

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2025 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Zoom Meeting - <https://tinyurl.com/UAC-January-2025>

Members Present: Joe Tront, Dan Thorp, Rachel Holloway, Robin Queen, Lisa Karlisch, Jen Irish, Christopher Wise, John Galbraith, Paul Knox, Phil Miskovic, Brent Kremer, Eric Martin.

Absent: Alex Efird, Emma Atkinson, Dirk Buengel, Frank Thompson, Amy Ingram, Whit Babcock, Liesel Ritchie, Simon Allen, Travis Burns, Mark Feldman, Leanna House, Brad Whitney, Brad Wurthman.

Guests: Sarah Anderson, Danny White, Gary Bennett.

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Group

2. **Electronic Approval of December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes.** Posted on the Governance web page (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>). Galbraith

3. **Student-Athletic Academic Support Services Update:** Sarah Armstrong discussed NCAA legislative landscapes, including the transfer portal. She detailed the process that SAASS goes through for prospective transfer athletes to be sure that they are fully aware of their degree options should they transfer to Virginia Tech. There is a concern because a large number of students who enter the transfer portal do not get an offer from another school and may end up without a school to transfer to where they can continue their academic or athletic career. She mentioned that the more hours the athlete has completed before they transfer, the harder it is to find degree options. Her presentation is attached below.

4. **Guest Presentation:** Dr. Gary Bennett is a clinical and sport psychologist for the Virginia Tech Athletics Department. He coordinates the CAMP ([Counseling and Athletic Mental Performance](#)) program, as well as oversees ADHD and substance misuse programming. Gary discussed the NFL Mental Health programming and shared [a video link about the program](#). He said that Virginia Tech tries to offer complete counseling services to student athletes. About 50% of the 600 student athletes come to see one of the counseling group. For comparison, Cook Counseling Center sees about 18% of the remaining student population. A particular concern for his group is the prevention of depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts among athletes, who are under more stress than the general student population. His presentation is attached below.

5. **Athletic Director Update:** Danny White gave a report about current and upcoming sports events and sports seasons. Dates for 2025 football games will be released on Monday the 27th. He said that news about a Defensive Coordinator hire would be coming soon. Danny presented a few slides showing the numbers of students involved in the transfer portal. He said that many more students have been evaluated by SAASS and other Athletic Department staff than actually transfer in, and emphasized what a large workload that is. About 2075 football players have entered the transfer portal, an average of about 16 from

each of the 134 Division I schools. Over half are from schools other than the Power 4 conferences (SEC, B1G, ACC, and B12). About 2984 total athletes are transferring in 2024, and about 1098 have signed, but that means about 1657 have not. His presentation is attached below. Jen Irish shared this related link:

<https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2022/4/25/transfer-portal-data-division-i-student-athlete-transfer-trends.aspx>.

6. Adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Proposed Spring 2025 UAC Meeting Schedule

Feb 13th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (TBD)

March 20th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (TBD)

