Graduate School

Graduate Student Services Office
DC International Student Services
(DC Metro Area)
Welcome to the Fall 2022 Semester!

The Graduate Student Services Office assist students in the Washington, DC area with admissions and academic progress needs the entire time a student is matriculating at Virginia Tech. DC International Student Services via Cranwell International provides in-depth services to all international students in the DC Region.

Both teams operate in the DC Region at the Falls Church Campus (NVC) in Northern Virginia.
1. **Corinne Julien**  
   Assistant Director  Admissions and Academic Progress

2. **Jessica Mullins**  
   Assistant Director  DC International Student Services

3. **Torri Brown**  
   Academic Progress and International Student Advisor

4. **Erin Mahoney**  
   Admissions and Academic Progress Advisor
# Graduate Admissions and Academic Progress Services

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<td>Assist prospective, new and current students with the admissions process as they inquire or start their respective programs in the DC region.</td>
<td>Advise students in academic programs in the DC region, while ensuring that they are on track for degree completion and meeting program requirements.</td>
<td>Ensure that students are on track to and meet all the requirements for graduation and degree completion, needed for degree awarding.</td>
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Corinne Julien

- Plan of Study: Final Approval
- Program, Degree, and Committee Changes
- Prelim./ Final Exam Approval
- Student Record Updates
- In State Application Review/Approval
- Student Academic Advising
- Degree Clearance /Awarding
- Letter of Degree Completion
- Commencement
Erin Mahoney

Advisor: Academic Progress/ Innovation
Campus/MENG

- Plan of Study review/approvals
- Processing of transcripts
- Review of ETD: formatting & approvals
- Update of Graduate Student Checklist
- Degree Clearance & Awarding
- Student Academic Advising
Advisor: Academic Progress/ International

GSSO
- Plan of Study final approvals
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DC ISS
- Travel Signatures
- Immigration Information Verification form
- Social Security Number Request
- Passport Expirations
- I-20 Assistance
## DC International Students Services

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Jessica Mullins

- New Student International Intake
- Transferring SEVIS record
- Change of Status/ Campus
- Employment (CPT/OPT)
- Immigration Check In
- Extensions
- Reduced Course Load
- International Student Advising
Contact Us

Graduate Student Services Office (GSSO)

- Email: gssoncr@vt.edu
- Phone: 703-538-8327

DC International Student Services (DC ISS)

- Email: intlncr@vt.edu
- Phone: 703-538-8326
How to Schedule An Advising Appointment

nvc.vt.edu

- Current Students
- Graduate Student Services Office
- Click on Zoom and In Person Advising Appointments
- Make an Appointment with an Advisor
Questions?
Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Success

Chontrese Hayes, Ph.D.

A proactive resource to assist graduate students with a range of retention and academic success strategies focused on enhancing degree completion outcomes and advancing professional development goals.

Contact Information:
chontresehayes@vt.edu
703-538-3783
AFFINITY GROUP MEETINGS

GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA

SAVE-THE-DATES!!!

Veterans Affinity Group
Thursday, September 8th 12:30 – 1:30pm

Black Affinity Group
Thursday, September 8th 3:00 – 4:00pm

First-Generation Affinity Group
Wednesday, September 14th 12:30 – 1:30pm

Latinx Affinity Group
Thursday, September 15th 3:00 – 4:00pm

For more information contact:
chontresehayes@vt.edu
The Role of the Ombudsperson

*Presented by*
Bryan Hanson, Ed.D.
Ombudsperson for the Graduate School
Pathway through conflict

- Individual Initiative
- Direct Interaction/Negotiation
- Facilitated Interaction/Mediation
- Appeal to Higher Authority
- Power Play
The value of the Ombudsperson

How does the Ombudsperson promote effective conflict management?

