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# Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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## Financial requirement

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Financial guarantee amount      Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University requires written financial guarantees for at least \$10,000 per academic year

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## Brief overview of the university

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Virginia Tech is a comprehensive university affiliated with the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a land-grant institution, it has a strong outreach mission, in addition to its academic and scientific mission. It is current among the top 50 major research universities in the United States, and is making strides to enter the top 30 research universities. Its residential campus is nestled in a beautiful mountain environment, with numerous hiking and other outdoors opportunities nearby.

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## Academic issues

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Academic strengths	Engineering; science and technology; architecture and urban studies; business; agriculture and life sciences; computer engineering; natural resources; humanities and social sciences. Non-academic: American football team among best in the U.S.A. (currently in top 20)
Restricted/closed Departments	No restrictions. Students must have the pre-requisite knowledge for each class in which they enrol.
Can I pre-register for classes before arrival?	In most cases yes, but this depends on academic department and other factors. Online registration system is used.
If yes, please give details	Upon admission, students are given a student ID, with which they can create a Personal ID used for logging in to the HokieSPA course enrolment system (at <a href="http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu">www.hokiespa.vt.edu</a> ).
Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions:	College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: <a href="http://www.cals.vt.edu">www.cals.vt.edu</a> College of Architecture and Urban Studies: <a href="http://www.arch.vt.edu">www.arch.vt.edu</a> Pamplin College of Business: <a href="http://www.pamplin.vt.edu">www.pamplin.vt.edu</a> College of Engineering: <a href="http://www.eng.vt.edu">www.eng.vt.edu</a> College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences: <a href="http://www.clahs.vt.edu">www.clahs.vt.edu</a> College of Natural Resources: <a href="http://www.cnr.vt.edu">www.cnr.vt.edu</a> College of Science: <a href="http://www.cos.vt.edu">www.cos.vt.edu</a>

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## Semester dates

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Mandatory orientation normally occurs from the Tuesday to Thursday, the week before the start of classes. Academic calendars for future years are available at [www.registrar.vt.edu/registration/timetable\\_calendars.php](http://www.registrar.vt.edu/registration/timetable_calendars.php)

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**Housing**

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Guaranteed housing?	In most cases yes. A limited number of on-campus housing spaces are available to exchange students, so you are encouraged to submit the application and sign the contract within sufficient time
If no, is on campus housing readily available?	In most cases yes.
When is housing information sent?	You receive information about Housing in your acceptance packet
Link to housing website	<a href="http://www.studentprograms.vt.edu/housing/">www.studentprograms.vt.edu/housing/</a>
Brief details	Numerous on-campus dormitories are available for exchange students, with meal plans available. Timely applicants should request a dormitory that remains open during university breaks.
Allocation process	The Housing office sends an email message to you upon allocation of accommodation, usually in late July (around one month before you arrive)

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**Application information**

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Which month of the year are applications processed?	Between February and May
Which month of the year do you send out offer letters?	Upon acceptance, typically 4-8 weeks after receipt of application

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**Immigration information**

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Which month of the year do you hope to send immigration documents?	Also upon acceptance and receipt of full financial documentation, typically 4-8 weeks after receipt of application
Where can I find further information about immigration?	<a href="http://www.usembassy.org.uk/">www.usembassy.org.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.ice.gov/graphics/news/factsheets/SEVISFactSheet.htm">www.ice.gov/graphics/news/factsheets/SEVISFactSheet.htm</a>

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**Pre-arrival information**

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Which is your nearest airport?	Roanoke, Virginia
Do you offer an airport pick up programme?	Yes, if you arrive during designated arrival period.
Brief details	None
Do you have an orientation programme?	Yes
Is it mandatory?	Yes

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How much does it cost?	No fee
What are the dates?	Typically the Tuesday through Friday before classes begin.
Link for a website for further details	<a href="http://www.uusa.vt.edu/cranwell/newstudents_orientation.shtml">www.uusa.vt.edu/cranwell/newstudents_orientation.shtml</a>

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### Health Insurance

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Do you have mandatory health insurance?	No. However, it is mandatory that you have health insurance that meets the minimum standards set by the university.
Brief details	The Virginia Tech Office of Risk Management administers a health insurance policy for students. See: <a href="http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/Insurance.htm">www.healthcenter.vt.edu/Insurance.htm</a>
Approximately how much does it cost?	Depends on coverage selected. Ranges from \$1394 to \$1605 (c £700 - £850) per year (2005-06 rates), depending on coverage. See brochure for more details.
Can this be waived by my own policy?	Yes. You are not required to purchase it if your own insurance provides sufficient coverage.

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### Additional costs

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Do I have to pay any mandatory costs?	No
If yes, please provide details and costs	N/a

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### General Information

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Links to tourist information	<a href="http://www.vt.edu/about/index.html">http://www.vt.edu/about/index.html</a>
Link to the Study Abroad office pages	<a href="http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu">www.educationabroad.vt.edu</a>

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