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)
- CIRED 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**

**Destination Area**
- DA
- 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/AIDS  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
 (includes tenure-track instructional faculty and non-tenure track faculty – clinical faculty, professors of practice, collegiate faculty, instructors, adjunct faculty)
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
SGA          Student Government Association (undergraduate students)

**National/State Agencies/Associations with specific ties to VT**

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