

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Corps and the University offer numerous options for New Cadets looking to proactively address their concerns about making a successful transition from high school to college academics. Additionally there are programs and services for upperclass cadets who want to enhance their current academic performance.

New Cadets are enrolled in a leader development accredited course both semesters of their freshmen year. In addition to a Thursday class, every Monday night they attend a two-hour lab led by the Rice Center for Leader Development (<https://www.vtcc.vt.edu/leader-dev/rice-center-main.html>). The lab is designed to help them make the transition from high school to college. Topics include note-taking, active listening, personal productivity, and how to use a daily planner. New Cadets also benefit from the insights and inspiration of their Company S5 staff. These successful cadets exemplify the habits and mindset that lead to academic success!

With the crucial role that effective time management plays in being successful, all New Cadets are given a free daily planner designed with the Corps in mind. Upperclassmen can also request a free planner with sophomores getting first refusal.

There are additional programs open to all cadets. Every semester the Corps offers tutors for critical subjects (e.g., math, physics, and chemistry). The tutor schedule is typically confirmed by the second week of classes and posted in the daily newsletter to cadets as well as on the Corps website at <http://www.vtcc.vt.edu/leader-dev/academic-resources.html>. Any cadet can also request a tutor for a course by contacting the Rice Center at elaine@vt.edu or coming by 133 Thomas.

Every Sunday (6 p.m. to 11 p.m.) and Monday through Thursday (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.) is a designated study time called Evening Call-to-Quarters (ECQ) in the cadet dorms. Noise in the dorms is kept to a minimum and academics are the priority during these periods. An upperclass cadet duty officer is responsible for enforcing these quiet hours. Cadets may sign out to other locations for study session, tutors, etc. during ECQ.

In the spring semester, cadets on Academic Probation are required to participate in Project Success. This program meets twice weekly at 0800. It is designed to provide cadets with skills and information that, if employed, will facilitate improved performance in their credit-bearing classes. In this program, they utilize a planner, meet with all professors and academic advisor, complete a weekly journal, and explore weekly topics related to their academic concerns. Cadets on probation are contacted directly about this program but any cadet that is just above the 2.0 threshold and is interested in participating in Project Success should contact their Deputy Commandant before the end of the first week of classes.

Virginia Tech also provides academic success programs and services that are available to cadets. They include the Student Success Center, the Writing Center, and Career Services. There is no charge for any of the Corps or University programs or services. Cadets are also invited to come by the Rice Center to discuss any concerns or questions they have about academic success at Virginia Tech. Ultimately it is the cadet's responsibility but all cadets can rest assured that the faculty, staff, and fellow cadets are ready to support them in their efforts to succeed!