

ACIS Department website - <https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu>

To find out more about our undergraduate or graduate programs, go to our website and Click the Academics tab <https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu/academic-programs.html>. This same tab also provides access to descriptions for ACIS undergraduate and graduate courses. In addition, you can also find the sample Plans of Study for each Master's option (also available in the ACIS office, 3007 Pamplin).

Welcome

We are pleased you are obtaining your degree in ACIS. Our program is designed to provide you with many different options once you graduate. You will soon be joining a large group of alumni who have been very successful. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to consider the MACIS program. Research shows MACIS graduates perform better on the CPA exam than those without a Master's, and are also more successful in obtaining future promotions at a variety of firms. Importantly, there are many potential jobs in your future that could require (or give preference to) those with a Master's degree.

Additional Information

Students are highly encouraged to do Course Request when it opens in October to register for Spring courses (and again in March for the following Fall). Submitting Course Request helps maximize your chances of getting the classes you wish.

Force-Adds are done online at <https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu/force-adds.html> . Please fill out one form per class that needs to be force-added. Filling out a Force add form does not guarantee that you will get the course. You should not submit duplicates. ACIS will work to get you into the courses you need to graduate, but there will be NO Section Changes.

Please Read Your Emails from the ACIS Department. Email is our primary form of communication with notices etc. We communicate various important items during the year via email. These emails will be sent to your VT address only, so if you have a different primary email account, you should set up an automatic pointer within your VT email.

We are proud of you as our students, and we hope you will have a very enjoyable and successful junior year at Virginia Tech.

Graduation Timeline

Junior Year (1st Semester)

1. Apply for Degree on [Hokie SPA](#)
2. Review Diploma Name on Application for Degree
3. Request [DARS](#) Report on Hokie SPA
4. Review DARS Report with your adviser

Junior Year (2nd semester)

Begin planning for out of town guests to attend graduation, i.e., hotel accommodations.

Information on the 152-Hour Program

We are pleased you are obtaining your degree in ACIS. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to consider the 152-Hour Program. This Program allows undergraduates to begin taking graduate level courses while earning a Bachelor's degree and, as a result, will enable him/her to earn both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Accounting and Information Systems in five years or less. Our 152-Hour Program is a practical and cost-effective method of meeting the education requirements for CPA licensure in Virginia. Furthermore, there are many advantages of earning a Master's degree, including more job opportunities available to you as well as higher compensation over time.

Requirements for the 152-Hour Program

The 152-Program (Program) is recommended for undergraduate students who meet the specified academic criteria detailed below in the second semester of their Junior year. University requirements are for students to successfully complete 125 hours of credit for the bachelor's degree and 30 hours for the Master's degree, for a total of 155 credit hours. To facilitate a 152-Hour Program, *one* graduate level course counts toward both the undergraduate degree and the graduate degree.

To be eligible for admission into the Program, an ACIS student must be a rising Senior with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 and a GMAT score of at least 520. Please note that we are currently waiving the GMAT requirement for those students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Students in the 152-Hour Program may also take two additional 5000 level courses while still an undergraduate, which would count towards the graduate degree only.

All transfer courses must have a grade of B or better. The classes taken as a senior are considered transfer courses for the graduate program.

Students should apply online at the Graduate School website, www.graduateschool.vt.edu. The application fee is \$75 and is non-refundable. The application deadline is the end of your Junior year. However, we encourage students to apply early (by February 1st) to maximize the likelihood of meeting the requirements to earn one of the many ACIS scholarships available to our students, including those awarded to rising Seniors that have been accepted into the 152-Hour Program.

You must also include a MACIS 152 Credit Hour Status and Course Designation Form wherein you will indicate the graduate class(es) you plan to take in your Senior Year. This Form can be obtained from Arnita, Graduate Coordinator (PAM 3007).

If you have questions or would like further information about our 152-Hour Program, please contact Nadia Rogers, Director – MACIS Program, to schedule an appointment at narogers@vt.edu (PAM 3074).