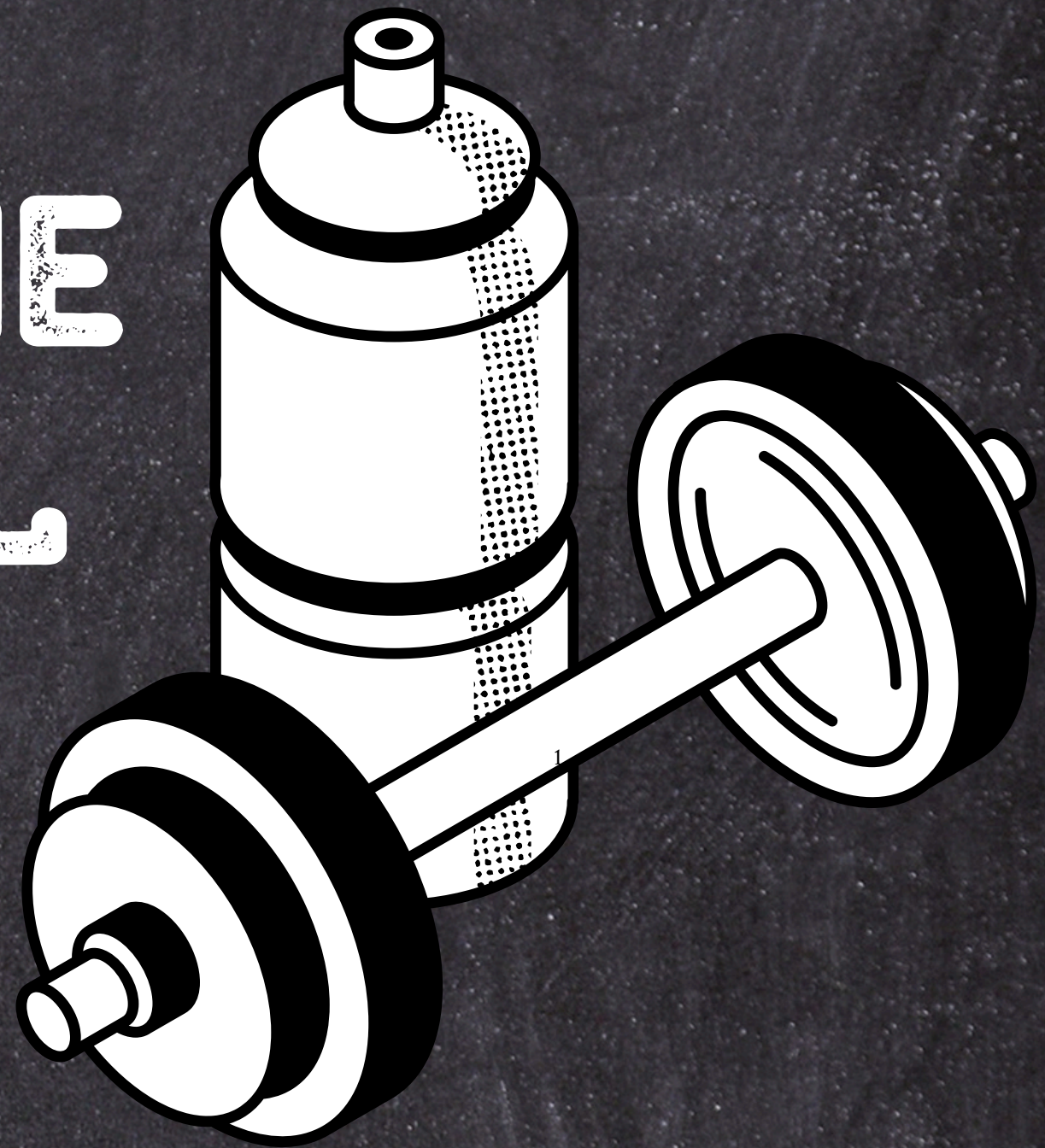
April 17th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (TBD)

May 7th (if needed) – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (TBD)

