

August 2025

AOE Advising Office

Advisors:

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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

AOE Alumni Mentoring Program: Do you want to connect with AOE alumni and grow your professional network? Are you looking for career advice from someone in industry? Check out the [AOE Alumni Mentoring Program](#)! This is an opportunity for current students to be matched with alumni that have similar professional interests. Apply [here](#) by 9/10.

Drop-In Resume Review Sessions: CPD is hosting [drop-in resume review sessions](#) at the APIDA+ Center (Squires 140) on 9/2 & 9/4.

Check the "Upcoming Dates" section for many career fair preparation events!

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

August:

- 25: First day of classes; last day to withdraw from term & avoid tuition charges
- 28: [Hume Center Undergrad Research Open House](#), 5:30-7:30 PM
- 29: Add deadline for FA 2025; Welcome Event for Sophomores/Transfers (Gilbert Place, 3300, 2-4 PM); [GobblerFest](#), 4-7 PM

September:

- 1: Labor Day (no classes)
- 2: [Engineering Expo Prep Workshop](#) (5:30-6:30 PM)
- 3: Industry Hiring Panel Hosted by AOE Alumni (Zoom, 7:00 PM)
- 4: [Career Fair Prep: Make the Most of Your Fair Experience!](#) (Zoom, 5-6 PM); [Northrop Grumman Fall 2025 Virtual Resume Workshop & Interview Tips](#) (Teams, 5-6:30 PM)
- 9-11: [Engineering Expo](#)
- 10: Deadline to register for the [AOE Alumni Mentoring Network](#)
- 16: [Aerospace, Defense & Intelligence Career Fair](#)

More important dates: [VT Academic Calendar](#)

Featured Wellness Resource

Kick off the start of fall semester with Rec Sports!

- Learn about [upcoming events](#) for Aug. & Sept.
- Intramural Sports registration is open! Check out the schedule, buy a membership and/or find more information [here](#).
- Get adventurous and explore the beautiful outdoors around Blacksburg with [Venture Out!](#) See upcoming trips [here](#).

FAQs of the Month

I'm new to AOE. What is a typical credit load and how much time should I be spending on my courses?

- 15-17 credits per semester is typical, but what works for individual students will vary. You should be doing a minimum of two hours of work outside of class for every credit hour of lecture that you attend (i.e. 15 credits equals ~45 hours of work per week). Careful time management is essential!
- When planning your course load, take into account the time you need to reserve for other commitments (e.g. job, student organization, design team).
- Assess how things are going prior to the drop deadline. If your schedule feels like more than you can manage, talk to your academic advisor to see if you can drop something.

How can I become involved in engineering-related extracurricular activities?

- **Interested in engineering design teams?**
 - Get your resume ready now. Many teams recruit new members in August/September. You should be ready to fill out applications & submit your resume. In early fall we frequently forward out emails about design team applications and events.
 - Visit engineering design teams at [GobblerFest](#) and talk to current members.
 - Read about design teams. Visit teams at the Ware lab and/or AEDL. Reach out to team leaders by email. Find more information: [AOE-related teams](#), [COE team list](#), [GobblerConnect](#), [Ware Lab](#), [AEDL](#)
- **Interested in engineering student organizations?**
 - Join the VT chapter of the professional society for aerospace engineers ([AIAA](#)) and/or ocean engineering ([SNAME](#)). Start attending meetings & events.
 - Join [AOE-related organizations](#) and/or other engineering organizations (search [GobblerConnect](#)). Look for ways that you can actively participate and maybe eventually take on a leadership role.
- **Interested in undergraduate research?**
 - Contact [AOE faculty](#) doing research of interest to you, to see if you can become involved.
 - Subscribe to the [Hume Center Weekly Newsletter](#). Also, attend the Hume Center Undergrad Research Open House on 8/28/25 5:30-7:30 PM in the Moss Arts Center. ([RSVP here](#))
 - Get on the [Space@VT Listserv](#) (follow instructions on this page).
 - Introduce yourself to your professors and ask questions about the research they do.
 - Learn more about how to enroll in [undergrad research for credit](#).
 - Find resources at the [Office of Undergraduate Research](#).

Academic Resources

- [AOE Undergraduate Curriculum](#)
- [AOE Advising Website](#)
- [Dean of Students](#)
- [COE Resources/Support](#)
- [University Catalog](#)
- [Pathways Course Guides](#)
- [VT Timetable of Classes](#)
- [Registrar's Office Forms](#)
- [Student Success Center \(SSC\)](#)
- [Services for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Scholarships/Financial Aid](#)
- [Bursar's Office](#)