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AOE Advising Office

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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

Evening Career & Professional Development (CPD) Office Advising

The [CPD Office](#) is offering virtual evening career advising appointments for COE students this semester. These 20 min. appointments are available on Wednesdays 5-7 PM. To sign up for one, go to [Handshake](#). Click on the **Appointments with a Career Advisor** category and then select **COE - 20-minute Quick Career Questions**. These evening appointments are with Anya Work, CPD liason to COE.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

January:

- 27: [Gobblerfair](#), 4:30-6:30 PM in Squires

February:

- 14: In-Person [Connection Job Fair](#)
- 19: [CAMEO CareerFest](#)
- 26: Last day to drop spring courses

For more dates/events visit the:

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

Featured Wellness Resource

Recreational Sports Opportunities

Access to McComas Hall (gym/pool) and the Rec Sports Field House is included as part of your student fees. Check out hours [here](#).

Interested in group exercise classes?

VT Rec Sports offers a variety of group exercise classes. There are many different options: yoga, F45, cycling, BODYPUMP, etc... A variety of different semester long memberships are available to purchase. Learn more [here](#).

Want to try bouldering?

VT has a [bouldering wall](#), located in the Venture Out Center. Bouldering is free for students! Walk in, or register online to reserve a spot.

FAQs of the Month

I keep getting emails about the 125% rule. Should I be concerned?

- The 125% rule applies to students receiving in-state tuition. A student may not receive in-state tuition for more than 125% of the credits required for their declared degree plan. After that, a surcharge is applied.
- Three different types of emails are sent from the Registrar's Office regarding this rule:
 - **Advisory emails:** Provide information about the 125% rule. You do not need to be concerned about these. But, they are a good reminder to make sure that your official degree plan is declared as soon as possible, including any dual degrees and/or minors.
 - **Warning emails:** Sent when a student has attempted 100% of the credit hours for their degree. Credit threshold is based on declared degree plan at the time of the first warning email. After that, adding additional minors will NOT allow more credits.
 - AOE students receive warning emails when they hit around 100% of the credits for their major.
 - Additional credits are allowed for declared minors and/or second degrees (NOT double majors).
 - Credits earned in high school (e.g. AP, dual enrollment) do NOT count against your limit.
 - Transfer credits earned at public Virginia colleges after high school DO count towards the 125% limit.
 - Review your DARS and/or check with your advisor to determine a plan to finish before hitting 125%.
 - **Tuition surcharge email:** Sent when a student has exceeded 125% of allowed credits and will receive a surcharge. Definitely talk to the Registrar's Office if you receive this email!
- Check out the [125% rule resources/FAQs](#) posted by the Registrar's Office.

What is a DARS report?

- A "Degree Audit Reporting System" (DARS) report shows your degree requirements and progress towards degree completion. [Apply for your degree](#) in Hokie Spa prior to requesting a DARS report.
- Your DARS report includes sections for Pathways, major/minor requirements, free electives and in-major GPA. For more information, check out the [Registrar's DARS information page](#).
- Colors on a DARS report indicate if a section is complete (green), in-progress (blue) or incomplete (red).

My Pathways 1a (advanced discourse) class is red in DARS. Do I need to add an additional course?

- Pathways 1a is fulfilled by AOE coursework taken during junior/senior years. You do NOT need to select an additional Pathways 1a course. As long as you finish your AOE degree this requirement will be completed.

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](#)