

## February 2025

### AOE Advising Office

#### Advisors:

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#### In-Person Walk-In Hours:

- Come to any advisor's walk-in hours
- Emily: Mondays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Chelsea: Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Brian: Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Appointments:

- In-person and virtual appointments available
- Schedule an appointment through [Navigate!](#)
- Include comment with appointment reason.

**Note:** If you have any comments or concerns about AOE undergraduate academic advising, please email [Dr. Seidel](#).

### Career Corner

#### Interview Resources

Congratulations, you've landed an interview! Now what? The CPD office offers a wealth of resources in their [interviewing guide!](#) Before an interview, do some research and prepare. Here are a few of resources to help get you started:

- [Quick Tips](#)
- [DOs and DON'Ts](#)
- [Sample questions](#)
- [CPD practice interview options:](#)
  - Appointment with a career advisor
  - Online practice interview tool

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

#### February:

- 12-13: [Grad Fair](#) at Hokie Shop Bookstore
- 18: Census date (enrollment frozen for reporting)
- 20: [CAMEO CareerFest](#)

#### March:

- 1: [COE scholarship application](#) deadline
- 3: Last day to drop spring courses, last day to switch to P/F grade mode
- 4: AOE UG/G Program Q&A Panel Event, 5-6 PM
- 8-16: Spring Break
- 18: Summer 2025 add/drop opens
- 25: Fall 2025 course request opens

#### For more dates/events visit the:

- [VT Academic Calendar](#)
- [AOE Facebook Page](#)
- [Engineering Opportunities Facebook Page](#)

### Featured Wellness Resource

#### Hokie Wellness

- [Hokie Wellness](#) provides a variety of programming and support for VT students.
- [Workshops](#) cover topics including financial wellness, alcohol, mental health and more! To see/register for upcoming events/workshops, check out [Hokie Wellness on GobblerConnect](#).
- Interested in becoming a Hokie Wellness peer educator? [Applications](#) are open now through March 31st for a variety of positions.
- Turning 21? Check out [The Twenty-first Birthday Project!](#) Keep an eye on your email for an invitation to attend a brief info. session and get a coupon book to local businesses.

## FAQs of the Month

### How many technical elective credits do I need to take?

- Make sure that you are looking at the correct curriculum requirements for you! In most cases, your curriculum is the one for the catalog year you entered Virginia Tech. If you have any question about which curriculum you are on, talk to your academic advisor.
- For 2020-2021, 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 catalog year curriculum requirements: You must complete *18 total credits* of technical electives. Nine of these credits must be used to fulfill the requirements for one of the technical tracks. The other 9 are general technical elective credits.
- For 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 catalog year curriculum requirements: You must complete *15 total credits* of technical electives. Nine of these credits must be used to fulfill the requirements for one of the technical tracks. The other 6 are general technical elective credits.
- Regardless of your catalog year, **you may only count 6 credits of non-AOE coursework towards your track/general technical electives.**

### What are track technical electives?

- Track technical elective credits are a subset of the total technical elective credits required by your curriculum. All AOE students must complete 9 track technical elective credits, the equivalent of 3 courses.
- Find descriptions of each track on the [AOE curriculum website](#) and in the checksheets/program curriculum.
- If a track has a required course, you must take it, but you do not need to take it first.
- AOE sometimes offers special studies/new courses. Look for notes on the timetable to determine if a special study/new course will count in a technical track. A substitution may be required. Check with your advisor if you have any questions.
- Some tracks have non-AOE course options, but remember that **you can only take 6 credits of non-AOE coursework for track/general tech electives.**

### What are general technical electives?

- Any AOE credits taken in A-F grade mode that are not already counting for another requirement in your curriculum can count as general technical electives. This includes additional AOE courses from the track you are completing, AOE courses from other tracks, and AOE 2974/2994/4974/4994.
- These credits can also come from the list of approved non-AOE courses listed in your curriculum, but remember that **you can only take 6 credits of non-AOE coursework for track/general tech electives.**

## Academic Resources

- [AOE Undergraduate Curriculum](#)
- [AOE Advising Website](#)
- [Dean of Students](#)
- [COE Resources/Support](#)
- [University Catalog](#)
- [Pathways Course Guides](#)
- [VT Academic Calendar](#)
- [VT Timetable of Classes](#)
- [Student Success Center \(SSC\)](#)
- [Registrar's Office Forms](#)
- [Scholarships/Financial Aid](#)
- [Bursar's Office](#)