You’re in… now what?

You’ve applied, been accepted, and are planning your life at Virginia Tech…

Now what? Your life as a Hokie starts in just a few short weeks, and that can be overwhelming. That’s where “You’re In… Now What?” comes into play. This is your guide to life at Virginia Tech and the tool that will help you plan for life on campus. You’ll find information on just about anything you need to know about the university, from where to eat and how to use your dining plan to living with a roommate and the ways you can get involved while you’re at school!

ALL NEW! Scholarship Central “Apply here for 2018-19 Scholarships! Deadline for applications is December 7, 2017”

Each year, students can apply for a variety of scholarships that are available throughout the university. This year, the new VT Scholarship Central makes it easier than ever. For the first time, Virginia Tech is centralizing its scholarship process at one website, with smart technology that matches students to potential scholarship opportunities.

The new VT Scholarship Central will automatically present scholarship opportunities for which a student may be eligible. It allows the student to view information about the scholarship for which they are applying. It also helps students who are awarded scholarships draft thank you letters to the donors whose gifts are making a difference in the lives of Virginia Tech students.

Important dates:

Aug. 7, 2017 - site opens

Dec. 7, 2017 – deadline to complete scholarship applications for the 18-19 academic year.
Student Success Center

Whether they are returning or new to Virginia Tech, as your student transitions into the fall semester you may want to encourage a visit to one of the Student Success Center’s time management seminars, which teach tips and strategies on how to get the most out of each day. College student find many things competing for their time, including classes and studying, sporting events, student organizations, and hanging out with friends. Any and all of these can be a part of your student’s Virginia Tech experience, as long as they don’t get too consumed by any one of them.

Time management is just one of many topics we discuss in our Seminar Series on Academic Success. Each seminar is roughly one hour and is designed to give students suggestions on how to successfully navigate college life. No registration is required — students simply show up for the workshop that fits best with their schedule. For a complete listing of our seminar series programs, visit our website or call the Student Success Center at 540-231-5499.

Helpful Information

Have questions about Dining Plans, Payment options or Financial Aid Deadlines for 1819? Review our 2017 Orientation presentation “Money Matters” for all the important info!


Need a Financial Aid form? Click here. (Please do not submit forms unless asked to do so by University Scholarships and Financial Aid)
Have questions concerning your student’s account?
As a reminder, the Bursar’s Office requires that you have a FERPA passcode in order to discuss details of your student’s record such as specific charges and payments, circumstances regarding holds, status and disposition of refunds. Your student may establish, or re-disclose, your FERPA passcode through their student Hokie SPA.

**Student Login:**
- Have your student login to [www.hokiespa.vt.edu](http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu)
- Choose “University Account Information” Menu
- Choose “Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act” (FERPA)
- Enter individual’s information and assign passcode

**Note:** Inform the new authorized individual of their passcode

**Upcoming Deadlines:**
eBills are generated at least monthly and sent electronically to the students vt.edu email address, as well as the email address of any authorized payers on the account.
- The initial Fall Semester eBill was generated on July 15th with a payment deadline of August 10th

**Late Fees and Registration Holds** are applied to student accounts which have an amount past due.
- More about Late Fees and Holds here: [http://www.bursar.vt.edu/late_fees/#late](http://www.bursar.vt.edu/late_fees/#late)

**REMINDER:**
There are several separate parent web access points and disclosure authorizations that are granted and maintained by your student. If you no longer have access, or need to reset your login ID and passcode, please contact your student.

1. **Authorized Payer**: Student Account Billing and Payment only.
2. **Hokie SPA Guest Access**: Academic Progress, Financial Aid information, Dining Dollar, Hokie Passport and Flex addition deposit.
3. **Parent BTP PIN**: The Budget Tuition Plan.

**Budget Tuition Plan (Fall/Spring Semester Payment Plan)**
Budget Tuition Plan enrollment is open. Your student will begin the process in their Hokie Spa. This plan allows four direct debits from a checking account each semester, rather than one large payment at the beginning of the semester. Fall semester debits occur on the third Friday of each month, August – November. For more information: [http://www.bursar.vt.edu/billing_payment/budget_tuition.php](http://www.bursar.vt.edu/billing_payment/budget_tuition.php)

**Reporting Outside Scholarships**
Students must report any scholarships, grants, loans and other types of assistance from various outside sources including their high school, community, civic, professional associations and other programs using the Scholarship Reporting form ([http://www.bursar.vt.edu/forms/documents/1718_SCHNOT.PDF](http://www.bursar.vt.edu/forms/documents/1718_SCHNOT.PDF)). Students should not report scholarships received from Virginia Tech colleges, departments, and alumni chapters using this form. These scholarships will be reported directly to the Office of University Scholarships and Financial Aid.
In order to allow processing time for credit to appear on the fall semester eBill (July 15), the Office of the University Bursar must receive the scholarship reporting form as well as a copy of an official award notification from scholarship sponsors. Award notifications and payments received after the billing date will be processed in the order they are received and will be available for viewing on the Hokie Spa. All award notifications and payments for fall semester must be received at least one week prior to the August 10th payment deadline in order to avoid holds and late fees.

PrePAID/529 Savings Plans:
If you are a participant in the Virginia 529 Savings Plan Program, information on paying your tuition from either a prePAID 529 OR InVEST plan can be found here. If you are requesting payment from a non-Virginia529 plan, please submit a copy of your distribution request form and/or documentation to the Bursar’s Office. Please include the amount to be paid to Virginia Tech and the term(s) to which it is should be applied. When the documentation is received, pending credit will be entered on the student account to cover the amount requested until payment is received.

University Policy on Direct Deposit
University Policy 3615 requires student refunds be sent by electronic funds transfer (Direct Deposit) into an account designated by your student. Priority in refunding is given to students who are enrolled in direct deposit. Failure to enroll in direct deposit will result in refund delays.

Student How-to:
- Have your student login to www.hokiespa.vt.edu
- Choose “University Account Information” Menu
- Enroll in Direct Deposit (All Other VT Payments (Student Refunds, Travel Reimbursements, etc.))
- Enter proper Bank Information, then select “Submit”
- Review Account Information, if correct select “Add This Bank”
- Select “Exit”

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More about Late Fees and Holds here: http://www.bursar.vt.edu/late_fees/#late

Important Information for Semester Course Drop and Resignations
If your student is considering withdrawing, resigning, or reducing their course load to less than full-time status, please review our refund policy: http://www.bursar.vt.edu/refunds/refund_policy.php