ACIS SENIOR MEETING

ACIS Department website: https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu

To find out more about our undergraduate and graduate programs, including information about courses, undergraduate Checksheets and MACIS Plans of Study, please visit our website, click MENU in the upper right-hand corner and then click Academics in the dropdown (Checksheets and Plans of Study are also available in the ACIS Office, PAM 3007). Additional information regarding advisors, financial assistance, force add, and more can be found by clicking Student Resources in the MENU dropdown on our website.

Welcome

We are pleased you are obtaining your degree in ACIS. Our program is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills to pursue various career paths within the accounting profession. You will soon be joining a large group of alumni who have been and continue to be 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 degree, and are also more successful in obtaining future promotions at a variety of firms and companies. 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 GPA of 3.2 or higher, the GMAT exam will be waived. Please send your transcript for review and GMAT waiver to Nadia Rogers, Director of our MACIS Program, at narogers@vt.edu.

Many of you are enrolled our BS/MS 152-hr degree program, which is great. If you are not enrolled in the 152-hr program, but would still like to pursue a Master’s degree in ACIS, we encourage you to apply: www.graduateschool.vt.edu/admissions/how-to-apply.html. The ultimate application deadline for Fall admission is April 1st (international) or April 15th (domestic); however, we highly recommend that you apply early and at least before January 15th as doing so will maximize your chances of obtaining an assistantship (which pays at least 50% tuition, plus additional stipend, and eligibility for university sponsored health insurance) and being awarded a scholarship. 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 submit courses via Course Request when it opens in October for the Spring semester (and again in March 2020 if you are continuing for Fall 2020). Submitting courses via Course Request helps maximize your chances of getting the classes you desire.

Force add requests must be submitted 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 be added to the course. You should not submit duplicate force add requests. ACIS will work to get you added to the courses you need to graduate, but there will be NO Section Changes.

By this time, you should have already applied for degree (during first semester of your Junior year) and checked your DARS to ensure you will meet the requirements for graduation. If you have any questions, please meet with your Undergraduate Advisor as soon as possible. For more information, please visit https://registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief/index.html.
Please read your emails from the ACIS Department. Email is our primary form of communication regarding notices etc. We communicate various important items during the year via email. These emails will be sent to your vt.edu address only. If you have a different primary email account, we recommend that you set up an automatic pointer within your vt.edu email account.

We highly encourage you to take advantage of the events Pamplin’s Career Services has planned for the Fall semester, including the Business Horizons Career Fair on September 5th from 10:00am – 4:00pm in Squires Student Center. Over 150 firms and companies will be on campus for Business Horizons to recruit our many talented students, including you! There are also Company Days and workshops scheduled throughout the Fall semester. Please see the Pamplin Career Services Events schedule.

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