

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 of Agriculture and Life Sciences
AAD	College of Architecture, Arts, and Design
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
MLSOC	Myers-Lawson School of Construction
PCOB	Pamplin College of Business
A+D	School of Architecture + Design
SOE	School of Education
SOVA	School of Visual Arts
SOPA	School of Performing Arts
SPIA	School of Public and International Affairs
VTCSOM	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

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

FBRI	Fralin Biomedical Research Institute
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
VTTI	Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

Other University Entities and Programs

AREC	Agricultural Research and Extension Center
BEC	Business Engagement Center
BOV	Board of Visitors
CETL	Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (formerly CIDER)
CIREC	Center for International Research, Education, and Development
CMDA	Computer Modeling and Data Analytics
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
NIS	Network Infrastructures & Services
NVC	Northern Virginia Center
OIA	Outreach and International Affairs
OID	Office for Inclusion and Diversity
OSP	Office of Sponsored Programs
OVPRI	Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation
TAT	Virginia Tech'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
VT-ARC	Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation
VTCC	Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets
VTRC-A	Virginia Tech Research Center-Arlington

University Strategic Initiatives

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

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
PIBB	Partnership for Incentive-Based Budgeting
State O&M	State Operation and Maintenance

Faculty-Related

A/P	Administrative and Professional faculty
ADP	Alumni Distinguished Professor
T/R	Teaching and Research faculty <i>(includes tenure-track instructional faculty and non-tenure track faculty – clinical faculty, professors of practice, collegiate faculty, instructors, adjunct faculty)</i>
UDP	University Distinguished Professor
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
CGPSP	Commission for Graduate and Professional 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
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SGA Student Government Association (undergraduate students)

National/State Agencies/Associations with specific ties to VT

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