

Description of Fees for 2019-20

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

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

This fee will help support costs uniquely associated with the administration of international student enrollment including academic and financial verification, immigration regulation, Student and Exchange Visitor Program System (SEVIS) reporting requirements, financial processing fees, and compliance with United States Government regulations.

Excess Credit Hour Surcharge

The fee is applied per credit hour in excess of 125 percent of the total credits required for baccalaureate degrees.

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 Service 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 Comprehensive Fees are prorated. The Comprehensive Fee, traditionally the lowest of Virginia institutions, 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 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 Fee supports student career services, 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

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 Fee 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

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; however, dining plans are available to students who live off campus.

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 fee supports technology for students in campus residences, which includes residential cable television service, wired network connectivity, and high-performance wireless network coverage in the residence halls.

Program Fees

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

Agriculture and Life Science Supplemental Fee

The fee is used to ensure students receive cutting edge, high quality instruction and to maintain critical laboratory facilities and equipment.

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.

Building Construction Supplemental Fee

The fee is used to ensure that the Myers-Lawson School of Construction has adequate resources to staff, equip and enhance the provisions of the Building Construction program. This fee is important for ensuring the necessary resources to support costs unique to Building Construction students including the continuing need for modernization of equipment and instrumentation for instructional space and student projects, staffing needs of the BUILD lab, required upgrades to lab space, and adequate staff support to ensure the effective maintenance of equipment and technology in the daily operation of the lab.

Carilion School of Medicine Student Services Fees

Textbook Fee

Required textbooks are available to students via an electronic book platform called Vital Source Bookshelf (VSB). The fee is charged in year 1 only for students beginning in Fall 2018. Although VTCSOM does not advise students to “opt out”, students have the right to “opt out” of the electronic textbook fee. Students who wish to “opt out” must complete the Electronic Textbook Opt Out form by the first day of classes. The decision to “opt out” cannot be rescinded.

Mobile Device Fee

VTCSOM requires students participating in the clinical phase of the curriculum (year 3 and 4 students) to enroll in Carilion's Mobile Device Management system for all smart phones and tablets to ensure data security. This fee provides access to students on one device.

Disability Insurance Fee

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.

Graduation Fee

Graduating students will be charged a non-refundable Graduation Fee, which appears on their spring billing statement. The fee covers the student's commencement regalia, diploma, and diploma cover.

Certificate Fee

A processing fee is assessed when the student applies for the certificate in Research in Translational Medicine.

Engineering Supplemental Fee

The 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 instructional space and facilities. This is a mandatory fee for all undergraduate and graduate engineering students.

Pamplin College of Business Supplemental Fee

The fee ensures that Pamplin College of Business students 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 1000-4000 level business courses.

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).

Master of Science in Business Administration (MSBA) Supplemental Fee

The fee is used to support the academic program, expanded recruitment efforts, experiential learning opportunities and enhanced career placement services for students in the MSBA programs in Business Analytics and Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Veterinary Medicine Facility Fee

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The fee is used to provide veterinary students with expanded instructional space and facility improvements.

Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center Fee

The Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC) Fee for Virginia Tech and WAAC students in residence helps support the cost of 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.

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.

Application for Degree (Graduate)

For Graduate Students applying for degree and/or certificate conferral, a \$25 non-refundable fee is charged.

Cooperative Education and Internship Program 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

A \$400 fee is required of all freshmen and transfer students at the time they accept the offer of admission. \$285 of the fee is the orientation fee and the remaining \$115 of this fee 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

The Reinstatement Fee is 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 are also 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-Lead 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, predeparture 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.