

Description of Fees for 2015-16

Tuition

Tuition is the primary charge for educational services leading to degree credit. Tuition is determined by a number of factors, including the student's residency status, the number of credit hours for which the student is registered, the student's course of study, and the student's classification level.

Mandatory Fees

Educational and General Fees

The university has established a set of mandatory, non-refundable fees for all students (graduate and undergraduate) to support specific operational costs. These fees are known as Educational and General Fees.

Technology Service Fee

The technology service fee helps support instructional technology and technology advancement and support including the [4-HELP Desk](#), college technology support (such as the Math Emporium), and academic instructional technology initiatives.

Library Fee

The [library](#) fee supports comprehensive library resources and ensures online access to library resources for enrolled students.

Commonwealth Facility and Equipment Fee (*non-resident only*)

For non-Virginia residents, the facility and equipment fee is assessed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to help pay for campus buildings and equipment. The university does not keep these funds; they are collected and sent to the state. Virginia residents fund these costs through Virginia state taxes.

Comprehensive Fee

Virginia Tech seeks to ensure a holistic campus experience that meets student needs and expectations while being sensitive to the cost. Comprehensive fees are fees charged for the support of certain self-supporting ([auxiliary enterprise](#)) units that provide services for the benefit of all students on main campus. The comprehensive fee is a mandatory, non-refundable fee. The Comprehensive Fee has seven components: the Student Activity Fee, the Arts Fee, the Health Services Fee, the Athletic Fee, the Transportation Services Fee, the Recreational Sports Fee, and the Student Services Fee. Detailed descriptions of the fees are provided below.

For students enrolled less than full-time, the athletic and health services fees are optional and the other components are prorated. Virginia Tech has the lowest Comprehensive Fee

of Virginia public institutions. The comprehensive fee is one source of the revenue that supports these self-supporting units.

Student Activity Fee

The student activity fee supports the Student Centers (including [Squires](#), [Johnston](#), and the [Graduate Life Center](#)), student activity programs, and funds various activities as determined by the Student Budget Board. There are more than 700 student groups on campus.

Student Cultural Activities Fee

The student cultural activities fee supports the presence and practice of the [arts](#) (beyond academic programs) across campus for all students, and provides free or greatly reduced admission to various arts and musical events organized on campus to enrolled students.

Health Service Fee

The health service fee covers normal medical and nursing attention provided by [Schiffert Health Center](#) and counseling services provided by [Cook Counseling Center](#). It also supports the [Virginia Tech Rescue Squad](#).

Athletic Fee

The athletic fee supports [athletic program](#) operations and sponsors intercollegiate non-revenue generating varsity sports. This fee entitles students to admissions into sporting events, while recognizing that student seating is limited thus not guaranteed. Large blocks of seats are reserved for students in major venues (about 25 percent in Lane Stadium and 35 percent in Cassell Coliseum).

Transportation Services Fee

The transportation services fee entitles a student to unlimited [Blacksburg Transit System](#) bus system service with a valid student ID card, and also supports the [Office of Alternative Transportation](#).

Recreational Sports Fee

The [recreational sports](#) fee supports recreational programs, intramural and extramural sport club programs, and recreational facilities (such as McComas Hall and War Memorial Hall). More than 13,000 students participate annually in hundreds of intramural or club teams.

Student Services Fee

The student services fees supports student [career services](#), student affairs support services (such as fraternity and sorority life), [Hokie Passport](#)(campus ID card), and a robust campus [wireless](#) network.

Northern Virginia (NOVA) Center Student Services Fee

The comprehensive fee, which supports on-campus services, is not charged to off-campus students. For students attending courses at the Northern Virginia Center, the NOVA student services fees is charged. This fee covers the wireless network service and the Hokie Passport service for the issuance and use of student identification cards.

Room and Board

Room and board fees cover residence hall and dining hall operational expenses and include costs of these facilities. Virginia Tech provides an array of living/learning options for students living in University residence halls. Costs vary according to residence halls and dining plans. Students may choose among a variety of [dining plans](#) offered by the university-operated dining halls. [Residence hall](#) rooms are not available without board; however, dining plans are available to students who live off campus.

Program Fees

Program fees are designed to cover costs that are unique to a specific discipline. These fees are charges established for a specific program which are beyond regular tuition and fees and are equal for students, both resident and nonresident.

Engineering Supplemental Fee

The engineering fee supports modernization of instrumentation and materials for instructional laboratories and student projects, and ensures the effective maintenance of instrumentation and technology in the daily operation of the instructional laboratories including improvements to Engineering and Computer Science instructional space and facilities. This is a mandatory fee for all graduate engineering students, as well as undergraduate students enrolled in 1000-4000 level engineering and computer science courses.

Pamplin College of Business Supplemental Fee

The business fee ensures that Pamplin College of Business students continue to receive a state of the art education, by helping to address the extraordinary costs associated with instructional delivery, as well as maintaining the academic quality of this program. This mandatory fee is assessed on a per credit basis to all students enrolled in 1000-3000 level business courses.

Architecture and Design Supplemental Fee

The fee is used to support costs unique to Architecture and Design students including: the continuing need for modernization of equipment and instrumentation for instructional studios and student projects, staffing needs of the studios, upgrades to instructional space, and adequate staff support to ensure the effective maintenance of equipment and technology in the daily operation of the instructional studio. This is a mandatory fee for undergraduate students majoring in Architecture, Industrial Design, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture, as well as for graduate students in Architecture and Design Research.

Master of Public Health (MPH) Supplemental Fee

The fee is used to support program-specific course development, faculty and leadership support, the programs interdisciplinary “One Health” approach, and other instructional needs unique to the MPH program.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Supplemental Fee

The fee is used to support the academic program, expanded recruitment efforts, and enhanced career placement services for students in the MBA program (note: the Professional and Executive MBA programs have different pricing structures).

Veterinary Medicine Facility Fee

Provides veterinary students with expanded instructional space and facility improvements.

Other Fees

Course Specific Charges

The university has course specific charges for study abroad, field trips, course materials, laboratory costs, or other extraordinary costs tied to individual courses.

Application Fee

For [Undergraduate Admission](#), the standard application fee for freshmen and transfer students is \$60. The application fee for international undergraduate students is \$70. This fee is non-refundable.

For [Graduate Admission](#), the standard application fee for all graduate students, including international graduate students, is \$75. This fee is non-refundable.

Matriculation Fee

A \$400 fee is required of all freshmen and transfer students at the time they accept the offer of admission. \$175 of the fee is the orientation fee and the remaining \$225 of this fee will be credited to the student's tuition and fee bill. Refer to [Accepting the Offer of Admission](#) for the matriculation fee refund policy.

Late Payment Fee

Late payment fees of 10 percent of the past due balance (not to exceed \$125 per term) will be assessed to students who have not paid or do not have sufficient financial aid or other credit to cover institutional charges.

Student ID Card Replacement Fee

All students are required to have a Virginia Tech student identification card, provided to students upon payment of the Student Services Fee. There is a replacement card fee, payable at Hokie Passport Services in the Student Services Building, when the replacement card is made.

Special Examination Fee

Charge per credit hour for advanced credit examination.

Audit Fee

Students are assessed the same rate for tuition and fees for auditing courses as for courses taken for credit. **Reinstatement Fee**

Charged to any student whose classes have been dropped for non-payment of tuition and fees by the established deadline each term and who is given permission by his or her dean to add classes after the add deadline.

Cooperative Education Program Industry Fee for Undergraduates

Charge for each term a student is placed in industry employment while enrolled in the Cooperative Education Program (a program where students alternate semesters working full-time or attending classes full-time).