• Asks questions to determine parameters of conflict and confidentially explore self-help options (Coaching)

• Explores potential for informal assisted options (facilitation and mediation)

• Identifying options for looping forward to higher level of authority for resolution process (if party chooses to do so)

• Tracks trends and communicates them to relevant stakeholders
Standards of Practice

Office of the Ombudsperson

Confidential  Informal  Impartial  Independent
Who visits the Office of the Ombudsperson?

Students
Faculty
Administrators

Graduate Education and Research
Why visit the Ombudsperson?

Talk
- Feel Heard
- Sounding Board
- Vent

Clarify
- Policies
- Resources
- Process

Coaching
- Conflict Engagement
- Communication
- Decision Making

Plan
- Identify Options
- Discuss Strategy
- Determine Actions
What to expect when visiting an Ombudsperson

1) The Ombudsperson will listen.

2) The Ombudsperson will work with the visitor to explore options to address concerns. The visitor has control over which options to pursue, if any.

3) The Ombudsperson may:
   • Share communication strategies.
   • Engage in conflict-resolution coaching.
   • Bridge communication gaps.
   • Mediate conversations to develop mutual solutions.
   • Provide referrals to other campus resources.
Contacting the Ombudsperson

Call 540-231-9573 or email Bryan76@vt.edu

You will also find me in Room 114 in the Graduate Life Center in Blacksburg.

For more information visit:
http://graduate.ombudsman.vt.edu

VT Graduate School Ombudsperson
Student Services outside the Graduate School

An Overview by
Robin Jones, Ed.D.
AVP for Student Services
Virginia Tech Innovation Campus
Dean of Students

If you don't know where to go or where to start...start with us.

Our Services

VIRGINIA TECH
Cook Counseling Center in the National Capital Region

Julie Kaplan, Ph.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Embedded Counselor in the D.C. Metro Area

Office Locations:

Northern Virginia Center: 7054 Haycock Rd., Falls Church, VA
Room 496 for appointments, Room 495 for waiting room

VT Research Center- Arlington: 900 N Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA
Second floor, Room 2-314, every other Wednesday
WHAT WE OFFER:

- Cook Connect evaluation session
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Workshops
- Campus Outreach
- Crisis Consultation
- Support Groups
- Psychiatry

WHO WE ARE:

Cook Counseling Center is a safe place for graduate students to discuss their personal concerns, when they feel stuck and are experiencing a high degree of distress.

Look out for the additional Timely Care resource coming Fall 2022! Entirely online, health coaching and mental health services.
HOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?

Scheduling an appointment is easy! Just reach out.

Call 703-635-9957 (office)
OR 540-231-6557 (after hours line)

Email Julie Kaplan, Ph.D. at jskaplan@vt.edu

Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
       Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Career Services for D.C. / Virtual Grad Students

Career Advising
- Appointments scheduled via Handshake
- International Hokies Job Search Group: Apply by August 29th!

Job Search Resources (Virginia Tech):
- Handshake
- CareerShift
- GoinGlobal

Events, Workshops, & Employer Engagement
- Visit Handshake to search and register

Web Resources
- Graduate Hokies Career Toolkit (Canvas): in-depth modules that cover the most common career topics (includes multiple resources and examples)
- DC & Virtual Hokies Career Group (LinkedIn): Info on workshops and events, job opportunities, and other helpful resources are shared.
- Career & Professional Development: CPD website
- Career Chat: Google chat space facilitated by Kerry live each Monday and Wednesday from 12-1:00 PM (EST) for quick career questions!

Kerry Spitze, Career Advisor
kspitze@vt.edu
DC Metro Area
Student Services

NVC 4th floor or online
Virginia Tech students in the greater Washington, D.C., metro area and at specialized campuses and sites in Northern Virginia outside that region are vital members of the Virginia Tech community. The resources listed on this page should help you connect to the academic and student services you will need during your time as a student, and help you connect with fellow students, faculty, and staff.

https://tinyurl.com/DCHokieOneStop

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### Greater Washington D.C. Area Hokie One Stop

Supports and services for graduate and undergraduate students in the greater Washington, D.C., metro area

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**Onboarding and Academic Services**

Connect with services directly related to becoming a student and academic success in the classroom and laboratory.

