

Student Organizations



At Virginia Tech, we have approximately 800 student organizations that bring excitement, programs, and community to our campus.

There are multiple opportunities for getting involved in these orgs and finding ones that fit your interest on campus. Questions? Feel free to come see us in Student Engagement and Campus Life (Squires Student Center, Rooms 225 and 325).

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[Interested in starting a new student organization?](#)



We are always excited about new clubs and organizations starting at Virginia Tech. All new organizations will be created as Registered Student Organizations (RSO). If you are interested in starting a new organization, please go to [GobblerConnect](#) to review existing organizations. If you do

not see any existing organizations with the same purpose, read through the steps below. New organizations are required to have a minimum of five founding members and a unique mission or

organizations are required to have a minimum of five founding members and a unique mission or purpose in order to complete the New Organization Recognition Process.

Any group that has missed two or more full registration cycles, and has gone inactive as a result, must complete the New Organization Recognition Process to reactivate their organization at Virginia Tech. If you have questions about the status of your organization, please contact milesfeacher@vt.edu.

The New Organization Recognition process is open for limited windows during the fall and spring semester. See below for the deadlines for the upcoming window. Please contact Miles Feacher at milesfeacher@vt.edu if you have questions or would like to join our contact list to receive updates for the next recognition window.

Step One: Interested students can fill out a **New Organization Interest Form on GobblerConnect**. This form will only be available and must be submitted **between January 31 - February 6** at midnight in order to be considered for recognition.

Step Two: After submitting the form, you will be contacted to schedule a New Organization Interest Meeting **between February 7 and February 11** with a member of the Student Organization Development team to discuss your organization and the next steps in the process, including scheduling your New Organization Orientation.

Step Three: At least 3 members must attend a New Organization Orientation session together to learn about the processes and procedures of being a student organization, as well as learn about how to set your organization up for success. These sessions will be offered multiple times **between February 14 and February 18**.

Step Four: Create a New Organization profile on GobblerConnect **by February 21 at midnight**. If reactivating a former organization, you will be added to the existing profile.

Step Five: Meet with an Engagement Ambassador to finalize two goals for your organization's first year **from February 22 to February 25**.

Step Six: All elements of recognition process are reviewed by Student Organization Development team and approved organizations will gain **Registered Student Organization status on March 1**.

***Annual registration is REQUIRED for all student organizations to remain active and recognized by Virginia Tech Student Engagement and Campus Life.*

[Annual Student Organization Registration](#)



Each spring, Student Engagement and Campus Life requires all currently recognized student organizations to complete registration requirements to ensure you are aware of updates to policy and processes, to familiarize your new leadership with resources for student organizations, and to update our records with accurate information about all student organizations.

To maintain your status as an active organization in the 2022-2023 Academic Year, including eligibility to participate in Gobblerfest, reserve space on campus, and request funding for organization activities, you must complete the following Annual Registration requirements:

1. Complete all Compliance Modules on Canvas

Registered Student Organizations can use this link to join their course.

University Chartered Student Organizations can use this link to join their course.

University Student Life Programs can use this link to join their course.

2. Submit updated registration forms via GobblerConnect profile

Registered Student Organizations can use this tutorial for accessing and completing their forms.

University Chartered Student Organizations and University Student Life Programs can use this tutorial for accessing and completing their forms

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3. Receive approval of Registration forms via GobblerConnect email message that confirms you are registered for the 2022-2023 academic year!

To participate in Gobblerfest and start the Fall 2022 semester with full student organization privileges, your organization must complete all the above requirements by the June 1 deadline. We will re-open the registration process in September for organizations that miss this deadline, but you will not have access to student organization privileges, including reserving space and requesting funding, until you complete the registration requirements, and you will not be eligible to participate in Gobblerfest, until after completing the requirements.

If you have questions about the registration requirements, please email thesource@vt.edu.

Different types of student organizations at Virginia Tech



We have four different types of student organizations at Virginia Tech. Each plays a crucial and unique role in helping to build our campus community. Check out the following definitions to see the differences:

Registered Student Organization (RSO): a voluntary association of Virginia Tech students that has no direct relationship to the university but upon completion of registration documents is entitled to certain privileges to include operating, meeting, advertising, and participating in activities on the Virginia Tech campus.

University Chartered Student Organization (UCSO): an organization comprised primarily of students but which, by constitutional design, has a specifically established direct relationship to the university. This relationship includes, but is not limited to, policy review, special programs, governance, and paid faculty/staff advisers/coaches.

University Student Life Program (USLP): an organization comprised primarily or exclusively of students whose activities, operations, and decision making processes are directly governed by academic or administrative departments and for which the university is ultimately responsible.

Extended Campus Student Organization (ECSO): a voluntary association of Virginia Tech students at an extended campus location that has no direct relationship to the university but upon completion of registration documents with its extended campus center and receipt of those documents by the Student Activities Office is entitled, pursuant to policies established at its extended campus center, to certain privileges which may include operating, meeting, advertising, and participating in activities on its Virginia Tech extended campus.

Officially recognized organizations shall have the privilege to conduct activities on the campus of Virginia Tech in accordance with established policies and procedures, as outlined in the [Good Standing Policy](#).

Additional Support for Student Organizations



Our staff would love to help your organization grow and be successful! If you're interested in talking to someone from the Student Organization Development team about topics such as conflict management, goal setting or branding, please refer to our [Bookings page to set up an appointment](#).

We also encourage you to stop by [The Source](#) when it's open or email thesource@vt.edu if you have specific student organization questions.

The Org Resource Library

[The Org Resource Library](#) is a digital landing space for students to find information on guides, tips, and best practices to help student organizations be successful. This library will continue to grow and evolve as new resources are added. If you have ideas for future resources or any questions about The Org Resource Library, email The Source at thesource@vt.edu.

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