ADVISING FOR THE TRANSFER PORTAL

**UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
COMMITTEE**

Student-Athlete Academic Support Services
January 23, 2025



House Case



**COVID Year
Eligibility**

Transfer Portal

**NCAA
LEGISLATIVE
LANDSCAPE**

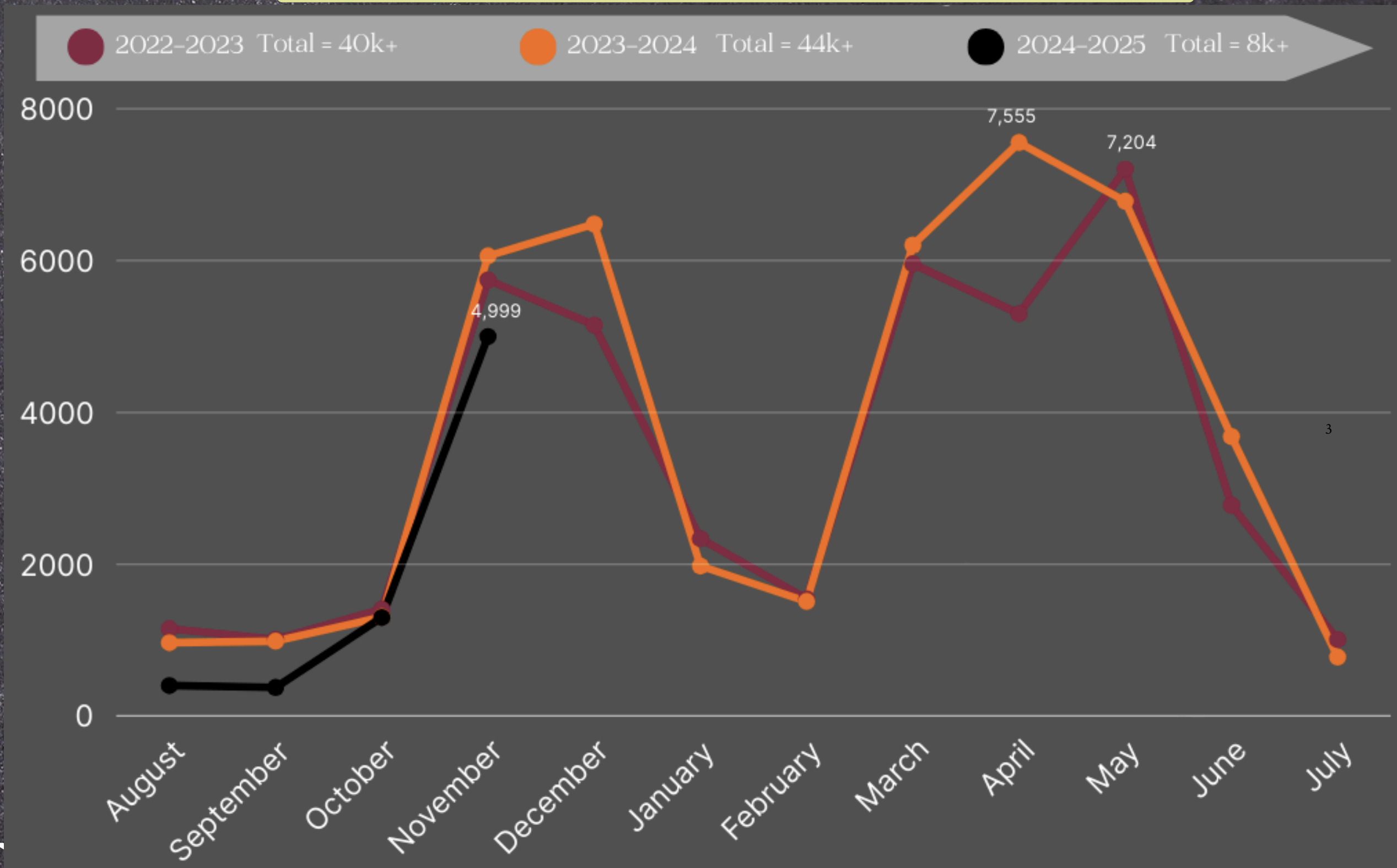
**Academic Incentive
NIL**

Roster Limits

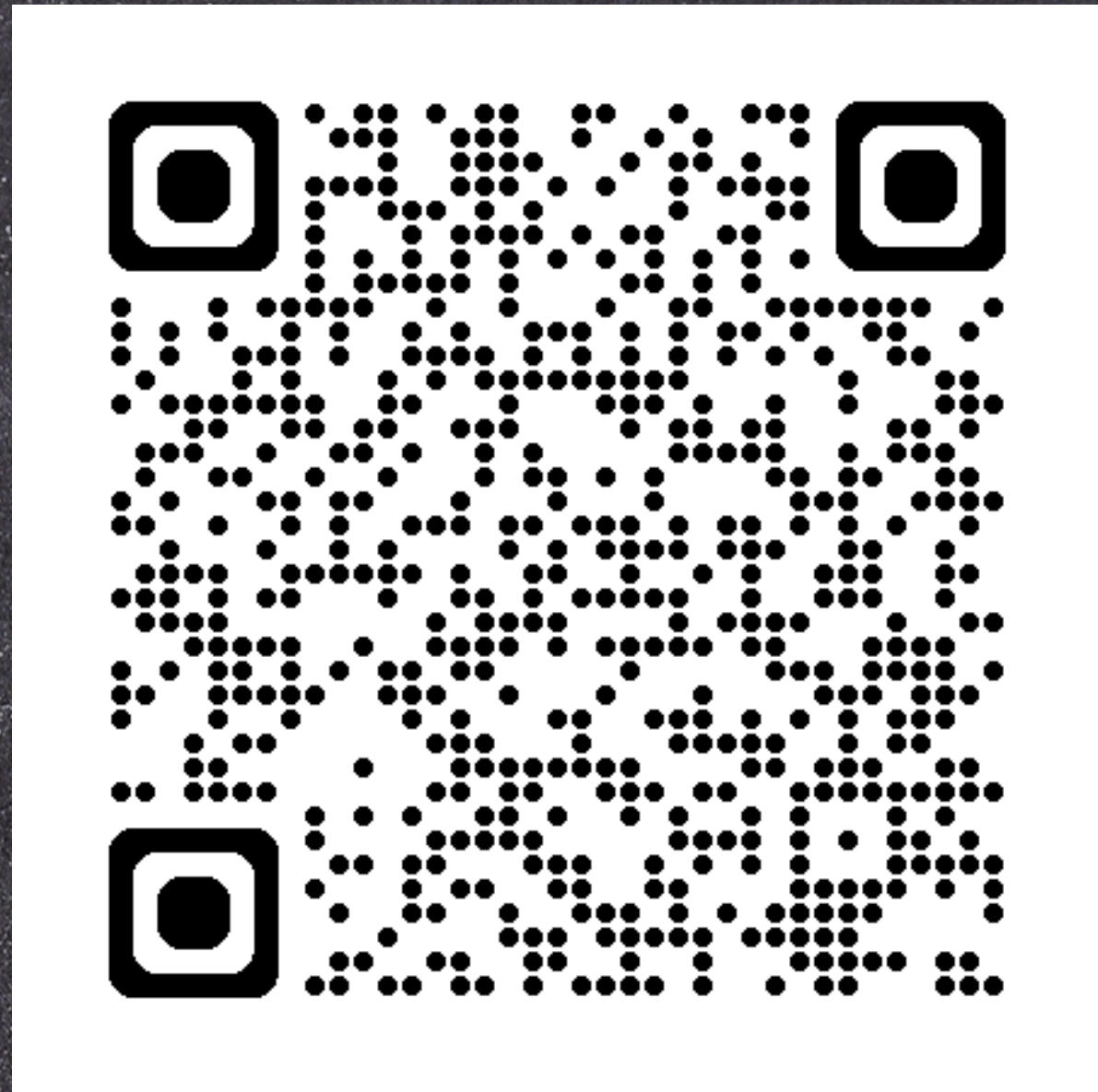
**Conference
Realignment**

ALL DIVISION / SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETE

TRANSFER PORTAL ENTRY TRENDS

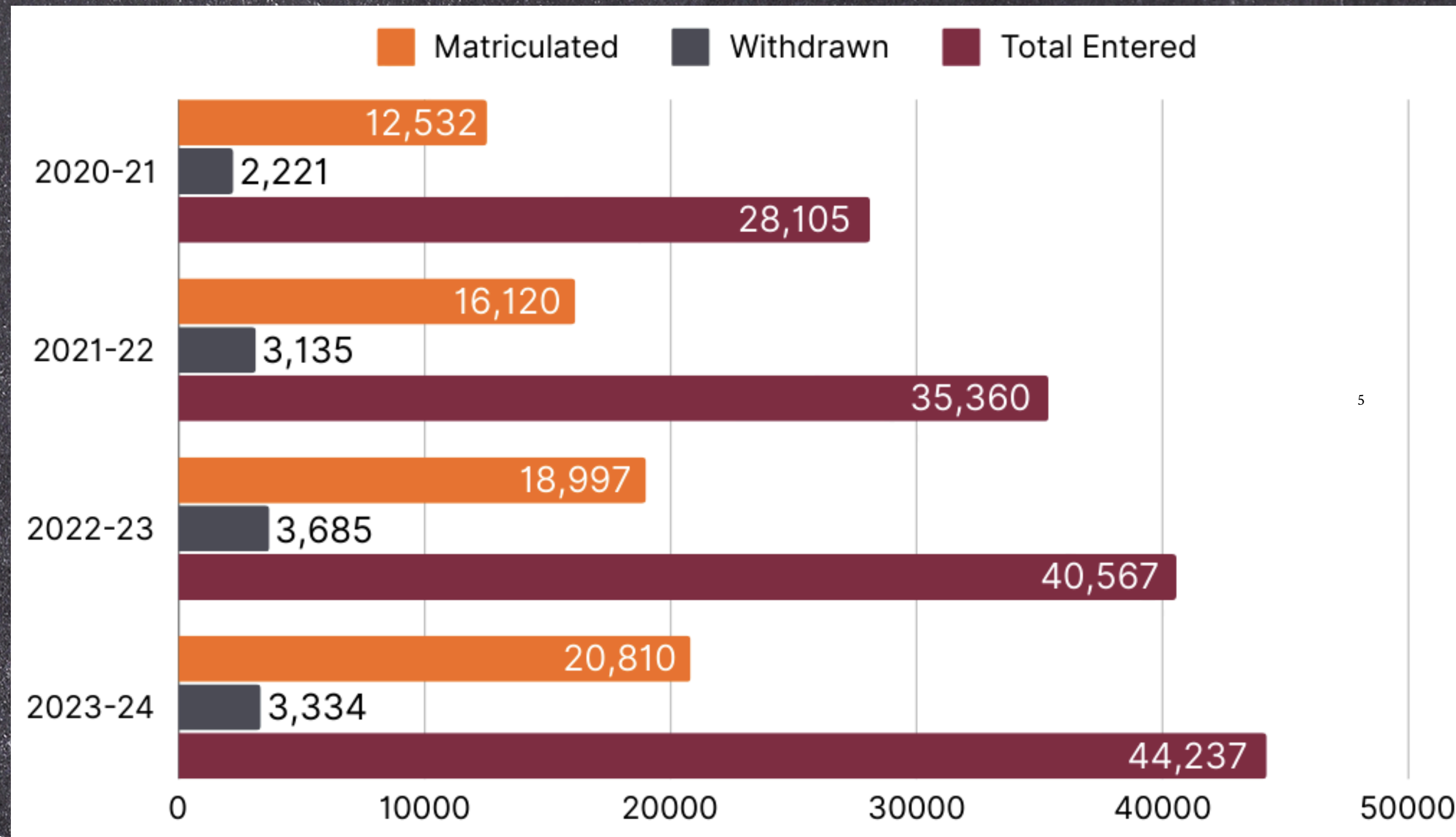


