



Course Request for Spring 2026

Instructions for Seniors in AOE

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Course Request Basics

- Spring 2026 Course Request Dates:
 - Oct. 21 - Nov. 4, 2025
- Request courses at any point in this window:
 - No priority for early course request.
 - But...don't wait till the last minute!
- Changes can later be made during Add/Drop:
 - 12/1/25 - 1/26/26
- Access the Spring 2026 Timetable at www.hokiespa.vt.edu by selecting “Timetable of Classes” at the bottom of the page, or from the Course Registration and Schedule menu.
- Find the CRNs for the courses you plan to request.

*** New - Hokie Registration***

- Virginia Tech has a new course registration system called **Hokie Registration!** This will be used for both course request and add/drop.
- How to access: **Hokie Spa** ➔ **Course Registration and Schedule Menu** ➔ **Spring 2026 Hokie Registration**
- Once in Hokie Registration you will need to complete pre-registration checks before you can course request
- New features allow students to prioritize courses and add alternative sections during course request. Find a how-to video here: [How to Course Request in Hokie Registration](#)
- More Information:
 - [Course Registration | Undergraduate Academic Affairs | Virginia Tech](#)
 - [Course Registration | Engineering | Virginia Tech](#)

AE: Typical Senior Spring Courses

Typical Senior Spring Courses

SPRING SEMESTER FOURTH YEAR	Credits
AOE 4106 ^(1, 4) Experiments for Aerospace Design <i>Pre: 4105, Co: 4066 or 4166</i>	1 ^[S]
AOE 4066 ^(1, 4) Air Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 4065; Co: 4106</i> or AOE 4166 ^(1, 4) Space Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 4165; Co: 4106</i>	3 ^[S]
Track Technical Elective	3
Technical Elective	3
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Pathways ⁽²⁾ 3 and/or 7*	3
TOTAL	16

Keep in Mind:

- ☐ You must sign up for the continuation of your Fall 2025 senior design course.
- ☐ Once you are placed in courses following course request, run a DARS report and look it over to make sure you understand it. **Everything should be green or blue.**

OE: Typical Senior Spring Courses

Typical Senior Spring Courses

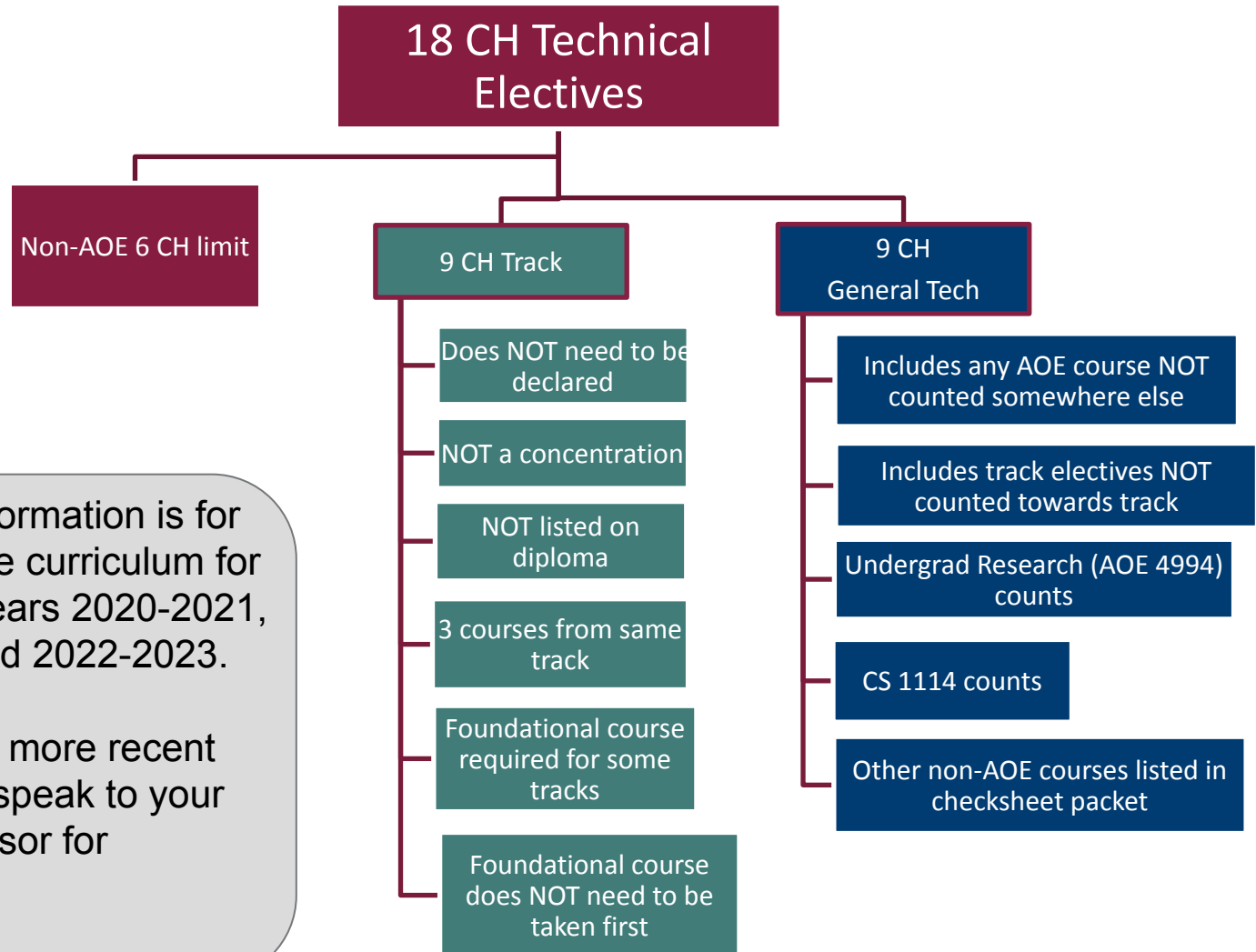
SPRING SEMESTER FOURTH YEAR		Credits
AOE 4206 ^(1, 4) Experiments for Ocean Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 4205; Co: 4266</i>	1	^[S]
AOE 4266 ^(1, 4) Ocean Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 4265; Co: 4206</i>	3	^[S]
Track Technical Elective	3	
Technical Elective	3	
Technical Elective	3	
Pathways ⁽²⁾ 3 and/or 7*	3	
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Track & Technical Electives

