A Brief Guide to
Acronyms and Abbreviations Commonly Used at Virginia Tech
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Colleges/Academic Areas (many others without acronyms)
  CALS  College Agriculture and Life Sciences
  CAUS  College of Architecture and Urban Studies
  CLAHS  College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
  COE  College of Engineering
  CNRE  College of Natural Resources and Environment
  COS  College of Science
  CVM  College of Veterinary Medicine
  PCOB  Pamplin College of Business
  SAD  School of Architecture + Design
  SPIA  School of Public and International Affairs
  SOC  Myers-Lawson School of Construction
  SOE  School of Education
  SOVA  School of Visual Arts
  SOPA  School of Performing Arts

University-level Institutes (major university wide institutes; there are many more [100+] that are research related institutes at the department/college/unit level)

  BI or BIVT  Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech (formerly VBI)
  FLSI  Fralin Life Science Institute
  ICAT  Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology
  ICTAS  Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science
  ISCE  Institute for Society, Culture and Environment
  VTCRI  Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute
  VTTI  Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

Other University Entities and Programs
  BEC  Business Engagement Center
  BOV  Board of Visitors
  CIDER  Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research
  CMDA  Computer Modeling and Data Analytics
  CNS  Communication Network Services (phones and wireless)
  CRC  Corporate Research Center
  DSA  Division of Student Affairs
  GEDI  Graduate Education Development Institute (a collaboration between Learning Technologies and the Graduate School)
  GLC  Graduate Life Center
  HST  Health Sciences and Technology
  IALR  Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (in Danville)
  IR  Institutional Research and Effectiveness
  NCR  National Capital Region
NEC  North End Center  
NLI  Networked Learning Initiatives (formerly the Faculty Development Institute)  
NVC  Northern Virginia Center  
OIA  Outreach and International Affairs  
OIRED  Office of International Research, Education, and Development  
OSP  Office of Sponsored Programs  
OVPR  Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation  
TAT  the university’s Threat Assessment Team  
TBMH  Translational Biology, Medicine, and Health  
TGE  Transformative Graduate Education  
TLOS  Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies  
VCOM  Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
VPAS  Vice President of Administrative Services  
VTCC  Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets  
VTCSOM  Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine  
VTRC-A  Virginia Tech Research Center-Arlington  

**University Strategic Initiatives**  
DA  Destination Area  
SGA  Strategic Growth Area  
ABB  Adaptive Brain and Behavior (a university DA)  
DD  Data and Decisions (a university DA)  
GSS  Global Systems Science (a university DA)  
IIHCC  Intelligent Infrastructure for Human-Centered Communities (a university DA)  
IS  Integrated Security (a university DA)  
C&I  Creativity and Innovation (a university SGA)  
ESDHC  Equity and Social Disparity and the Human Condition (a university SGA)  
ESM  Economic and Sustainable Materials (a university SGA)  

**Budget-Related**  
Agency 208  University Division  
Agency 229  Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension  
BBA  Base Budget Adequacy  
CE/AES  Cooperative Extension/Agricultural Experiment Station  
E&G  Education and General Fund  
F&A  Facilities and Administrative Charges (Indirect Costs)  
GF  General Fund  
NGF  Non-General Fund  
State O&M  State Operation and Maintenance
Faculty-Related

A/P Administrative and Professional faculty
T/R Teaching and Research faculty

Extension Specialist Tenure-track faculty appointed by academic department to work with Virginia Cooperative Extension
Extension Agent Non–tenure-track faculty who are assigned to a Virginia Cooperative Extension field office
Research Faculty employed by Virginia Tech to promote and expedite university research endeavors (formerly “Special Research” Faculty)

University Governance

University Council (meets semi-monthly on Mondays 3-5)

Commissions and committees
CAPFA Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
CEOD Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
CFA Commission on Faculty Affairs
CGS&P Commission for Graduate Studies & Policies
COIA Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
COR Commission on Research
CSA Commission on Student Affairs
CSPA Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
CUSP Commission for Undergraduate Studies & Policies
CUS Commission on University Support

Student Associations/Groups (selected; many more exist)
GSA Graduate Student Assembly
SGA Student Government Association (undergraduate students)

National/State Agencies/Associations with specific ties to VT
AAC&U Association of American Colleges and Universities
AAUP American Association of University Professors
ACC Atlantic Coast Conference
ACE American Council on Education
APLU Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
SACS Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SCHEV State Council for Higher Education in Virginia
IPAC Instructional Programs Advisory Committee (VA Univ Provosts)
COP Council of Presidents (VA University Presidents)