- New Graduate Students (Getting started at Virginia Tech)
- New Undergraduate Students
- Hokie Passport University ID Card
- International Students
- Veterans and Military-connected Students
- Graduate Admissions, Academic Advising, Registration, and... (truncated)
- Academic Support
- Financial Resources and Services
- Important Dates and Deadlines

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**Student Services & Community Engagement**

Join the Virginia Tech community of students, faculty, and staff members to navigate your student experience through social and community events, personal support, and much more.

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### Communications and Social Media

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### Counseling, Health, and Wellness

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### Housing

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### Graduate Student Events

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### Advocacy Services and Conflict Resolution

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### Inclusion and Diversity

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### Learning Support & Professional Development

Catalyze your learning with research support, career and professional development, and more.

- Career and Professional Development
- Library Services and Research Support
- Test Proctoring

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### Parking in Falls Church, Arlington, and Alexandria

The VT sites in the D.C. Area do not share a common parking system. Links describing parking options at each site are shown below.

- [Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church parking page](#)
- [Virginia Tech Research Center - Arlington parking options (scroll to the bottom of the linked page)](#)
- [Parking at the Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC) in Alexandria is described in their FAQs](#)
**Additional Highlights**

- **Graduate Student Assembly** participates in university governance by representing the issues and concerns of graduate students in the region. Also host social events and those that foster interdisciplinary conversations. Positions available!
- All DC area events are posted on the [Events Calendar](#) and in the weekly newsletter

- Receive and process all documentation related to veteran and military student educational benefits
- Supports and advocates for veteran and military connected needs
- 540-231-5815 or veteran@vt.edu

- Learn about and enroll in VT Student Health Insurance Plans
- Get help with navigating providers and insurance claims
- 540-231-6226 or smi@vt.edu

- Search and view rentals by proximity to campus, find roommates, and access renter resources [https://dc.offcampus.vt.edu/](https://dc.offcampus.vt.edu/)
Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

DC METRO AREA
About Us

The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) in the DC region is the official representation and governing body of the VT graduate students in (the greater D.C. metro area). We are dedicated to advocate for graduate students’ concerns and to serve as their liaison with the University Administration. Every year the GSA governing body works to improve campus life, scholarly development, and graduate community by organizing academic, professional, and social events. The Graduate School offices in the DC Area work closely with the GSA, providing administrative and organizational support. Their weekly Newsletter is the primary communications method with students in the DC Area.
GPSS in the DC Region Positions Announcement

Title: Campus Representative - Falls Church/ Arlington/ Alexandria

Title: Social Chair

Interested candidates: Please send your application and resume to mehranehd@vt.edu and tavisan@vt.edu.

More information at: https://dcmetro.gsa.vt.edu/
Meet & Greet Event

in collaboration with

Cook Counseling Center
Contact Us

Mehraneh Davari
Interim President, DC - Graduate and Professional Student Senate (DC-GPSS)
mehranehd@vt.edu

Tavisan Ramesh
Interim Vice President, DC - Graduate and Professional Student Senate (DC-GPSS)
tavisan@vt.edu
Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

Orientation Slides
Shared Governance

The structure in which that the multitude of constituencies and groups at VT interact with each other and admin to make change at the University.

- Central Body is University Council (UC), which has many Commissions and Committees
- Also under UC are the Senates
  - Staff Senate
  - Faculty Senate
  - A/P Faculty Senate
  - Undergraduate Student Senate
  - Graduate and Professional Student Senate
GPSS serves as a voice for all graduate students through both advocacy to the University as a whole and community-building for all our constituents.

