

April 2025

AOE Advising Office

Advisors:

- [Emily Metzgar](#): Last names A-G, Rm. 3303
- [Chelsea Nowak](#): Last names H-Ri, Rm 3304
- [Brian Kastner](#): Last names Ro-Z, Rm 3302

In-Person Walk-In Hours:

- Come to any advisor's walk-in hours
- Emily: Mondays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Chelsea: Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Brian: Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Appointments:

- In-person and virtual appointments available
- Schedule an appointment through [Navigate!](#)
- Include comment with appointment reason.

Note: If you have any comments or concerns about AOE undergraduate academic advising, please email [Dr. Seidel](#).

Career Corner

Considering graduate school?

In addition to job search resources, the VT career office offers a wealth of resources and [advising appointments](#) related to [planning for graduate school](#). If you are just beginning to consider grad school, some questions to ask include:

- Is a graduate degree needed for my career goals?
- When is the best time to go?
- What funding options are there?
- Am I competitive for admission?

In addition to career advisors, other people to talk to include: professors, mentors, research advisors, internship supervisors, academic advisors, etc...

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

April:

- 19: [COE change of major/minor](#) period opens
- 23: Last day to make a [final exam change request](#)
- 25: Start of FA 2025 add/drop, [AOE Force-Add Request Form](#) opens

May:

- 1: Senior Design Expo (5-8 PM)
- 7: Last day of classes, [course withdrawal](#) (W) deadline
- 8: Reading Day, senior picnic (1-3 PM)
- 9-14: Final exams
- 16: University commencement (8:30 AM), AOE graduation celebration (3-5 PM)
- 17: COE commencement for AOE (4-6 PM)

For more dates/events visit the:

- [VT Academic Calendar](#)
- [AOE Facebook Page](#)
- [Engineering Opportunities Facebook Page](#)

Featured Wellness Resource

Financial Wellness

Did you know that VT Student Affairs and Hokie Wellness offer various financial wellness resources?

These include workshops covering topics like budgeting, credit, sports betting & finances after graduation. They also include individual financial coaching appointments.

Learn more about workshops & coaching [here](#).

Additional resources and support can be found [here](#).

FAQs of the Month

I was unable to enroll in a Math course for Fall 2025, because I plan to take its prerequisite over the summer at a different institution. What should I do?

- To ensure that they will offer enough sections, the Math Department is collecting anticipated enrollment data for their fall courses.
- Their [Anticipated Enrollment Survey](#) will be open from April 25th to June 1st. If you were not able to enroll in a fall course due to a prerequisite error, it is important that you fill out this form.
- The [Math Department Force Add Survey](#) opens on August 4th. If your summer transfer credit is not processed in time for you to add yourself to the course, request a force-add using this form.

What is the undergraduate/graduate (UG/G) program? How do I apply?

- The [Accelerated Undergraduate / Graduate \(UG/G\) program](#) allows you to double count 12 credits taken during your senior year for both your undergraduate degree and a graduate degree.
- Find more information about Aerospace Engineering & Ocean Engineering graduate degrees in the Graduate Catalog. Both MS and direct to PHD options are available.
- If you will complete your undergraduate degree in May 2026, apply this spring (for the Fall 2026 term).
- Complete the [VT Graduate School Application](#) and submit the [Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Degree and Course Designation Form](#). A minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA is required to qualify for this program.

Who can I ask to be a reference for the UG/G program?

- When applying to the UG/G program, you need three letters of recommendation.
- References for this program can be anyone who knows you in an academic or professional context. Some options include: professors, academic advisors, research mentors, internship supervisors, etc...
- It is good practice to ask for a letter of recommendation at least a month before it is due.

I'm considering taking courses at VT this summer. Where can I find information about summer session and summer tuition/fees?

- Check out the [Summer Sessions](#) website for information about registration, important dates, and more.
- You can find information about summer tuition/fees on the [Bursar's Office website](#).

Academic Resources

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| • AOE Undergraduate Curriculum | • University Catalog | • Student Success Center (SSC) |
| • AOE Advising Website | • Pathways Course Guides | • Registrar's Office Forms |
| • Dean of Students | • VT Academic Calendar | • Scholarships/Financial Aid |
| • COE Resources/Support | • VT Timetable of Classes | • Bursar's Office |