NCAA TRANSFER WINDOWS

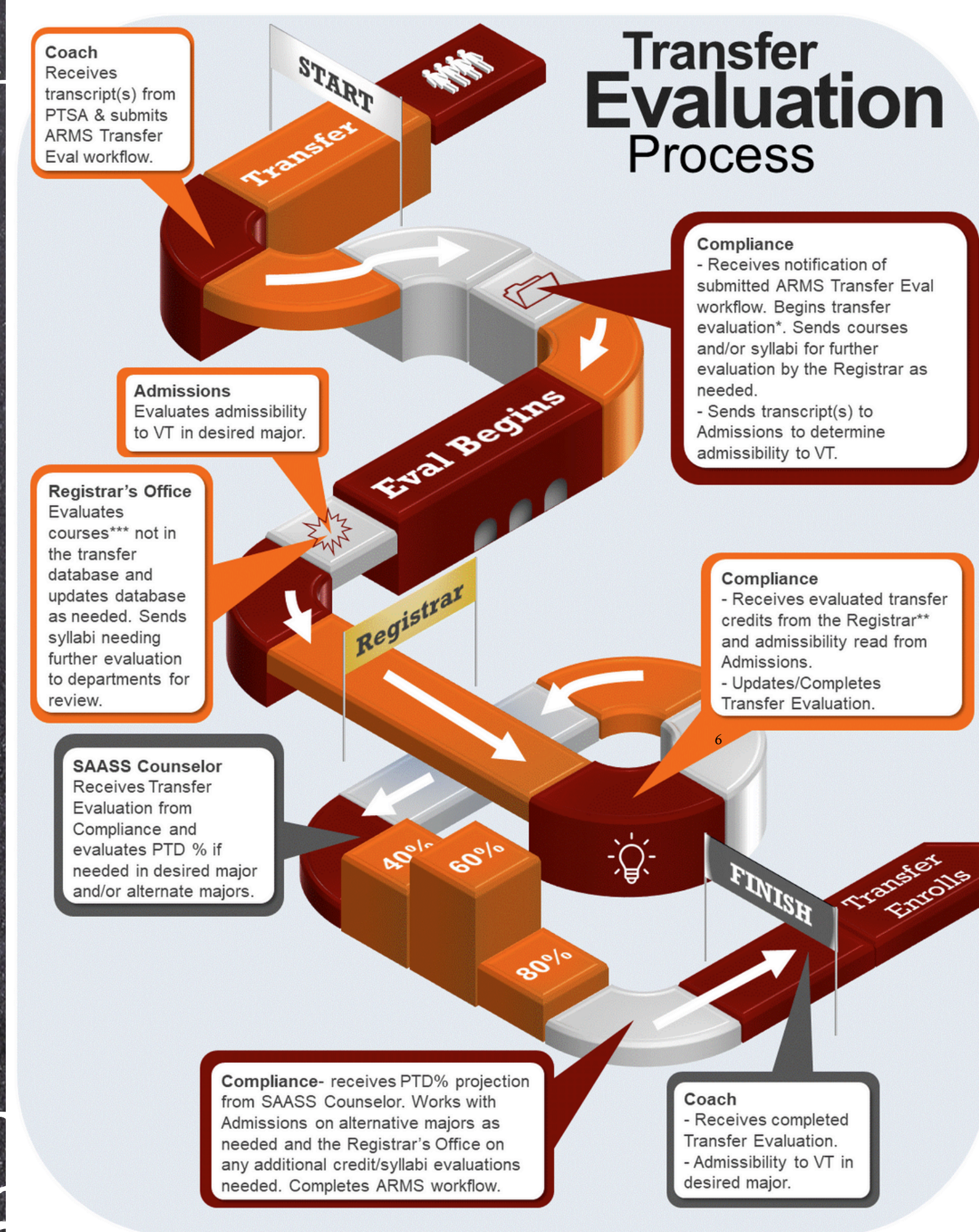


ALL DIVISION / SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETE

NCAA TRANSFER PORTAL



VIRGINIA TECH TRANSFER EVALUATION PROCESS: ATHLETICS



WHICH MAJOR IS BEST FOR MY CREDITS / INTEREST?

