

**Resolution 2018-19.F**

**Resolution to Approve Transitional Plan to Facilitate the Change to Date of Entry Graduation Requirements**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

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Second Reading: April 8, 2019

Faculty Senate:

**Waived** by Staff Senate: April 2, 2019

Graduate Student Assembly:

**Waived** by Student Government Association: April 3, 2019

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

Effective Date: Academic Year 2020-2021

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech currently uses date of entry for general education requirements and date of graduation for graduation requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the differentiated dates for degree requirements impede an undergraduate student's ability to create a plan of study for a Virginia Tech degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the differentiated dates for degree requirements create a barrier for Virginia Community College students who plan to transfer to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia and Virginia Tech are committed to increasing access for students to transfer from VCCS schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the differentiated dates for degree requirements inhibit a department's ability to accurately predict needed course capacities into the future thereby creating inefficiencies in resource management; and

**WHEREAS**, differentiated dates for degree requirements limits our ability to leverage technology tools in essential recruiting, progression, and student success initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, differentiated dates for degree requirements require students to apply manually to declare a date of graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, differentiated dates for degree requirements limit Virginia Tech's capacity to use data-informed planning efforts;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, all graduation requirements will be established based on a student's date of entry, effective academic year 2020-2021;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** When degree and major requirements change during a student's period of enrollment, a student will be provided the option to change date of entry to pursue an updated or new major curriculum.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The University Registrar will develop a transitional plan to facilitate the change to date of entry graduation requirements for all students.