HOW TO EXPLORE MAJORS  
Follow these directions in order or skip around as needed

1  SELF EXPLORATION

☐ Explore and consider your interests, skills and values.
Ask yourself questions such as, "What subjects excite you?" "What are your natural inclinations?" and "What kind of lifestyle do you desire?"

☐ Make connections between aspects of yourself and majors/careers. Students can make an appointment through Handshake to visit the Career Center and take self-assessment(s) to help with this process.

☐ Get Involved. Using Explore Engineering, search for organizations, design teams, professional societies, and research opportunities to connect with others and learn more about yourself.

2  MAJOR EXPLORATION

Engineering Majors

☐ Narrow down majors using the Explore Engineering tool to see descriptions, interest areas, and specific degree requirements

☐ Consider related engineering majors. See related options using the Explore Engineering tool, specifically the “related major/minors section”

☐ Review the "How to Declare an Engineering Major" document for a complete list of requirements and steps necessary to officially declare an engineering major.

All Virginia Tech Majors

☐ Review the list of all the Virginia Tech majors. To narrow your options based on interests, view the section "Majors by Interest Area"

☐ Narrow down majors using the Explore Engineering tool, specifically the "related major/minors section" under “Related majors outside the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech”

☐ Consider major restrictions. There are two types of majors at Virginia Tech, restricted and non-restricted. Restricted majors have specific criteria students must meet to be eligible to declare.

☐ Switching out of engineering to another Virginia Tech major? Review the steps to change out of engineering website and/or seek transitional advising for support.

3  CAREER EXPLORATION

☐ Search various Virginia Tech degree programs on the First Destination Report. In this self-reported survey, view Hokies' post-graduation plans, including employers, locations, salaries, and more.

☐ Browse careers on the Occupational Outlook Handbook or MyNextMove and find in-depth information on specific careers, educational requirements, earning data, and projected employment trends. Find additional resources on Explore Engineering under the "Career Resources" tab by major.

☐ View Virginia Tech Alumni on LinkedIn. On LinkedIn, search “Virginia Tech” and select the university’s page. Next, click on “alumni” on the menu under the header.

☐ Seek out a Hokie mentor to engage with about your career aspirations by connecting with alumni in your field of interest(s) through the Hokie Mentorship Connect platform.