

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI & SU)**, also known as Virginia Tech, was founded October 1, 1872 as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. In 1896, the name was changed to Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute. In 1944, the name was changed to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The University received its current name in 1970.

**Accreditation:** VPI & SU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). In addition, many of the colleges and academic departments are fully accredited by their accrediting agencies. Refer to the university catalog for more details.

**Calendar:** Effective Fall 1988, Virginia Tech converted to a semester system. Fall and spring terms are approximately 15 weeks in length followed by a one-week period for examinations. Summer and winter terms are optional and are composed of a 12-week summer term and a 4-week winter term.

**Course Numbering System:** The first digit in course numbering designations denotes the year in which the course is ordinarily found in the curriculum outlines. Courses numbered 5000-7999 carry graduate credit as well as some of the courses numbered 4000-4999. Courses numbered 8000-8999 denote courses taught by the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and 9000-9999 by the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCOSM).

**Course Titles:** The following abbreviations may be found in some course titles: (IS) Independent Study (SS) Special Study (TS) Topics Course

**Honors Courses:** Honors courses are designated by the letter H preceding or following the course number.

**Eligibility to Enroll:** Students are academically eligible to continue enrollment unless otherwise noted.

### Grading System

The following are grades<sup>1</sup> and quality credits associated with each grade:

A	4.0	*I (Incomplete)	0.0
A-	3.7	P (Passing)	0.0
B+	3.3	*X (Continuing Class)	0.0
B	3.0	*EQ (Equivalent Credit - grad)	0.0
B-	2.7	NG (No Grade) <sup>3</sup>	0.0
C+	2.3	No Grade Assigned <sup>4</sup>	
C	2.0	*NR (Not Reported)	0.0
C-	1.7	RG (Repeated Course - grad)	0.0
D+	1.3	RP (Repeated Course)	0.0
D	1.0	*WG (Withdrawal - grad)	0.0
D-	0.7	*AUD (Audit) <sup>5</sup>	0.0
F	0.0	*W (Withdrawal)	0.0
F (pass/fail) <sup>2</sup>	0.0	*WP (Withdrawal, exception)	0.0
		*Not allowed toward graduation and not computed in GPA	

<sup>1</sup> Effective with Fall Quarter 1979, plus and minus grades were added

<sup>2</sup> Effective with Fall Quarter 1977, an F under the Pass/Fail option is computed in the GPA as an F

<sup>3</sup> Effective with Second Summer Session 1988, the University began using NG to designate no grade

<sup>4</sup> When a course is assigned no grade, the credit hours are computed as an F in the student's GPA

<sup>5</sup> Attendance of audited courses is not verified by the University

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** The grade point average is determined by dividing Virginia Tech Quality Credits by the number of Virginia Tech hours attempted.

### Special Symbols:

~ Indicates that the course is not allowed toward graduation and is not included in GPA calculations.

< Indicates course work that after an absence of five years is disallowed toward graduation and not included in GPA calculations.

> Indicates course work that after an absence of five years is treated as transfer credit and is not included in GPA calculations.

\* Any grade that is followed by an asterisk is treated as an 'F' in GPA calculations.

^ Non degree credit

### Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCOSM) Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into two phases: Phase 1 is comprised of years 1 and 2 which are preclinical years. Years 3 and 4 comprise Phase 2 of the curriculum and focus on the clinical curriculum. Refer to VTCOSM's course catalog for specific degree requirements.

The two phases are divided as the following courses:

Year 1: Orientation, Blocks I, II, III, IV, M1 Research

Year 2: Blocks V, VI, VII, VIII, M2 Independent Study, M2 Research, Clerkships

Year 3: Clerkships, Selectives, Electives, M3 Research

Year 4: Clerkships, Selectives, Electives, M4 Research, Transition to Residency I and II

All students must take and pass Step 1 of the USMLE before they begin the third clinical rotation. All students must pass the Clinical Knowledge (CK) portion of Step 2 of the USMLE in order to graduate.

### VTCOSM Clock to Credit Hour Conversion

Consistent with practices as U.S. medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the equivalent of credit hours in a medical education program (first professional degree) at a school is weeks of instruction in the curriculum. VTCOSM shall use the amount of classroom (direct faculty instruction) contact time or its equivalent as the basis to derive the number of credit hours during a given period, itself defined as the number of weeks of instruction. The factor applied shall be based upon the learning modality as described in Federal Regulation §602.24(f)(1)(B).

### Years 3 & 4

#### Required Clerkships:

Emergency Medicine – 4 weeks

Family Medicine – 4 weeks

Internal Medicine – 6 weeks

Neurology – 2 weeks

Obstetrics and Gynecology – 6 weeks

Pediatrics – 6 weeks

Psychiatry – 6 weeks

Radiology – 2 weeks

Surgery – 6 weeks

#### Required Research:

Research – 8 weeks

#### Selectives:

ICU – 2 weeks

Medical Subspecialty – 2 weeks

Surgical Subspecialty – 2 weeks

#### Transition to Residency:

Transition to Residency I – 2 weeks

Transition to Residency II – 1½ weeks

#### Electives:

Minimum 18 weeks

Maximum 26 weeks

2- or 4-week rotations

### VTCOSM Grading System

S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
I	Incomplete
W	Withdrawn

### Clinical Clerkship Grading System (effective Fall 2022)

H	Honors
HP	High Pass
P	Pass
F	Fail

### Letters of Distinction

Letters of Distinction will be given during the first two years. The letters are awarded to select students based on outstanding performance in one of the four Value Domains utilizing defined criteria.

**Basic Science** – Letters of Distinction will be awarded in each of three categories.

**Health Systems Science and Interprofessional Practice** – Letters of Distinction will be awarded.

**Research** – Letters of Distinction will be awarded.

**Clinical Science** – Letters of Distinction will be awarded.

**Clinical Clerkships** – up to 8 Letters of Distinction will be awarded in each of the clerkships below: (effective 2013-2022)

Emergency Medicine  
Family Medicine  
Internal Medicine  
Neurology  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Pediatrics  
Psychiatry  
Radiology  
Surgery

**Clinical Science Integration** – up to 8 Letters of Distinction will be awarded. (effective 2013-2021)

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