

Description of Fees for 2020-21

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 students to support specific operational costs. Detailed descriptions of the fees are provided below.

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

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. A similar Facility and Equipment fee is assessed to all participants in Executive Graduate programs.

Immigration Services Fee

For international students, the Immigration Services fee helps support costs uniquely associated with the administration of international student enrollment. These costs include academic and financial verification, immigration regulation, Student and Exchange Visitor Program System (SEVIS) reporting requirements, financial processing fees, and compliance with United State government regulations.

Excess Credit Hour Surcharge

The commonwealth-required fee is assessed to resident undergraduate students on a per-credit hour basis for credits in excess of 125 percent of the total credits required for baccalaureate degrees.

Comprehensive Fee

Virginia Tech seeks to ensure a holistic, vibrant student experience that meets student needs and expectations and is sensitive to the overall cost of education. Comprehensive fees are fees charged to support the operation of self-supporting (auxiliary enterprise) units that provide services for the benefit of all students. The comprehensive fee is a mandatory, non-refundable fee.

For students enrolled less than full-time, the comprehensive fee is prorated. The comprehensive fee, traditionally the lowest of Virginia public institutions, has seven components and descriptions of the fees associated with these support services are provided below.

Student Activity Fee

The Student Activity Fee supports student activity programs, the Student Centers (including Squires, Johnston, and the Graduate Life Center), student engagement personnel, and funds various activities as determined by the Student Budget Board. Virginia Tech has more than 700 active student groups.

Student Cultural Activities Fee

The Student Cultural Activities Fee supports the presence and engagement with the arts (beyond academic programs) for all students, and provides free or greatly reduced-cost access to various activities and cultural events for 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 also entitles students to admissions into sporting events, while recognizing that student seating is limited and 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 service with a valid student ID card and supports alternative transportation programs.

Recreational Sports Fee

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

Student Services Fee

The Student Services fee supports student Career and Professional Development, Student Affairs support services (such as Fraternity and Sorority Life), Hokie Passport (campus ID card), and a robust wireless network in non-residential areas of campus.

Northern Virginia (NOVA) Center Student Services Fee

For students attending courses at the Northern Virginia Center, the NOVA student services fee is charged in lieu of the previously described comprehensive fee. The NOVA fee covers the wireless network service and the Hokie Passport service for the issuance and use of student identification cards.

Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Mandatory Fees

Student Services Fee

The student services fee covers the wireless network service and the Hokie Passport service for the issuance and use of student identification cards.

Health Service Fee

The health service fee covers normal medical, nursing attention, and counseling services provided in Roanoke.

Student Government/Student Activity Fee

The government/student activity fee supports the availability of programs, services, and major events, e.g., Orientation, White Coat Ceremony, Introduction to Clinical Departments, Student Clinician Ceremony, and Match Day, as well as programs, services and events sponsored by the Medical Student Council (MSC).

Recreational Sports Fee

The recreational sports fee supports VTCSOM student access to recreational facilities in Roanoke.

Room and Board

Virginia Tech provides an array of living/learning options for students living in University residence halls. Room and board fees cover residence hall and dining hall operational expenses and include costs of these facilities. 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.

Living Learning Community Fee

The Living Learning Community Fee is charged to residents opting to reside in the community areas of Ambler Johnston (Honors Residential Community and the Residential College at West AJ), Lee (Curie, DaVinci, Galileo Hypatia, and Studio 72 Communities), Payne (Residential Leadership Community), Pritchard (SERVE, Thrive, and Innovate Communities) and Harper (Mozaiko Community). This fee supports the programs and events associated with the living learning community spaces.

Residential Telecommunications Fee

The Residential Telecommunications Fee is charged to all students living on campus. The Residential Telecommunications Fee supports technology for students in campus residences, which includes wired network connectivity and high-performance wireless network coverage in the residence halls.

Steger Center Student Activity Fee

The student activity fee provides students with community-building social and recreational events and activities at the Steger Center in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland.

Steger Center Room & Board

The room and board charge provides students with room and board at the Steger Center in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland.

Supplemental Program Fees

Supplemental Program Fees are designed to support costs that are unique to a specific academic discipline. These costs vary by program. The fees listed below are part of the mandatory cost of attendance for students in these programs and are assessed in addition to regular tuition and fees. These fees are equal for resident and nonresident students and are assessed in all enrolled terms.

- **Agriculture & Life Sciences Supplemental Fee**
 - Annual fee assessed to all undergraduate and graduate students majoring in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences.
- **Architecture & Design Supplemental Fee**
 - Annual fee assessed to all undergraduate students majoring in Architecture, Industrial Design, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture.
 - Annual fee assessed to all graduate students majoring in Architecture and Design Research.
- **Building Construction Supplemental Fee**
 - Annual fee assessed to all undergraduate students majoring in Building Construction.
- **Engineering Supplemental Fee**
 - Annual fee assessed to all undergraduate and graduate students majoring in the College of Engineering.
- **Pamplin College of Business Supplemental Fee**
 - Per-credit fee assessed to all students taking undergraduate courses in the Pamplin College of Business.
- **Master of Business Administration (MBA) Supplemental Fee**
 - Per-credit fee assessed to all students majoring in the MBA program.

