



Virginia Tech Undergraduate Student Assessment of Campus Climate

We are interested in your opinions about the Virginia Tech campus climate. The following section includes questions about your experiences at Virginia Tech.

1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the statements below. The response categories are as follows:

	STRONGLY AGREE=1	SOMEWHAT AGREE=2	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE=3	STRONGLY DISAGREE=4	
					(circle one)
a. I feel that I have received adequate guidance from faculty members at Virginia Tech.....	1	2	3	4	
b. When I have a concern or problem, I feel that there is a faculty member or administrator at Virginia Tech who I can talk to.....	1	2	3	4	
c. My current academic advisor is sensitive to my needs and concerns.....	1	2	3	4	
d. I often feel that I don't "fit in" very well with other students at Virginia Tech.....	1	2	3	4	
e. I feel that there are faculty or administrator role models for me at Virginia Tech	1	2	3	4	
f. I often feel that I have to change some of my personal characteristics (for example: language, dress, behaviors) in order to "fit in" at Virginia Tech.....	1	2	3	4	
g. At Virginia Tech there are many opportunities to socialize with people different from myself.....	1	2	3	4	
h. I feel that I have the opportunity to succeed at Virginia Tech.....	1	2	3	4	
i. In my classes at Virginia Tech, I feel that my professors ignore my comments and questions.....	1	2	3	4	
j. The Virginia Tech community offers a variety of social activities in which I am interested in participating..	1	2	3	4	

2. On a scale from 1 to 5, please rate the climate at *Virginia Tech in general* by circling the appropriate number on each line between the two opposing statements:

		----- (circle one) -----						
	1	2	3	4	5			
Accessible to people with disabilities	1	2	3	4	5	Inaccessible to people with disabilities		
Supportive of people with disabilities	1	2	3	4	5	Not supportive of people with disabilities		
Non-racist	1	2	3	4	5	Racist		
Non-sexist	1	2	3	4	5	Sexist		
Supportive of non-heterosexuals	1	2	3	4	5	Not supportive of non-heterosexuals		
Supportive of different religious beliefs	1	2	3	4	5	Not supportive of different religious beliefs		

3. Please rate the following aspects of the climate at *Virginia Tech in general*. The response categories are as follows:

	EXCELLENT=E	GOOD=G	FAIR=F	POOR=P	
					---- (circle one) ----
a. Respect by faculty members for students of different racial and ethnic groups.....	E	G	F	P	
b. Respect by students for faculty of different racial and ethnic groups.....	E	G	F	P	
c. Racial/ethnic integration on campus.....	E	G	F	P	
d. University commitment to the success of students of different racial and ethnic groups.....	E	G	F	P	
e. University commitment to the success of women students.....	E	G	F	P	
f. Friendship between students of different racial and ethnic groups.....	E	G	F	P	
g. Racial and ethnic relations in the classroom.....	E	G	F	P	
h. Interaction among students of different racial and ethnic groups outside of the classroom.....	E	G	F	P	

In the following section, we are asking your opinions about diversity at Virginia Tech.

4. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the statements below. The response categories are as follows:

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| | STRONGLY AGREE=1 | SOMEWHAT AGREE=2 | SOMEWHAT DISAGREE=3 | STRONGLY DISAGREE=4 | (circle one) |
| a. | Diversity is good for Virginia Tech and should be actively promoted by students, staff, faculty, and administrators | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| b. | Virginia Tech is placing too much emphasis on achieving diversity..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| c. | Virginia Tech has a climate which fosters diversity..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| d. | Top university administrators are genuinely committed to increasing diversity at Virginia Tech..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| e. | Affirmative Action leads to the admission of underqualified students..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| f. | Faculty members at Virginia Tech are approachable outside of the classroom..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| g. | Faculty members at Virginia Tech attempt to integrate racial/ethnic issues into courses..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| h. | Faculty members at Virginia Tech attempt to integrate gender issues into courses..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| i. | Faculty and administrators at Virginia Tech seem to be committed to promoting respect for and understanding of group differences..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| j. | All Virginia Tech undergraduates should be required to take at least one course that focuses on racial/ethnic minorities and/or women's history, culture, or perspectives..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| k. | Faculty members at Virginia Tech are fair to all students regardless of their background..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| l. | Virginia Tech provides an adequate program of support for students who are experiencing academic difficulty..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| m. | Students at Virginia Tech have significant input in university matters..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| n. | Students of different racial and ethnic backgrounds participate equally in classroom discussion and activities at Virginia Tech..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| o. | Virginia Tech is a good place to gain understanding about multicultural issues and perspectives..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |
| p. | Blacksburg is a community in which I feel comfortable..... | | | | 1 2 3 4 |

