

Getting Started as a New Student narrative with hyperlinks from the Slide Deck

Registering for your courses

- Getting your PID (<https://onboard.vt.edu>)
- Go to Hokiespa
 - (https://apps.es.vt.edu/ssb/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P_MainMnu)
 - Find the Course Registration and Schedule Menu item and click on that.
 - On that page, find the link for Registration (Add/Drop) and Schedule
 - On the Registration page, click on Add Drop-Register for classes
 - Choose your term
 - Find your classes by entering your search criteria, then choose your classes
- Make sure you do this within the end date to add (Aug. 30, 2024)

Paying Your Tuition

- Go to Hokiespa and choose Hokie Wallet
 - You will find your bill and amount on this page (this can be shown to your bank if you are on an educational loan)
 - On the Hokie Wallet page, select view and pay e-bill
 - You can check activity, make a payment, view your statements and other activities on this page

Health and Medical Requirements

- Immunizations (by the deadline)
 - This includes completing the Immunization History Form (https://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/content/dam/healthcenter_vt_edu/assets/docs/immunizationhistory_form.pdf) and updating the healthy Hokies Portal (<https://healthyhokies.healthcenter.vt.edu/>).
- On the Healthy Hokies Portal, you'll find a list of the medical procedures required under forms and requirements.
- Medical Insurance
 - International students, Veterinary Medicine students, and School of Medicine students **are required** to have health insurance either through the Virginia Tech student health insurance plan (<https://risk.vt.edu/smi.html>) or a comparable plan.
 - Other domestic students are encouraged, but not required, to have personal health insurance
 - Eligible Graduate Assistants (<https://risk.vt.edu/smi/assistantship.html>) wishing to use the health insurance subsidy must enroll in the Virginia Tech Student Health Insurance plan.

Reaching Virginia Tech in Blacksburg

- By air

- Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA) (<https://www.flyroa.com/>) is the closest airport to Virginia Tech. It only serves domestic flights. From there you can catch the SmartWay bus to campus (see below)
- Charlotte International Airport (CLT) (<https://www.cltairport.com/>) in Charlotte, North Carolina, is another option.
- Dulles International Airport (IAD) (<https://www.flydulles.com/iad/dulles-international-airport>) in Virginia just outside of Washington, D.C., is another option, and you can take the Virginia Breeze Bus (<https://virginiabreeze.drpt.virginia.gov/routes/>) from Washington, D.C. to Blacksburg.
- From Roanoke to Blacksburg by bus or car
 - The SmartWay (<https://smartwaybus.com/>) bus from Roanoke-Blacksburg airport to Blacksburg runs several times a day. Fare is \$4 (USD) each way.
 - Rental cars also are available at the airport. The Blacksburg campus is 40 minutes away by car.
 - If using your own car, add Virginia Tech to your phone. Google or Apple maps or any other GPS system should work. Blacksburg is just off Interstate-81, a major highway in the eastern United States
- By Train
 - Amtrak (<https://www.amtrak.com/stations/rnk>) has a station in Roanoke. Trains run twice daily to and from Washington D.C. You'll need to find transportation from Roanoke to Blacksburg. The SmartWay bus (see above) stops at the Amtrak station.

Housing

For on-campus housing, visit this page

(https://housing.vt.edu/contracts/apply/graduate_students.html) to find options, including the Graduate Life Center.

For off-campus housing, visit this page (<https://offcampus.vt.edu/>), on which numerous listings are available.

Check the Facebook Marketplace on the Facebook App.