- Bring together representatives from all departments for common issues and action
- Members sit on university commissions and committees to represent graduate student interests at all levels of the university
- Hosts events and programs for all graduate and professional students to provide academic and social support as well as build a shared community among graduate students
GPSS Structure

- Two Senators From Every Department
- Elected Executive Board
- Cabinet of All Graduate Leaders
GPSS Executive Board 22–23

- President: Ben Beiter
- Vice President: Chloe Robertson
- Director of Advocacy: Alice Fox
- Director of Finance *pro tempore*: Jonathan Gendron
- Director of Programs: Cissy Ming
- Director of Communications: Noor Tasnim
- Director of Events: Could be you!
- Board of Visitors Student Rep: Anna Buhle
Senators

Senators are representatives from each department or program. These are students who:

- Communicate with all the other members of their department and bring their issues and interests to Senate meetings for discussion and action.
- Attend all Senate Meetings (or send a proxy if unavailable)
- Participate in at least one Commission, Committee, or Taskforce
Events:

- Welcome Back BBQ
- Biweekly Senate Brewery Gatherings
- Meet The Dean Events
- Little Hokie Hand Me Down
- Graduate and Professional School Fair
- Other Fall Socials
Programs:

- GSBB → Funding for Graduate student groups
- Travel Fund Program → Funding for conference presentations (most popular)
- Cap & Gown Loan Program → PhD and master’s robes
- Graduate Research Development Program (GRDP) → Student-run, merit-based research grants
- Graduate Research Symposium → Present your research to interdisciplinary audience. Prize money available
Internal Committees

Committees to conduct the daily workings of GPSS. Each is run by an exec board member

- Graduate Student Budget Board (GSBB)
- Committee on Judicial and Internal Affairs (assists the President and VP)
- Committee on Finance (assists exec board + Director of Finance)
- Programs Committee (Assists the Director of Programs)
- Events Committee (Assists the Director of Events)
- Communication Committee (Assists the Director of Communications)

Any student can be involved in committees, not just Senators!!
Ongoing Initiatives

- Living Wage Task Force → what should the future of grad student compensation look like?
- Reducing Fees.
- Affordable housing for low-income graduate students and families.
- Graduate student workload study.
- Refining graduate assistantship contract guidelines.
- Supporting formation of Graduate Student Organizations.
How to be involved

- Senate Meetings every other Thursday from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM starting August 25th
  - Everyone is welcome to attend Senate Sessions, but only delegates may vote.
  - All meetings after the first will be on zoom
- Strong focus on advocacy and inclusion of all grad students this year: Any grad student can submit comments on resolutions
- Communicate with your Senator to know about events and initiatives and to have your voices heard!
- Join our unofficial discord: https://discord.com/invite/KUWPh83uQg
- Check Website for more events: http://gpss.vt.edu/
Graduate Honor Code

• The Graduate Honor Code establishes a standard of academic integrity
  – adherence to a set of values based on honesty with respect to the intellectual efforts of oneself and others.

• Requires that all graduate students exercise honesty and ethical behavior in all their academic pursuits here at Virginia Tech
Mission

• To promote honesty and ethical behavior in all academic pursuits
• To disseminate information concerning the Graduate Honor System
• To investigate all suspected violations of the Graduate Honor Code in an impartial, thorough, and unbiased manner
• To hear all cases involving academic infractions of the Graduate Honor Code brought before the System
• To assure the rights of all parties involved are protected and assure due process in all proceedings.
Referred Charges since Fall 2016

- Cheating: 68%
- Plagiarism: 30%
- Falsification: 2%

202 Total Cases
- 137 Cheating
- 60 Plagiarism
- 5 Falsification
- 0 Academic Sabotage
Plagiarism

• What is it?
  • the use of someone else’s words, ideas, opinions, graphs, or drawings, presented as your own without citation.

• What types exist?
  • Deliberate/Word-for-Word
  • Unintentional/Insufficient Paraphrasing
  • Self-Plagiarism
What should you do?

• Always use **quotation marks** around words taken directly from others and provide citation—*only use direct quotes when absolutely necessary*.

