

## February 2024

### AOE Advising Office

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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

#### Interview Resources

Congratulations, you've landed an interview! Now what? The CPD office offers a wealth of resources in their [interviewing guide!](#) Before an interview, do some research and prepare. Here are a few of resources to help get you started:

- [Quick Tips](#)
- [DOs and DON'Ts](#)
- [Sample questions](#)
- [CPD practice interview options:](#)
  - Appointment with a career advisor
  - Online practice interview tool

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

#### February:

- 14: In-Person [Connection Job Fair](#)
- 19: [CAMEO CareerFest](#)
- 20: Virtual [Connection Job Fair](#)
- 26: Last day to drop spring courses, last day to switch to P/F grade mode

#### March:

- 1: [COE scholarship application](#) deadline
- 2-10: Spring Break
- 3: Applications due for 2024-25 [COE Dean's Team](#)
- 12: Summer 2024 add/drop opens
- 19: Fall 2024 Course Request opens
- 26: Spring semester [resignation deadline](#), last day to switch to A-F grade mode

#### For more dates/events visit the:

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

### Featured Wellness Resource

#### The Market at Virginia Tech

Open hours are being held throughout the spring semester at these times:

- Wednesdays: 1-5 pm
- Thursdays: 5-7 pm
- Fridays: 9:30-11 am

Open to any VT student in need of food support. No need to sign up ahead. Bring your own bags!

Learn more about the Market at Virginia Tech [here](#).

## FAQs of the Month

### I'm graduating in May! What important dates/times should I keep in mind for commencement?

- Friday May 10 8:30-11:00 AM: University Commencement, Lane Stadium
- Friday May 10 3:00-5:00 PM: AOE Graduation Celebration, tent in front of Patton Hall
- Friday May 10 7:00-9:00 PM: Corps of Cadets Graduation and Joint Commissioning Ceremony, Burruss Hall
- Saturday May 11 3:30-5:30 PM: College of Engineering Ceremony Three, Cassell Coliseum (this is where graduates walk across the stage)
- FAQs about Spring 2024 Commencement, including information about getting graduation regalia, honors sashes and cords, can be found [here](#).

### I'm trying to plan ahead. What do I need to know to select my track technical electives and general technical electives?

- There is an [AOE Technical Electives Guide](#)\* on the AOE Advising website. Here, you will find an infographic explaining the difference between track technical electives and general technical electives. You will also find examples of technical elective plans that either work or have problems.
- Find descriptions of each track on the [AOE curriculum website](#) and in the checksheets.
- AOE sometimes offers special studies/new courses. Look for notes on the timetable to determine if a special study/new course will count in a technical track. Check with your advisor if you have any questions.
- You may only count **6 credits** of non-AOE coursework towards your track/general technical electives.
- Keep in mind that any AOE credits taken in A-F grade mode that are not already counting for another requirement on the checksheet can count as general technical electives. This includes AOE courses from other tracks and AOE undergrad research credits.
- **\*Special Note:** *The information in this guide applies to students on the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 checksheets. If you are on the 2023-2024 checksheet (i.e. you started at VT this academic year) you have slightly different technical elective requirements, due to the addition of the programming elective. Please refer to your checksheet and check with your academic advisor if you have questions.*

### My DARS shows courses in 3 different tracks. Why?

- Track/general technical electives may show up under different tracks at first. Once you enroll in 3 courses that fulfill a single track, they should group together, showing that the track is in-progress or complete.

## Academic Resources

- [AOE Undergraduate Curriculum](#)
- [AOE Advising Website](#)
- [COE Academic Forms](#)
- [COE Resources/Support](#)
- [VT Majors/Minors Checksheets](#)
- [Pathways Course Catalog](#)
- [VT Academic Calendar](#)
- [VT Timetable of Classes](#)
- [Registrar's Office Forms](#)
- [Scholarships/Financial Aid](#)
- [Student Success Center \(SSC\)](#)
- [Dean of Students](#)