01.

Recruitment Process

02.

Admissions Roadmaps
Major Options

03.

NCAA Eligibility
Degree Planning



NCAA CONTINUING ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Start of the 5th Full-Time Semester: 40% Degree Completed
Start of the 7th Full-Time Semester: 60% Degree Completed
Start of the 9th Full-Time Semester: 80% Degree Completed

Pass at least 6 credits toward major/minor each semester
Pass 18 credits between Fall and Spring semester

Freshmen: Pass 24 hours in their first full academic year
(Fall/Spring/Summer)

TRANSFER EVALUATION

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

- Assess incoming benchmarks
- Review transfer evaluation
- Determine Pathways courses
- Cross reference courses with UG catalog
- Project Progress Towards Degree
- SAASS 2nd independent review
- Consult with department advisor*
- Consult with Pathways General Education*
- Communicate out findings

**as needed*



Student Name: _____ 4-4 Transfer- EC= Final Non w CW
Sport: _____ Needs to meet 40% PTD

Major Applying Into: _____
ALL INFORMATION - BASED ON UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S) & VT TRANSFER EQUIV DATABASE Last Updated: 5/3/2024

Cumulative GPA 4.157
Total Credit Hours 46
Total Transferable Credit Hours: 51
Total Points 191.2

Transfer Course Info

Course # Course Name Grade Credit Points

Fall 2022- Western Carolina University

ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric	A+	3	12.9
ENVH 200	Intro to Public Health	A+	3	12.9
ND 330	Human Nutritional Needs	A+	3	12.9
PAR 145	Eastern Rel Traditions	A	3	12
PSY 150	General Psychology	A	3	12

Hours: 15
Semester GPA: 4.180

Spring 2023

BIOL 190	Discovers in Biology	A	3	12
GEOL 140	Investigations Envrnmt Geol	A+	3	12.9
HEAL 123	Health and Wellness	A+	3	12.9
HIST 218	Modern Asia	A+	3	12.9
MATH 170	Applied Statistics	A	3	12

Hours: 15
Semester GPA: 4.180

Fall 2023

BIOL 291	Human Anatomy- Physiology I	A	4	16
COMM 201	Communication	A	3	12
ENGL 202	Writing and Critical Inquiry	A	3	12
HSCC 311	Sys/Trnds Hlth Care Del	A+	3	12.9
HSCC 322	Medical Terminology	A+	3	12.9

Hours: 16
Semester GPA: 4.113

Spring 2024

BIOL 292	Physiology II	IP		0
COMM 301	Interpersonal Communication	IP		0
HSCC 330	Legl Legis Asp Hlth Care	IP		0
PAR 332	Biomed Ethics & Soc Just	IP		0
PSY 320	Dev Psy I: Childhood	IP		0

Hours: 0
Semester GPA: -

VT Equiv Info

Course # Course Name Credit

ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing	3
PHS 2004	Introduction to Public Health	3
HNFE 1004	Foods, Nutrition and Exercise	3
RLCL 1904	Religion and Culture in Asia	3
PSYC 1004	Introductory Psychology	3

Hours: 15

	<i>Under Review by Dept</i>	
GEOS 1XXX	GEOS Elective	3
PHS 1514	Personal Health	3
HIST 2XXX	History Elective	3
STAT 2004	Introductory Statistics	3

Hours: 12

	<i>Under Review by Dept</i>	
COMM 2004	Public Speaking	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing	3
HNFE 3XXX	HNFE Elective	3
HNFE 2204	Medical Terminology	3

Hours: 12

	<i>Under Review by Dept</i>	
COMM 3XXX	COMM Elective	3
HNFE 3XXX	HNFE Elective	3
VT 3XXX	VT Elective	3
HD 3214	Infancy and Early Childhood	3

Hours: 12

Total Hours: 51

GPA Table

Grade Points

A+	4.3
A	4
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1
D-	0.7
F	0

Disclaimer:

This Transfer Evaluation is intended for general information and planning purposes only. The University Registrar's office will determine final transfer credits and GPA for eligibility upon receipt of official transcripts. Please be reminded that although courses may transfer to Virginia Tech, not all courses apply toward all degrees. Only courses in which the student receives a "C" or better will transfer to Virginia Tech.

