



Welcome to Virginia Tech and the Northern Virginia Center (NVC)! Congratulations on your admission to the Graduate School; we hope that your time with us will be productive, exciting, and rewarding.

Today’s hybrid Orientation session will be different than our usual, so here are a few guidelines.

In the table below are all the rooms where you can learn about services and ask questions. You can visit the rooms in any order and stay as long as you like. Technical staff will be circulating around the rooms to provide guidance, and you can always come back to the lobby if you need help. Feel free to go elsewhere in the building and get a sense of the classrooms and other public spaces. Faculty and staff offices are primarily on the 3rd and 4th floors.

NOTE: Most of the faculty/staff are online for this event. People whose names are highlighted are here in-person. The NVC classrooms all have Zoom connectivity, so just walk into the room, make sure that you are visible on the camera, and say hello.

NVC Room	Service Group	People	Zoom Breakout
Main Lobby (2nd floor)	Welcome Station	<b>Robin Jones</b> , Assistant Vice President for Student Services, Innovation Campus <b>Susan Merten</b> , Executive Assistant to the Associate Dean and Director <b>Kenneth H. Wong</b> , Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Northern Virginia Center	Main Room
210	Hokie One Stop	<b>Gennelle Chatman</b> , Equity Manager <b>Tara Frank</b> , Assistant Dean of Students <b>Bryan Hanson</b> , Graduate Ombudsperson <b>Julie Kaplan</b> , Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Cook Counseling	4
214	Graduate Student Services Office (GSSO)	<b>Corinne Julien</b> , Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions and Academic Progress <b>Jessica Mullins</b> , Assistant Director and International Student Advisor of DC ISS <b>Torri Brown</b> , Graduate and International Student Advisor <b>Erin Mahoney</b> , Graduate Admissions and Academic Progress Advisor	2
217	Graduate Student Leadership	<b>Kayla Alward</b> , Graduate Honor System <b>Phil Miskovic</b> , Graduate Student Rep to the BOV <b>Ernesto Acosta</b> , VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence	5
221	Graduate School Leadership	<b>Aimée Surprenant</b> , Dean for Graduate Education <b>Chontrese Hayes</b> , Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Academic Affairs and Student Success	1
Library (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	University Libraries	<b>Debbie Cash</b> , Library Coordinator and Specialist	3

\*To reach the first floor, take the stairs or elevator down one level.

The in-person and online components of the event are happening at the same time, so each room may have a mix of people who are here in-person and people who are online.

## Important Web Resources

For reference, here are a few key weblinks to help you get settled in as a student.

New Students Guide <https://www.nvc.vt.edu/Current-Students/New-Students.html>  
*This page includes all of the Orientation materials and handouts, plus recordings of presentations.*

DC Hokie One Stop <https://graduateschool.vt.edu/current-students/dc-hokieonestop.html>  
*A consolidated list of the many services available to DC Area and online students.*

VT Ready Site <https://ready.vt.edu>  
*Everything that you need to know about university operations related to COVID-19.*

VT Status Page <https://vt.edu/status>  
*The authoritative website for snow and other weather-related closures and delays.*

NVC Parking <https://www.nvc.vt.edu/aboutnvc/parking-nvc/student-parking.html>

## Weekly Newsletter

Students are added to a Google Group called [ncr\\_students-g@vt.edu](mailto:ncr_students-g@vt.edu). We use this mailing list to send out a weekly newsletter on Fridays. Susan Merten curates this newsletter, and we try to put all the important information in this communication. If you don't read anything else, please read the newsletter!

## Still have questions?

Finally, remember that you can always ask us questions by email, phone, or in person. Staff offices are on the 4th floor of the NVC.

[DCHokieOneStop@vt.edu](mailto:DCHokieOneStop@vt.edu) (Questions about any student services topic)

[GSSONCR@vt.edu](mailto:GSSONCR@vt.edu) (Questions about the Graduate School and Academic Progress)

GSSO Phone: 703-538-8327 (Susan Merten also manages this phone line)

Thanks for being with us today, and good luck with the upcoming semester!