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
- 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
- NSI  National Security Institute
- VTTI Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

Other University Entities and Programs

- AREC Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- AIS  Academy of Integrated Science
- 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
- EFAR Electronic Faculty Activity Reports
- GEDI Graduate Education Development Institute (Learning Technologies and Graduate School collaboration)
- GLC  Graduate Life Center
HST  Health Sciences and Technology
IALR  Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (in Danville)
IC  Innovation Campus
IR  Institutional Research and Effectiveness
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
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
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)
HSIH  Human-Systems Integration in Healthcare (a DA 2.0)
IS  Integrated Security (a university DA)
IIHCC  Intelligent Infrastructure for Human-Centered Communities (a university DA)
VT-PIT  Virginia Tech Public Interest Technology Initiative (a DA 2.0)

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
  (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 the academic department to work with Virginia Cooperative Extension
Extension Agent Non-tenure-track faculty 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
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
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