- **Master of Public Health (MPH) Supplemental Fee**
 - Annual fee assessed to all students majoring in the MPH program.
- **Master of Science in Business Administration (MSBA) Supplemental Fee**
 - Per-credit fee assessed to all students majoring in the Business Analytics (MSBA-BA) and Hospitality & Tourism Management (MSBA-HTM) programs.
- **Veterinary Medicine Facility Fee**
 - Annual fee assessed to all students majoring in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Mandatory Charges

Mobile Device Charge

VTCSOM requires students participating in the clinical phase of the curriculum (M3 and M4 students) to enroll in Carilion's mobile device management (MDM) system for all smart phones and tablets to ensure our data security. This charge provides access to students on one device.

Graduation Charge

Graduating students are charged a non-refundable graduation charge, which will appear on their spring billing statement. The charge covers the student's commencement regalia, their diploma, diploma cover, shipping expenses; and the commencement ceremony.

Electronic Textbooks

Required textbooks are available to students via an electronic book platform called Vital Source Bookshelf (VSB). These electronic textbooks may be accessed online, by mobile device, or downloaded.

Disability Insurance Charge

Students receive disability insurance as part of their tuition and fees. Students will be enrolled in a disability insurance plan to cover disability issues during their education. The AMA Insurance Agency provides a disability insurance package to cover all enrolled medical students.

Certificate Fee

This fee is applied to students who have completed their Research in Translational Medicine certificate at Virginia Tech after they have completed the dual enrollment program. A \$25.00 processing fee will be charged to your account once the application is submitted.

Class Reservation Fee

Once notified by mail of acceptance, students will have two weeks from the date of their acceptance letter to notify the VTCSOM Admissions Office of their decision. If an applicant accepts the offer of admission, a class reservation non-refundable fee of \$100, as a deposit towards tuition, will be required at that time. Additionally, each accepted applicant will be advised that matriculation is dependent upon the VTCSOM Terms and Conditions of Acceptance.

Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center Fee

The mandatory Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC) Fee for Virginia Tech and WAAC students in residence supports instructional facilities and equipment at the Center, and students' academic efforts in the WAAC curriculum.

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. These fees are all listed in the university course catalog.

Application Fee

This is a non-refundable fee for admission to the university. Varying fees are charged to undergraduate, transfer, international, and graduate applicants.

Application for Degree (Graduate)

This non-refundable fee is assessed to graduate students applying for degree and/or certificate conferral.

Cooperative Education Program Industry Fee for Undergraduates

This fee is charged for each term a student is participating in CEIP.

Housing Charges – Improper Checkout, Dorm Damage and Lock Change

Students under a Housing Contract and/or using residential facilities must abide by the policies outlined by Housing and Residence Life. These policies address the costs students will incur when rooms or facilities are damaged or improperly vacated or when keys are lost.

Late Payment Fee

Late Payment Fee 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.

Matriculation Fee

The Matriculation Fee is required of all freshmen and transfer students at the time they accept the offer of admission. A portion of the fee supports orientation activities, while the remainder is credited to the student's tuition and fee bill. Refer to Accepting the Offer of Admission for the matriculation fee refund policy.

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.

Student Software Charges

All incoming undergraduate students are required to purchase a Microsoft Campus Agreement Software Bundle. This requirement ensures that all undergraduate students have access to the latest versions of Office and the operating system. The bundle provides access to the software and upgrades as long as you remain an undergraduate student at Virginia Tech. Students in specific disciplines may also be required to purchase software bundles that complement their course of study.

Study Abroad Application Fee

The Study Abroad Application Fee is charged to any student applying to participate in university Faculty-Led, Bi-Lateral Exchange, and Autonomous Study programs at partner or affiliate institutions. The fee supports efforts related to preparation, review, and approval of applications.

Study Abroad Faculty-Led Program Participation Fee

This fee is charged to students who elect to participate in study abroad programs managed through Virginia Tech academic programs. It supports the Global Education Office activities including program design, budgeting, billing, and faculty training.

Study Abroad and Outgoing International Exchange Participation Fee

Administrative fee assessed to students for participation in a study abroad program organized by third-party organizations, or a program at an international college or university at which the student directly enrolls, as well as participants in the university's outgoing Bi-lateral Exchange program. This fee supports recruitment efforts, pre-departure orientation, advising, and administration of contracts with partner institutions.

Incoming International Exchange Support Fee

This fee is charged to students participating in an incoming Bi-Lateral Exchange program. This fee supports administration of contracts with partner institutions.