

**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
CMDA	Computer Modeling and Data Analytics
CNRE	College of Natural Resources and Environment
COS	College of Science
CVM	College of Veterinary Medicine (also VMCVM)
MLSoC	Myers-Lawson School of Construction
PCOB	Pamplin College of Business
SOE	School of Education
SOVA	School of Visual Arts
SOPA	School of Performing Arts
SPES	School of Plant and Environmental Sciences
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
IAC	Institute for Advanced Computing
ICAT	Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology
ICTAS	Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science
ISCE	Institute for Society, Culture and Environment
NSI	National Security Institute
VTTI	Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

**Other University Entities and Programs**

AIS	Academy of Integrated Science (in COS)
AIE	Analytics & Institutional Effectiveness
AREC	Agricultural Research and Extension Center (in CALS)
ATS	Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies (in CLAHS)
BOV	Board of Visitors
CETL	Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (formerly CIDER)
CIRED	Center for International Research, Education, and Development
CRC	Corporate Research Center
DA	Destination Area
DSA	Division of Student Affairs

EFAR	Electronic Faculty Activity Reports
GEDI	Graduate Education Development Institute (Learning Technologies and Graduate School collaboration)
GLC	Graduate Life Center
HS&T	Health Sciences and Technology
IALR	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (in Danville)
NEC	North End Center
NIS	Network Infrastructures & Services
OIA	Outreach and International Affairs
ORI	Office of Research and Innovation
OSP	Office of Sponsored Programs
OVPRI	Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation
SAIG	Statistical Applications and Innovations Group (Statistical Assistance)
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 (not part of Virginia Tech)
VT-ARC	Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation
VTCC	Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets

### **Budget-Related**

Agency 208	University Division (funding)
Agency 229	Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension (funding)
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
AFL	Academy of Faculty Leadership
AFS	Academy of Faculty Service
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, continued appointment faculty in the library)</i>
UDP	University Distinguished Professor

Extension Specialist	Tenure-track faculty appointed by the academic department to work with Virginia Cooperative Extension
Extension Agent	Non-tenure-track faculty assigned to a Virginia Cooperative Extension field office

### **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
CGPSA	Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
CGPSP	Commission for Graduate and Professional Studies & Policies
COIA	Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
COR	Commission on Research
CSPA	Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
CUSA	Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs
CUSP	Commission for Undergraduate Studies & Policies

### **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
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)