5. How often have you been treated unfairly or harassed at Virginia Tech because of each of the personal characteristics listed below? The response categories are as follows:

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|----|--------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| | OFTEN=O | SOMETIMES=S | RARELY=R | NEVER=N | ----(circle one)---- |
| a. | Race/Ethnicity..... | | | | O S R N |
| b. | Gender..... | | | | O S R N |
| c. | Sexual orientation..... | | | | O S R N |
| d. | Religion..... | | | | O S R N |
| e. | Age..... | | | | O S R N |
| f. | Accent/Dialect..... | | | | O S R N |
| g. | National origin..... | | | | O S R N |
| h. | Disability..... | | | | O S R N |
| i. | Social class origin..... | | | | O S R N |

6. How often have you felt that you were not free to voice your true opinion in classrooms or other public settings at Virginia Tech about issues concerning each of the following groups? The response categories are as follows:

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|----|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| | OFTEN=O | SOMETIMES=S | RARELY=R | NEVER=N | ----(circle one)---- |
| a. | Racial/Ethnic minorities..... | | | | O S R N |
| b. | Women..... | | | | O S R N |
| c. | Non-heterosexuals..... | | | | O S R N |
| d. | People with disabilities..... | | | | O S R N |

How often have you read, heard or seen insensitive or negative comments or material at Virginia Tech about each of the following? The response categories are as follows:

OFTEN=O	SOMETIMES=S	RARELY=R	NEVER=N	----	(circle one)	----
a. Racial/Ethnic minorities.....				O	S	R N
b. Women.....				O	S	R N
c. Individuals with disabilities.....				O	S	R N
d. Non-heterosexuals.....				O	S	R N
e. Individuals from the Appalachian region (including Southwest Virginia).....				O	S	R N
f. Individuals from different national origins.....				O	S	R N
g. Religious groups.....				O	S	R N

How fairly do you feel you have been treated by the following groups at Virginia Tech? The response categories are as follows:

VERY FAIRLY=1	SOMEWHAT FAIRLY=2	SOMEWHAT UNFAIRLY=3	VERY UNFAIRLY=4	----	(circle one)	----
a. Residence hall personnel.....	1	2	3	4		
b. Professors.....	1	2	3	4		
c. Teaching assistants.....	1	2	3	4		
d. Administrators.....	1	2	3	4		
e. Other students.....	1	2	3	4		
f. The Town of Blacksburg community.....	1	2	3	4		

The following section includes questions about your actions relative to diversity.

In the past year, how often have you engaged in the following behaviors? The response categories are as follows:

OFTEN=O	SOMETIMES=S	RARELY=R	NEVER=N	----	(circle one)	----
a. Challenged others on racially/ethnically derogatory comments.....				O	S	R N
b. Challenged others on sexually derogatory comments.....				O	S	R N
c. Made a derogatory comment or joke about gays, lesbians, bisexuals, or transgendered persons...				O	S	R N
d. Developed friendships with people from different cultures or groups.....				O	S	R N
e. Made a derogatory statement or joke about a religion other than yours.....				O	S	R N
f. Refused to participate in comments or jokes that are derogatory to any group, culture, or gender				O	S	R N
g. Made a derogatory statement or joke about persons from the Appalachian region (including Southwest Virginia).....				O	S	R N
h. Taken action to have offensive graffiti removed.....				O	S	R N
i. Made a derogatory statement or joke about persons with disabilities.....				O	S	R N
j. Attended non-classroom programs or activities about gender or issues related to women.....				O	S	R N
k. Attended non-classroom programs or activities about the history, culture, or social concerns of various racial and ethnic groups.....				O	S	R N

The following group of questions regard programs and services offered at Virginia Tech.