• When paraphrasing a unique idea that is not common knowledge, cite the source (quotation marks not needed).

• Do not fill your paper with repeated direct quotes from other sources. **Do your own thinking. Use your own words whenever possible.**
Cheating

What is it?

- actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance or the actual giving or receiving of any unfair advantage on any form of academic work, or attempts thereof.
Falsification

What is it?

• the statement of any untruth, either verbally or in writing, with respect to any circumstances relevant to one's academic work, or attempts thereof.
Academic Sabotage

What is it?
– Purposeful vandalism or impeding of another’s academic progress or work
Additional Resources

• Writing labs and tutorial services
  – University Libraries Writing Center: https://lib.vt.edu/spaces/writing-center.html
  – Indiana University – Bloomington Writing Tutorial Services
  – Purdue University Online Writing Lab
  – Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Writing and Humanistic Studies
  – University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill Writing Center
• iThenticate as a learning opportunity
• Ombudsperson: http://www.graduate.ombudsman.vt.edu/
• GRAD 5014: Academic Integrity & Plagiarism (2 credit pass/fail)
• Consult professors and advisors in your area of graduate study
• For further information:

• Any questions or to get involved as a panelist, please contact:
  – GHS Chair: Kayla Alward ([ghs@vt.edu](mailto:ghs@vt.edu))
  – GHS Advisor: Monika Gibson ([gibsonm@vt.edu](mailto:gibsonm@vt.edu))
New Graduate Student Orientation

August 16, 2022
What is the Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence?

- A peer-mentoring program for graduate students that focuses on teaching excellence
- A program that creates & hosts teaching and learning events, holding space for members to contribute and “do their thing”
- A community of graduate students and faculty scholars, including the Graduate Dean
- A resource for graduate students to answer questions about teaching and learning
- A safe place for graduate students to troubleshoot problems, issues, or questions related to the classroom/lab where they work
- An inclusive community of peers centered around support and collaboration
- An active presence on social media to reach out to the VT graduate student community (Facebook & Twitter @vt_grate)
Meet the Academy

**Members**

Members of the Learning Community are graduate students who are interested in enhancing their knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning. Members are graduate students who have no or limited experience as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA).

**Associates**

Associates are graduate students who have at least one semester of teaching experience* at VT and/or participated in curriculum development.

**Fellows**

GrATE Fellows are graduate students who have more than two semesters of teaching experience* at VT and/or curriculum development and outstanding teaching evaluations. (*Teaching experience includes GTA assignments, volunteer GTA positions, instructor for summer programs, First-Year Experience courses, Learning/Learning communities courses, adjunct positions, and other pertinent activity.)

**Faculty Scholars**

Academy Faculty Scholars are recognized for their commitment and dedication to teaching, pedagogical innovation, and inclusive learning environments. They are role models for the future professoriate to emulate, and serve as mentors to Academy members, resource persons in Academy workshops and events, and serve on the Academy Fellows selection committee.
Activities We Host

Teach-In

Induction Ceremony & Social

Fellow’s Office Hours/Co-Working with the Fellows

GrATE Fellow’s Calendar
To subscribe: https://tinyurl.com/GrATECalendar

Ask A Fellow
Link: https://tinyurl.com/AskAFellow
Activities We Host

Teaching Observations
https://tinyurl.com/TeachingObsEva

Fall 2021 Induction Ceremony
We Support

GTA Workshop

Each semester, graduate students who are new to TA’ing at Virginia Tech take GRAD 5004 GTA Workshop.

The traditional format for this workshop has been 1-2 day in-person sessions followed by required workshop participation on topics like Ethics, Teaching 101, Teaching for International Students, etc.

