

A Brief Guide to Acronyms and Abbreviations Commonly Used at Virginia Tech

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Colleges/Academic Areas (many others without acronyms)

CALS	College Agriculture and Life Sciences
CAUS	College of Architecture and Urban Studies
CLAHS	College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
COE	College of Engineering
CNRE	College of Natural Resources and Environment
COS	College of Science
CVM	College of Veterinary Medicine
PCOB	Pamplin College of Business
SAD	School of Architecture + Design
SPIA	School of Public and International Affairs
SOC	Myers-Lawson School of Construction
SOE	School of Education
SOVA	School of Visual Arts
SOPA	School of Performing Arts

University-level Institutes (major university wide institutes; there are many more [100+] that are research related institutes at the department/college/unit level)

BI or BIVT	Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech (formerly VBI)
FLSI	Fralin Life Science Institute
ICAT	Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology
ICTAS	Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science
ISCE	Institute for Society, Culture and Environment
VTCRI	Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute
VTTI	Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

Other University Entities and Programs

BEC	Business Engagement Center
BOV	Board of Visitors
CIDER	Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research
CMDA	Computer Modeling and Data Analytics
CNS	Communication Network Services (phones and wireless)
CRC	Corporate Research Center
DSA	Division of Student Affairs
GEDI	Graduate Education Development Institute (a collaboration between Learning Technologies and the Graduate School)
GLC	Graduate Life Center
HST	Health Sciences and Technology
IALR	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (in Danville)
IR	Institutional Research and Effectiveness
NCR	National Capital Region

NEC	North End Center
NLI	Networked Learning Initiatives (formerly the Faculty Development Institute)
NVC	Northern Virginia Center
OIA	Outreach and International Affairs
OIRED	Office of International Research, Education, and Development
OSP	Office of Sponsored Programs
OVPRI	Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation
TAT	the university's Threat Assessment Team
TBMH	Translational Biology, Medicine, and Health
TGE	Transformative Graduate Education
TLOS	Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies
VCOM	Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine
VPAS	Vice President of Administrative Services
VTCC	Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets
VTCSOM	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine
VTRC-A	Virginia Tech Research Center-Arlington

University Strategic Initiatives

DA	Destination Area
SGA	Strategic Growth Area
ABB	Adaptive Brain and Behavior (a university DA)
DD	Data and Decisions (a university DA)
GSS	Global Systems Science (a university DA)
IIHCC	Intelligent Infrastructure for Human-Centered Communities (a university DA)
IS	Integrated Security (a university DA)
C&I	Creativity and Innovation (a university SGA)
ESDHC	Equity and Social Disparity and the Human Condition (a university SGA)
ESM	Economic and Sustainable Materials (a university SGA)

Budget-Related

Agency 208	University Division
Agency 229	Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension
BBA	Base Budget Adequacy
CE/AES	Cooperative Extension/Agricultural Experiment Station
E&G	Education and General Fund
F&A	Facilities and Administrative Charges (Indirect Costs)
GF	General Fund
NGF	Non-General Fund
State O&M	State Operation and Maintenance

Faculty-Related

A/P	Administrative and Professional faculty
T/R	Teaching and Research faculty (includes tenure-track instructional faculty and non-tenure track faculty – clinical faculty, professors of practice, collegiate faculty, instructors, adjunct faculty)
Extension Specialist	Tenure-track faculty appointed by academic department to work with Virginia Cooperative Extension
Extension Agent	Non-tenure-track faculty who are assigned to a Virginia Cooperative Extension field office
Research	Faculty employed by Virginia Tech to promote and expedite university research endeavors (formerly “Special Research” Faculty)

University Governance

University Council (meets semi-monthly on Mondays 3-5)

Commissions and committees

CAPFA	Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
CEOD	Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
CFA	Commission on Faculty Affairs
CGS&P	Commission for Graduate Studies & Policies
COIA	Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
COR	Commission on Research
CSA	Commission on Student Affairs
CSPA	Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
CUSP	Commission for Undergraduate Studies & Policies
CUS	Commission on University Support

Student Associations/Groups (selected; many more exist)

GSA	Graduate Student Assembly
SGA	Student Government Association (undergraduate students)

National/State Agencies/Associations with specific ties to VT

AAC&U	Association of American Colleges and Universities
AAUP	American Association of University Professors
ACC	Atlantic Coast Conference
ACE	American Council on Education
APLU	Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SCHEV	State Council for Higher Education in Virginia
IPAC	Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (VA Univ Provosts)
COP	Council of Presidents (VA University Presidents)