1. Please indicate the extent to which you are familiar with each of the Virginia Tech services and programs listed below. The response categories are as follows:

VERY FAMILIAR=1	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR=2	SOMEWHAT UNFAMILIAR=3	NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR=4	----	(circle one)	----
a. Women's Center.....	1	2	3	4		
b. Project SAFE (Sexual Assault Facts & Education).....	1	2	3	4		
c. Multi-Cultural Center.....	1	2	3	4		
d. Black Cultural Center.....	1	2	3	4		
e. Academic Enrichment Office.....	1	2	3	4		
f. Services for Students with Disabilities.....	1	2	3	4		
g. Cranwell International Center.....	1	2	3	4		

Finally, this section includes a few general questions about you.

11. How many *courses* for credit have you taken at Virginia Tech that have focused primarily on the culture, history, or social concerns of racial and ethnic groups? _____
12. How many *courses* for credit have you taken at Virginia Tech that have focused primarily on the culture, history, or social concerns of women? _____
13. What is your current class standing? (check one)
- ____ Freshman
 ____ Sophomore
 ____ Junior
 ____ Senior
14. Please indicate your cumulative QCA at Virginia Tech. (check one)
- ____ 3.5-4.0
 ____ 3.0-3.49
 ____ 2.5-2.99
 ____ 2.0-2.49
 ____ below 2.0
15. Please indicate the college in which you are currently majoring. (check all that apply)
- ____ Agriculture and Life Sciences
 ____ Arts and Sciences
 ____ Architecture and Urban Studies
 ____ Business
 ____ Engineering
 ____ Forestry and Wildlife Resources
 ____ Human Resources and Education
 ____ University Studies
 ____ Veterinary Medicine
16. What year did you first enter Virginia Tech? _____
17. Were you the first person in your family (including your parents and siblings) to attend a four-year college or university?
- ____ Yes
 ____ No
18. What is your sex?
- ____ Female
 ____ Male
19. What is your sexual orientation?
- ____ Heterosexual
 ____ Gay/Lesbian
 ____ Bisexual
20. Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?
- ____ Yes
 ____ No
21. Please indicate your citizenship status. (check one)
- ____ U.S. Citizen
 ____ Non-U.S. Citizen, U.S. Permanent Resident
 ____ Non-U.S. Citizen
 ____ Other (please specify: _____)
22. Which group best describes you? (if more than one group describes you, please check all that apply)
- ____ Asian
 ____ American Indian/Native Alaskan/Aleut
 ____ Black/African American
 ____ Hispanic
 ____ White/Caucasian (excluding Hispanic)
 ____ Other (please specify: _____)
23. What is your religious faith? (check one)
- ____ Christian
 ____ Jewish
 ____ Muslim
 ____ None
 ____ Other (please specify: _____)
24. In what setting did you spend most of your life before first coming to Virginia Tech? (check one; if several apply, use the most recent)
- ____ Rural area
 ____ Small town or small city
 ____ Suburb of a city of 50,000 or more
 ____ City of 50,000 or more
25. Please indicate how you would describe the racial/ethnic composition of the neighborhood where you grew up. (check one)
- ____ All or nearly all the same race/ethnicity as you
 ____ Mostly the same race/ethnicity as you
 ____ About ½ same and ½ different race/ethnicity as you
 ____ Mostly of different race/ethnicity than you
 ____ All or nearly all of different race/ethnicity than you
26. Please indicate how you would describe the racial/ethnic composition of the high school you attended. (check one)
- ____ All or nearly all the same race/ethnicity as you
 ____ Mostly the same race/ethnicity as you
 ____ About ½ same and ½ different race/ethnicity as you
 ____ Mostly of different race/ethnicity than you
 ____ All or nearly all of different race/ethnicity than you
27. Please indicate how you would describe the racial/ethnic composition of your group of friends. (check one)
- ____ All or nearly all the same race/ethnicity as you
 ____ Mostly the same race/ethnicity as you
 ____ About ½ same and ½ different race/ethnicity as you
 ____ Mostly of different race/ethnicity than you
 ____ All or nearly all of different race/ethnicity than you

Please return your completed confidential form in the accompanying postage paid reply envelope or to:

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If you have any additional comments about this survey or your experiences at Virginia Tech, or if you have suggestions on improving the campus climate at Virginia Tech, please send a separate sheet with your comments to the address above.