GrATE members often facilitate, lead, moderate, and support workshop sessions or sit on the Graduate Student panel.
Benefits

Membership with VTGrATE can help you in a lot of different ways:

1. Join an inclusive community of grad students who are interested in growing as educators and make new friends
2. Resource for GTA questions
3. Support and accountability (re: productivity)
4. Listserv access with updates, info on webinars (@ VT and beyond), and other teaching-related content, calls for engagement with membership
5. Curriculum Vitae development
   a. Workshops
   b. Panels
   c. Volunteering Events/Service
   d. Leadership Opportunities
   e. Mentoring
Connect with Us

Here’s a few pathways:

● Use Ask A Fellow via [http://vtgrate.org](http://vtgrate.org) to reach us & start a conversation
● Drop into our weekly Office Hours on Zoom via Calendar Link or Events page
● Look for Updates in the Graduate School’s Monday Email (Subject: “Events, Opportunities…”)
● Follow us on Social Media! Twitter: @vt_grate & look us up on Facebook
● Join us for our Teach-In events and stay for the networking
● Ask us for Peer Observations & we will arrange it with a Fellow or Faculty Scholar in your discipline/allied-discipline
How to Join

Each semester, we have an open call for applications, where:

- Existing members are able to apply for advancement within the program
- New applicants are accepted

Another application cycle in the first few weeks of the Fall ’22 semester.

Join us & submit your application.

Application details and instructions on how to submit are accepted through our program website: https://vtgrate.org
Contacts

- Fall 2022/Spring 2023 Program Manager is Siddharth Sunil Kumar (Sidd)
  ssiddharth96@vt.edu

Northern Virginia Fellows

- Hypatia Alexandria h1patia@vt.edu

- Ernesto Acosta ela2ness@vt.edu
Introduction to Library Resources

AUGUST 2022 ORIENTATION
Hours - Contact us - Get help
https://lib.vt.edu/about-us/hours.html

NVC Library
1st Floor
7054 Haycock Rd
Falls Church, VA 22043

NVC Library Team
703-538-8340
nvclibrary@vt.edu

Debbie Cash
703-538-8341
dcash@vt.edu

University Libraries
http://www.lib.vt.edu

Ask a Librarian
https://lib.vt.edu/find-borrow/ask.html
Services

- Hokie Passports -- Virginia Tech student ID
  - Monday – Friday
  - Call for an evening or Saturday appointment

- Research & Instructional Assistance
  - In person, telephone, e-mail, or Zoom

- Collaboration and Study Spaces

- Returning Books, Media and other physical materials

- Printing, Photocopying, Scanning
**Interlibrary Loan (ILLiad)**

See the [interlibrary loan guide](#) for additional details about the service.

ILLiad is an online form for **requesting items not available full text in library resources**. This includes books and articles available in our physical collections as well as **interlibrary loan** materials from other lending libraries.

Off campus users should register to receive books via UPS then return them using the pre-paid postage label for the U.S. Postal Service or by visiting Falls Church (return bins located inside and outside the building), VTRC – Arlington (6th floor SPIA), or the WAAC in Alexandria.

Most article and book chapter requests will be completed with a PDF in your ILLiad account under “View PDF Articles”.

*Off-campus students, you should always use ILLiad for all of your requests.*
Advanced Search - Discovery Search

This tool allows searching over many library resources in most formats – including books (physical and ebooks), articles, video recordings, streaming videos, conference proceedings, and more!

Can Refine This Search by using options on the left side

example: Limit To Full Text

Vague or short searches will give too many results.

Well developed searches using Subject and phrases within quotes will result in fewer results.

Example: Searching “supply chain” the phrase using the quotation marks gives results containing the two-word phrase and fewer results than supply chain when the two words are simply in the document but not necessarily together.
Get VText

The **Get VText button/link** is used to search our resources for full text content. If a citation has this link, then click on it to see if your article is available online through another resource.

If the article is *not* available full text:

“No direct links were found for the full text of this article.”

