Checklist for New Graduate Students  
Fall 2021

We recommend that new students complete these tasks in the following sequence. For additional details about each task, please follow the links or refer to the Getting Started as a Student guide on the Graduate School’s website.

**May be completed prior to arrival or upon arrival:**

1. [Create your personal identifier (PID)](Create your personal identifier (PID)).
2. [Contact your academic department](Contact your academic department) for information about advising, funding, class registration, and orientation requirements.
3. [Complete and upload your Immunization History Form](Complete and upload your Immunization History Form) and Tuberculosis Assessment Form to the health center at least one month prior to classes starting.
4. View the [Orientation to Healthcare Session](Orientation to Healthcare Session) video.
5. [Find housing](Find housing).
6. [Purchase health insurance](Purchase health insurance) (mandatory for international students in F or J visa status [see requirements](Purchase health insurance)); optional for domestic students.
7. Register for classes on [Hokie SPA](Register for classes on Hokie SPA) during the web drop/add period starting November 26, 2021.
8. [Pay tuition and fees on Hokie SPA](Pay tuition and fees on Hokie SPA) (once registered).
9. Visit the [Cranwell International Center](Visit the Cranwell International Center) and [Graduate School](Visit the Cranwell International Center) websites for calendars of events to welcome you to Virginia Tech.

**Must be completed upon arrival:**

10. Complete the mandatory [immigration check-in](Complete the mandatory immigration check-in) process.
11. Get your student ID card in the [Hokie Passport Office](Get your student ID card in the Hokie Passport Office) 100 Student Services Building.
12. Participate in [Graduate Student Orientation](Participate in Graduate Student Orientation) on January 14, 2022. (optional, but encouraged).