Technical Electives



Note: This information is for students on the curriculum for UG Catalog Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.

If you are on a more recent Catalog Year, speak to your academic advisor for guidance.

Technical Electives

Technical Tracks



Aero / hydrodynamics



Dynamics, control, and
estimation



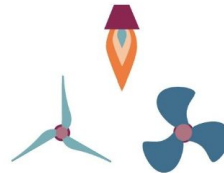
Energy and the environment



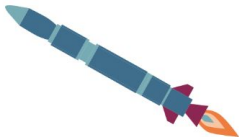
Naval engineering



Foundational option



Propulsion



Space engineering



Structures and materials



Vehicle and system design

- The most up-to-date list of course options for each track can be found on the [AOE curriculum website](#).
- If you take a track elective that was added as an option after your curriculum Catalog Year was published, talk to your academic advisor about a substitution.

Senior Spring FAQs

Are there any courses I can take in the Winter Session?

- Not typically. You will not find AOE courses or math courses offered in the winter term.
- If you still need a Pathways course, many of these are offered in the Winter Session. Most are offered in online, asynchronous format.

In DARS my Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse (advanced) is incomplete. Do I need to add a specific course for this?

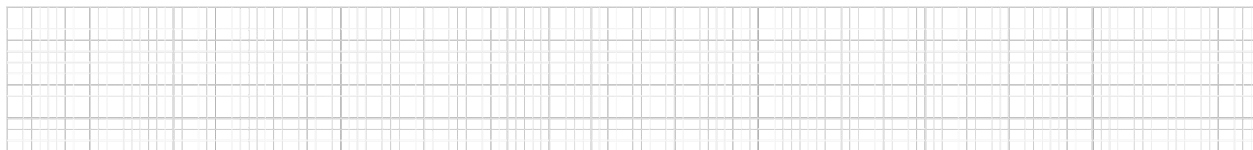
- No, you do not need to add an extra course for advanced discourse.
- The advanced discourse requirement is covered by a combination of AOE 3054 and senior design/experiments courses.
- As long as you complete all of the AE or OE major required courses, you will complete your advanced discourse requirement.
- **Once you are placed in your senior spring courses, Pathways 1a should appear in-progress complete (blue) in DARS. If it doesn't, see your advisor!**

Can I take AOE 5xxx level technical electives?

- If you are enrolled in the UG/G program you may take AOE 5xxx courses that work with your UG/G plan.
- If you are a senior with a GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 you may take AOE 5xxx courses with instructor permission.
- You will need to contact the [AOE graduate program coordinator](#) to be added to 5000-level courses during the add periods.

I took a special study (AOE 4984) that was supposed to count for my track, but, in my DARS I don't see it there. What's going on?

- Special studies do not automatically go in a track in DARS.
- If you have taken a special study that is supposed to count in a track, contact your advisor to request a substitution placing it in that track.



Is there anything I need to do after course request to be sure that I'm in the correct courses to graduate in Spring 2026?

- Yes! Once you are placed in courses following course request, **run a DARS report** and look it over to make sure you understand it. Everything should be green or blue.
- If anything appears red, check with your academic advisor to understand what you need to do to fix it (e.g. request a substitution, enroll in an additional course, swap courses).
- Make any necessary course changes after the add period opens 12/1/25. Then, run another DARS. If there are still red sections, check with your advisor.
- **Run a DARS any time you make changes to your spring course plan.** You are responsible for making sure that you are in the correct courses.
- **When in doubt, consult your advisor!**

I looked at my DARS and I currently have course in multiple tracks? What's going on?

- Some courses are options in multiple tracks. So, they may show up under different tracks at first.
- If a course can be a track elective, DARS will place it there before putting it under general tech electives.
- Once you enroll in 3 courses that fulfill a single track, they should group together. Any other courses you have taken that could have been track courses should move to technical electives or free electives.
- **Once you are enrolled in your courses for Spring 2026, your track and technical electives sections should show as complete (green) or in-progress complete (blue) in DARS. If they don't, see your advisor!**

How should I decide which track and general technical electives to take in the spring?

- Run a DARS!
- How many electives are still needed for your chosen track? Do you still need a required track course? How many total technical electives do you still need?
- **You may only count 6 credits of non-AOE technical electives** (track & general tech combined)
- Once you are enrolled in your courses for Spring 2026, your track and technical electives sections should show as complete (green) or in-progress complete (blue) in DARS.
- **When in doubt, contact your advisor!**

AOE Curriculum Resources

- [AOE Undergraduate Curriculum Webpage](#)
- [Virginia Tech Timetable of Classes](#)
- [Undergraduate Course Catalog](#)



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Other Factors Impacting Your Planning?



Still Have Questions?

Contact your advisor!

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Schedule an appointment through [Navigate](#).