

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](#), specifically the "related majors/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](#).

