



Northern Virginia Center Policy

Policy 17: Virginia Tech's Policy for Dealing with Media on Campus

The Northern Virginia Center follows the guidelines set by the VT Office of University Relations when dealing with media coverage and requests at our campus location in Falls Church, Virginia.

Following are guidelines from the Office of University Relations as provided by Public Relations Manager for the National Capital Region:

“As a public university, ours is an open campus. In the eyes of the law, reporters are no different from other members of the public. If one’s office is open to the public for business, it is open to reporters. Conversely, just as your personal office would not be open for unlimited access without your permission, neither are classrooms. Reporters are never allowed in classrooms without faculty permission.

If reporters ask to interview any faculty, staff, or student, it is entirely up to the individual as to whether he/she wants to speak to the media. Feel free to say, “Thanks, but no thanks.”

However, the Office of University Relations strongly encourages you to involve us in any media inquiries. Even if you are experienced working with the media, it would be helpful for tracking purposes if you could forward information to me about any media inquiries you receive or handle.”

At the NVC, the exterior grounds, hallways, the GSSO, and the Community Café on the 1st floor, are considered open to the public. Classrooms, conference rooms, offices, laboratories, and the Resource Center are not open to the public. Any media teams wishing to interview or record at the NVC are requested to notify Facilities (facilities@vt.edu) in advance and to check in at the security desk in the lobby upon arrival.

Contact Barbara Micale regarding any media coverage requests or with any questions you may have. Her information and the main campus contact information are provided below. Main campus PR contact is also provided as FYI.

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