Welcome to Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, and the heart of the Hokie Nation!

Adjacent to the Jefferson National Forest, Virginia Tech is situated on 2,600 acres between the beautiful Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains. Tech offers its students internationally recognized faculty experts and academic programs, leadership and research options, and endless opportunities for experience, recreation, and fun — all in a picturesque setting.

We are so pleased to have you visiting with us today. Please explore the Visitor and Undergraduate Admissions Center if you have any questions before or after your visit. Please remember that this brochure serves as simply a guide. Although this tour starts at Burruss Hall, feel free to use the guide to suit your needs. For example, if you’re hungry, start with lunch at a dining hall or downtown, and begin the tour from there. If you are parked by Cassell Coliseum, you are welcome to begin by touring the athletic facilities.

We encourage you to see as much of campus as possible while you are with us today; we want you to have a genuine experience of our Hokie world. However, if you are pressed for time or something does not interest you, you are more than welcome to pick and choose what you would like to see. Enjoy your tour!

Thank you for visiting us today! We hope you enjoyed your experience and we will see you again soon!
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Just past Burns is the Engineering Quad, home to many of the classrooms, offices, and laboratories available to the engineering department. Patton (L-4, 127) home to Civil and Environmental Engineering, faces the Drillfield, with Norris (L-4, 130), Helman (L-3, 120), Randolph (L-3, 123), Hancock (K-3, 130), Whittemore (K-3, 134), and Durham (L-2, 120) halls positioned behind. In the middle of the Engineering Quad is the newly-built Turner Plaza at Lavers Hall (L-3, 205), which houses a wide variety of convenient and healthy dining options for students on the go.

In front of Burruss is the April 16 Memorial, lovingly named “Hokie Stone.” Many of the college’s programs are consistently ranked in the top programs in the country. The center for the arts is a newly constructed facility serving Blacksburg and the New River Valley. It includes a 1,260 seat performance hall, visual arts galleries, amphitheater, four-story experimental cube, and multiple studios to support the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology. The center also houses a multimedia studio, production control room, newsroom, and associated classrooms to support the Department of Communication.

In 1872, Addison Caldwell enrolled as the first student at Virginia Tech, and hiked 28 miles from Craig County, Va. to do so. Outside of Major Williams Hall (M-3, 7), you will find a statue in his honor.

On the corner of the Drillfield stands McBryde Hall (M-3, 151), home to the Departments of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Sociology, but most students will find themselves with at least one course in this building at some point during their time at Virginia Tech. McBryde Hall was also named for a former VPI president, John McLaren McBryde. He laid the foundation for Virginia Tech as we know it today by heading changes such as adopting the university motto of Ut Prosim and changing the school colors to orange and maroon.

Squires Student Center (N-4, 180) is a hub of student activity. Inside is a food court, an art gallery, several studios and theater production spaces, and offices for student publications such as the college’s newspaper and campus radio station. Breakzone, a recreational center inside Squires, provides students with access to a bowling alley, billiard tables, and ping pong games, and more. Squires is a great place to find out about events going on around campus or information about groups in which students might want to be involved.

The upper level of War Memorial Court is a special place to Hokies. The eight limestone pylons are etched with the names of Virginia Tech students and graduates who have died in battle, beginning with World War I. The concept in the middle honors the university’s seven Medal of Honor recipients.

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Burruss Hall (L-4, 176), named for former VPI president Julian Burruss, is the main administration building on campus. It also contains a 3,003-seat auditorium, a venue where major events such as commencement, presidential speeches, concerts, and arts shows are held. Burruss, like many of the buildings on campus, features a native limestone, which we lovingly named “Hokie Stone.”

Burruss Hall (K-4, 171) is an underground studio space for students in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. The pediments on the plaza allow natural light into the studio spaces. At the back of the plaza, Cowgill Hall (K-3, 372) also houses student studios, offices, and galleries for the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. Many of the college’s programs are consistently ranked in the top programs in the country.

The Pylons & War Memorial Chapel

The Pylons. The sculptures on the eight pylons represent Brotherhood, Honor, Leadership, Sacrifice, Service, Loyalty, Duty, and Ut Prosim. The University's motto Ut Prosim is Latin for "That I May Serve."