



Wait List for Fall 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does being on the wait list mean?

Since we have classroom capacity for only a set number of new students, many applicants do not receive offers of freshman admission. An **unranked** “wait list” is kept so that some applicants can be offered admission if spaces become available for them in the freshman class. If you choose to remain on the wait list, you will be notified by mail of your final admission status no later than **July 1, 2017**.

2. What are my chances for selection from the wait list?

You are understandably eager to have a final decision on your application. Staff in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, however, cannot make that decision until all the responses from applicants already offered admission are returned. **Therefore, we cannot answer questions about your chances of being selected for admission at this time.** This year Virginia Tech received over 27,000 applications and we expect 6,200 to accept our offer and enroll. If we have fewer than 6,200 students accept our offer, we will offer admission to some of the students who chose to remain on our wait list. About 3,400 students are receiving this wait list decision and information this year.

3. What is Virginia Tech’s history of selecting students from the wait list?

Last year, we were able to offer 1697 students on our wait list a spot in our fall 2016 freshman class. In 2015 we made no offers; however in 2014 we offered 750 students admission from the wait list. In 2013, we made no offers to those on our wait list; in 2012, we offered 110. As you can see, the number of students ultimately receiving offers from the wait list is highly unpredictable and variable.

4. Can I do anything to increase my chances of being offered admission from the wait list?

The only thing you can do is to be certain you can access your Application Status Page and that you intend to remain on the wait list. Unfortunately, there is nothing else you can do at this time. Since offering students from the wait list depends on space, letters of recommendation or personal visits will not affect our decision. Should space become available, we will use the information already contained in your file to re-review your application.

5. What are my options if I am not selected from the wait list and still wish to attend Virginia Tech?

Each year, approximately 1,000 students transfer to Virginia Tech after beginning their college careers at other colleges and universities. To be considered for transfer admission, submit a transfer application after completing coursework at another four-year institution or community college. You may obtain a transfer application from our website at www.admiss.vt.edu. Although the minimum requirements for transfer admission state that students must be in good academic standing at every college attended and must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (out of 4.0) in their college work, those offered admission have usually taken core courses in English, math, and the lab science appropriate to their intended majors, and have achieved grade point averages of at least 3.0. (In some majors where demand exceeds available space, the average GPA of admitted students will be even higher.). Please refer to our transfer guide and transfer equivalency database at www.tranguide.registrar.vt.edu. If after reviewing the transfer guide you have specific questions regarding the major you are interested in, please contact our office.

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