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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.

The VT Graduate School typically requires a 3.0 GPA for admission to MACIS, but if you do well on the GMAT exam, this can be used to help offset a lower than 3.0 GPA. The GMAT exam is required for admission, however if you have a 3.5 overall GPA at Virginia Tech, the GMAT exam will be waived.

Some of you are enrolled our BS/MS 152-hr degree program, which is great. Even if you are not enrolled in the 152-hr program, you are still eligible for the MACIS program, and we encourage you to consider applying. If you are interested, we recommend that you apply early and at least before January 15th , which will maximize your chances of obtaining an assistantship (which pays at least 50% tuition, plus additional stipend, and eligibility for university sponsored health insurance). You can indicate on your MACIS application if you are interested in an assistantship. Applying early will also maximize your chances of being awarded one of our many ACIS scholarships awarded to incoming Master's students. You are encouraged to apply for scholarships by January 15, 2019 for the following Fall semester. Apply online at www.graduateschool.vt.edu . Please note: Scholarships are provided by donors specifying the recipient must be an ACIS major. If you receive an ACIS scholarship and subsequently change majors, your scholarship will be rescinded and given to an ACIS major.

Additional Information

Students are highly encouraged to do Course Request when it opens in October to register for Spring courses (and again in March 2019 if you are continuing for Fall 2019). 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 you as our students, and we hope you will have a very enjoyable and successful senior year at Virginia Tech.