

## May 2025

### AOE Advising Office

#### Advisors:

- [Emily Metzgar](#): Last names A-G, Rm. 3303
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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

**No internship? There are other ways to gain experience in the summer...**

- Get a paid or volunteer job. Non-engineering work is still a great way to gain experience & soft skills that will benefit you in future engineering jobs.
- See if you can volunteer in a research lab.
- Learn a new technical skill or coding language.
- Contact STEM programs that you may have participated in as a K-12 student (e.g. camps, robotics/rocketry teams) and see if you could come back to assist as a volunteer this summer.
- Job shadow engineers working in industry
- Work on an independent engineering project or continue work for a design team/organization.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

#### May:

- 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)
- 21: [COE change of major/minor](#) period ends
- 26: Memorial Day, no classes
- 27: 1st 6-week [summer classes](#) begin; 1st 6-week term withdrawal deadline to avoid tuition charge
- 29: Last day to add a first 6-week summer course
- 30: Close of spring drop/add period for FA 2025, last day to add a 12-week summer course

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

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

### Featured Wellness Resource

#### Summer Access

- Timely Care remains available to continuing VT students during the summer.
- Virginia-based continuing students who are not enrolled in summer courses but wish to receive summer care from [Cook Counseling](#) can pay the summer health fee.
- Sticking around Blacksburg for the summer but not taking courses? If you are a continuing student, you can still pay the [recreation fee](#) to gain summer access to Rec Sports Facilities.

## FAQs of the Month

### I am enrolled in one summer course at VT but no longer want to take it. How do I drop the course?

- Students are not able to drop their final credits for a term through Hokie Spa. To drop all of your summer credits, use the [withdrawal/resignation form](#).

### I'm graduating this month! How do I get a copy of my transcript that shows my degree conferral?

- Order an official transcript through [National Student Clearinghouse](#) (more information [here](#)).
- If you are graduating in May 2025 and are placing the transcript order before 5/20/2025, select "hold for degree" to have your transcript processed after your degree has been conferred. If you are placing the order after 5/20/2025, first double-check Hokie Spa to make sure that your degree has been awarded.
- A "hold for grades" option is also available.

### What can I do this summer to make the start of the Fall 2025 Semester easier?

- Create/update a long-term degree plan for yourself. If you have questions about your long-term plan or Fall 2025 courses, schedule a summer appointment (virtual available) with your advisor through Navigate.
- [Apply for your degree](#) if you still need to. Then, run a DARS report and check with your advisor if you have questions about your progress towards degree requirements.
- Update your resume & LinkedIn profile. Get [resume tips](#) and [career advising](#) from the VT career office.
- Make a "game plan" for the start of the fall semester. Here are some opportunities to consider:
  - [AOE Alumni Mentoring Network](#): This program is advertised in August and AOE students are matched with mentors in September.
  - [Study Abroad](#): If you are interested in studying in Hamburg, Germany in SP 2025, meet with [Global Education](#) and your academic advisor this summer. Study abroad applications are due mid-September.
  - Many design teams and organizations start advertising for new members in August/September. Research teams/organizations you are interested in getting involved with. Find more information here: [AOE teams/organizations](#) & [COE "Getting Involved" resources](#).
  - Start thinking now about doing research next year. Get on listservs for the [Hume Center](#) & [Space@VT](#). Communicate with [AOE faculty](#) about ways that you can get involved with their research.
  - [SEC Engineering Expo](#): This career fair will take place Sept. 9-11. Have your resume updated and start considering companies you will want to connect with.

## Academic Resources

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