Student Name: 4-4 Transfer- EC= Final Non w CW
 Sport: Needs to meet 60% PTD

Major Applying Into: Last Updated: 4/4/2024
 ALL INFORMATION - BASED ON UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S) & VT TRANSFER EQUIV DATABASE

Cumulative GPA 2.749
 Total Credit Hours 73
Total Transferable Credit Hours: 68
 Total Points 200.7

Transfer Course Info

Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credit Points
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Summer 2021

UNVS 1001	First Year Seminar I	A-	1	3.7
ANTH 0817	Youth Cultures	B+	3	9.9
		Hours: 4		
		Semester GPA: 3.400		

Fall 2021

AAAS 0857	Sport & Leisure in Amer Soc	B	3	9
EDAD 0855	Why care about College?	B-	0	0
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading & Writing	B	4	12
HRM 1101	Leadership & Organ Management	B	3	9
MATH 0702	Intermediate Algebra	W	0	0
		Hours: 10		
		Semester GPA: 3.000		

Spring 2022

EES 0836	Disasters: Geology vs Hollywd	B+	3	9.9
IH 0851	IH I: The Good Life	A	3	12
LGLS 1101	Legal Environment of Bus	C-	3	5.1
MATH 0702	Intermediate Algebra	C-	4	6.8
MIS 2101	Digital Systems	W	0	0
		Hours: 13		
		Semester GPA: 2.600		

Summer 2022

STAT 1001	Quant Methods of Business I	C-	3	5.1
ECON 1101	Macroeconomic Principles	C+	3	6.9
		Hours: 6		
		Semester GPA: 2.000		

Fall 2022

DANC 0831	Shall we dance?	B	3	9
ECON 1102	Microeconomic Principles	C-	0	0
IH 0852	IH II: The Common Good	B	3	9
MIS 2101	Digital Systems	C	3	6
MKTG 2101	Marketing Management	C	3	6
STAT 1102	Quant Methods of Business II	W	0	0
		Hours: 12		
		Semester GPA: 2.500		

VT Equiv Info

Course #	Course Name	Credit
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VT 1XXX	VT Elective	1
SOC 1XXX	SOC Elective	3
		Hours: 4

AFST 2XXX	AFST Elective	3
No VT Equivalent		
ENG 1106	First Year Writing	3
LDRS 1XXX	LDRS Elective	3
		Hours: 9

COS 1XXX4	General Education Pathway 4	3
HUM 1XXX	HUM Elective	3
FIN 3054	Legal & Ethical Env Bus	0
	Syllabus Needed	0
		Hours: 6

VT 1XXX	VT Elective	0
ECON 2006	Principles of Economics	3
		Hours: 3

DANC 1XXX	DANC Elective	3
No VT Equivalent		
HUM 1XXX	HUM Elective	3
ACIS 1504	Intro to Bus Analytics & BI	3
MKTG 3104	Marketing Management	3
		Hours: 12

GPA Table

Grade	Points
A+	4.3
A	4
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1
D-	0.7
F	0

Spring 2023

BA 2101	Prof Develop Strategies	B	1	3
BA 2196	Business Communications	C-	3	5.1
EDUC 0823	Kids in Crisis	W	0	0
GUS 0862	Development & Globalization	B-	3	8.1
SRM 3220	Special Topics: Sport and Rec	CR	0	0
STAT 1102	Quant Methods for Business II	W	0	0
		Hours: 7		
		Semester GPA: 2.314		

Summer 2023

ADV 1101	Intro to Media & Society	B	3	9
ADV 1196	Prersuasive Writing	C-	3	5.1
		Hours: 6		
		Semester GPA: 2.350		

Fall 2023

ADV 1102	Intro to Advertising	B+	3	9.9
ADV 1103	Digital Media and Advertising	B	3	9
ADV 2104	Personal Branding	A-	3	11.1
ADV 3101	Creative Thinking/Advertising	B	3	9
EDUC 0823	Kids in Crisis	A	3	12
		Hours: 15		
		Semester GPA: 3.400		

Spring 2024

ADV 1196	Persuasive Writing	IP		0
ADV 2131	Introduction to Media Planning	IP		0
ADV 2141	Introduction to Brand Strategy and Research	IP		0
ADV 3033	Advertising Sales	IP		0
EES 0842	Sustainable Enviroments	IP		0
		Hours: 0		
		Semester GPA: -		

