

No

92. Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer?

Yes

No

93. Please indicate your current relationship status (click all that apply):

I am single.[Code = 1]

I am in a committed partnership.[Code = 2]

I am married.[Code = 3]

I am in a civil union.[Code = 6]

I am separated or divorced.[Code = 4]

I am widowed.[Code = 5]

I prefer not to answer this question.[Code = 55]

94. Please indicate your world view:

Agnosticism[Code = 1]

Atheism[Code = 2]
 Baha'i Faith[Code = 3]
 Buddhism[Code = 4]
 Christianity, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
 (Mormonism)[Code = 5]
 Christianity, Protestant[Code = 6]
 Christianity, Orthodox[Code = 7]
 Christianity, Roman Catholic[Code = 8]
 Confucianism
 Daoism
 Hinduism
 Islam
 Jainism
 Judaism
 Native American Traditions
 Non-religious
 None
 Paganism
 Secular Humanism
 Sikhism
 Spiritual
 Unitarian Universalism
 Zoroastrianism
 Other

95. With which categories do you most identify?

Asian/Pacific Islander[Code = 1]
Black/African American[Code = 2]
Latino(a)/Hispanic[Code = 3]
American Indian/Alaskan Native[Code = 5]
White[Code = 6]
Mixed Race[Code = 7]
I prefer to not respond to this question.[Code = 55]

96. With which of the following, if any, do you further identify?

American[Code = 1]
Bangladeshi[Code = 2]
Cambodian[Code = 3]
Chinese[Code = 4]
Filipino[Code = 5]
Hmong[Code = 6]

Indian[Code = 7]
Indonesian[Code = 8]
Japanese[Code = 9]
Korean[Code = 10]
Loa[Code = 11]
Malaysian[Code = 12]
Nepalese[Code = 13]
Pakistani[Code = 14]
Singaporean[Code = 15]
Sri Lankan[Code = 16]
Taiwanese[Code = 17]
Thai[Code = 18]
Tibetan[Code = 19]
Vietnamese[Code = 20]
None of the above[Code = 21]
I prefer not to respond.[Code = 22]

97. We intend to host focus groups to further explore findings from this survey. If you would be willing to participate in a focus group please follow this link to provide your name and email. This information will not be connected to your responses in this survey.

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