

Graduate Student Academic Journey Map

Application to Admission

1. Submit application online
2. Department reviews application and makes a recommendation
3. Graduate school finalizes decision and posts letter in application portal; email alert sent to student and department
4. Funding offer, if applicable, is sent separately by academic department
5. Complete Reply to Offer in application portal to accept admission

Admission to First Semester

6. Create PID
7. Submit Immunization History Form online to Schiffert health center (healthcenter.vt.edu/new_student.html)
8. Complete Sexual Assault Prevention for Graduates online module (students.vt.edu/onlineprograms.html)
9. Participate in GTA workshop (if applicable)
10. Participate in orientation (optional)
11. Submit final transcript showing degree conferral after arrival for first semester

Academic Progress

12. Enroll in credit hours in your academic program according to continuous enrollment and doctoral residency requirements
13. Form a committee and submit a Plan of Study
14. Participate in a co-op experience (optional)
15. Pass qualifying exam (if applicable) (doctoral only; department process)
16. Pass preliminary exam (doctoral only; Graduate School process)
17. Complete Inclusion and Diversity and Ethics requirements

Final Semester

18. Enroll in at least 3 credit hours or in Start of Semester Defense Exemption (SSDE)
19. Submit Application for degree (degree or certificate conferral request) in Hokie SPA
20. Submit final exam/evaluation request

21. Defend thesis/dissertation (if applicable)
22. Submit ETD (if applicable)
23. Participate in commencement (optional)
24. Receive diploma in the mail