Click on the “Request from ILLiad”

This will populate your ILLiad request form

Proof/edit the citation and click on “Submit Request”

*Do not ignore this valuable tool!*
Research Guides & Databases

Research Guides

Resources are organized by academic areas. The page includes subject librarian contact information along with suggested online database resources and links for getting started in your research. The Databases track the many publications, data sets, statistics, and multimedia you may use for your research or assignments. We currently have 748 databases, so we use the Subject Guides and Research Guides for current resources and recommendations.

- Architecture, art, and design
- Business and economics
- Engineering and physical sciences
- Social sciences and education
Journals

Choose the second search box: Search the Journal Title Database

Harvard Business Review

Academy of Management Journal

IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence

The first search box: Search Journals on BrowZine

You can search for titles or subjects, browse issues, add to your library shelf, and view journal rankings.
Publications

- The Economist
- Harvard Business Review
- Wall Street Journal, Eastern edition
- New York Times

Information for NYT access and mobile app, see: https://guides.lib.vt.edu/new_york_times
Quicklinks

- **Grad Student Resources**
  An extensive list of Helpful tools for research and creation

- **Off Campus Access**
  Getting Started with Academic Research: Accessing Library Resources from Off Campus

- **My Library Account**
  Items from Virginia Tech checked out to you. As an off-campus student, always use ILLiad for all of your requests.
Google Scholar
https://scholar.google.com/

- Click on the three bars in the upper left of the page
- Choose “Settings” or Gear icon
- Choose “Library Links” on the left
- Search Virginia Tech and be sure that all selections are chosen:
  - Open WorldCat - Library Search
  - Virginia Tech - Get VText2
  - University Libraries | Virginia Tech – ProQuest Fulltext
- Click on “Save”

Useful for Saving citations (star), Citing ("), Cited by, and Importing into citation manager
LibKey Nomad and Alerting Services

- **LibKey Nomad**
  Browser extension for Chrome or Firefox that assists in accessing library resources. Choose Virginia Tech Libraries.

- **Alerting services**
  Consider creating Table of Contents alerts and/or saved search alerts using the databases, publishers, or Google Scholar.
Managing search results

- **Citation Managers**

While you are completing your research and literature reviews you can build your own library database of citations and PDFs for sources to reference in your papers and projects.

EndNote (free for students & employees), Mendeley (free), and Zotero (free)

- **Citation and style manuals**

Give proper credit and cite the works and ideas of others. With the varied student backgrounds and interdisciplinary research within the BXBR cohorts, follow your instructors’ suggestions of style or the Instructions for Authors of a potential publication for your article.
More Resources

- **LinkedIn Learning**
  One stop shop for online tutorials and training in a variety of software suites and programs. Login with PID.

- **Rosetta Stone**
  Our online version allows users to immerse themselves in one of 30 different languages from any place with an internet connection.

- **Streaming videos**
  Access to over 100,000 videos including documentaries, instructional, foreign, classics, and historical.
Online books, courses, videos and learning paths

Start here to register: https://guides.lib.vt.edu/safari-books-online

Click on Select your Institution -- Choose Not listed? Click here –

Use your vt.edu email to register (do not start a trial subscription).

Once you create an account, you can sign out, choose Forgot Password? then create a unique password to use for this resource.

Download the App to download titles to your phone or tablet.

Use this link to connect once you have your account and password:

https://learning.oreilly.com
In Conclusion

The university and state spend millions on library resources to support you in your education and research.

We are here to help you!

Any questions?

Thank you!
https://www.nvc.vt.edu/Current-Students/Activities.html
• Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/vtdcgradcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/vtdcgradcommunity)

• Twitter: @VTGradSchDC

• DC Area Weekly newsletter: Sent out every Friday to all students from Susan Merten. Please contact smerten@vt.edu if you are not receiving the newsletter.

• GLC (Graduate Life Center) Weekly: Updated on Mondays, and applies to all graduate students.
  • [https://webapps.graduateschool.vt.edu/glcweekly/](https://webapps.graduateschool.vt.edu/glcweekly/)
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