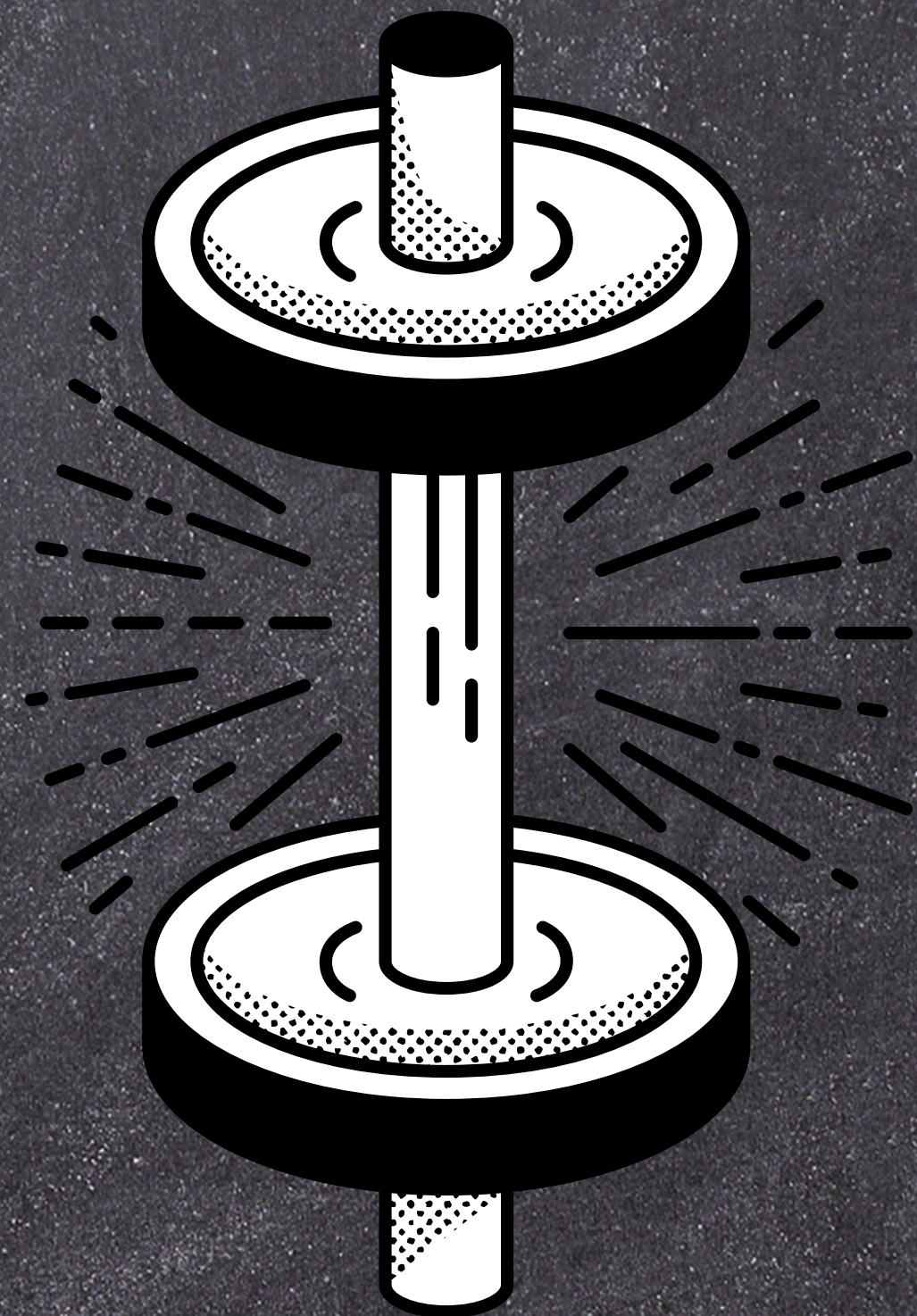
BUS 1XXX	Business Elective	1
ENGL 2844	Intro to Prof & Tech Writing	0
		0
IS 1XXX	IS Elective	3
		0
		0
		Hours: 4

COMM 2084	Media and Society	3
ENGL 1XXX	ENGL Elective	0
		Hours: 3

MKTG 3504	Advertising	3
MKTG 3164	Intro Digital MKTG Strategy	3
ADV 2XXX	Advertising Elective	3
ADV 3XXX	Advertising Elective	3
SOC 2004	Social Problems	3
		Hours: 15

ENGL 1XXX	ENGL Elective	3
MKTG 3164	Intro Digital MKTG Strategy (Duplicate course)	0
MKTG 2XXX	MKTG Elective	3
MKTG 3XXX	MKTG Elective	3
ENSC 1XXX4	ENSC Elective	3
		Hours: 12

Total Hours: 68



POST ADMISSION

Admitted to the correct major
Final transcripts from previous institutions
Hokie Spa Transfer Credit Evaluation status page
Cross reference Compliance Transfer Evaluation
Virginia Tech Degree Audit
Confirm NCAA Progress Towards Degree
Follow up on any pending subs
Assist in upcoming term enrollment

SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER PROCESS

PARTNERSHIPS

Speed

Accuracy

Communication



Q & A

Mental Health & Performance

Introduction to Counseling & Mental Performance (CAMP)



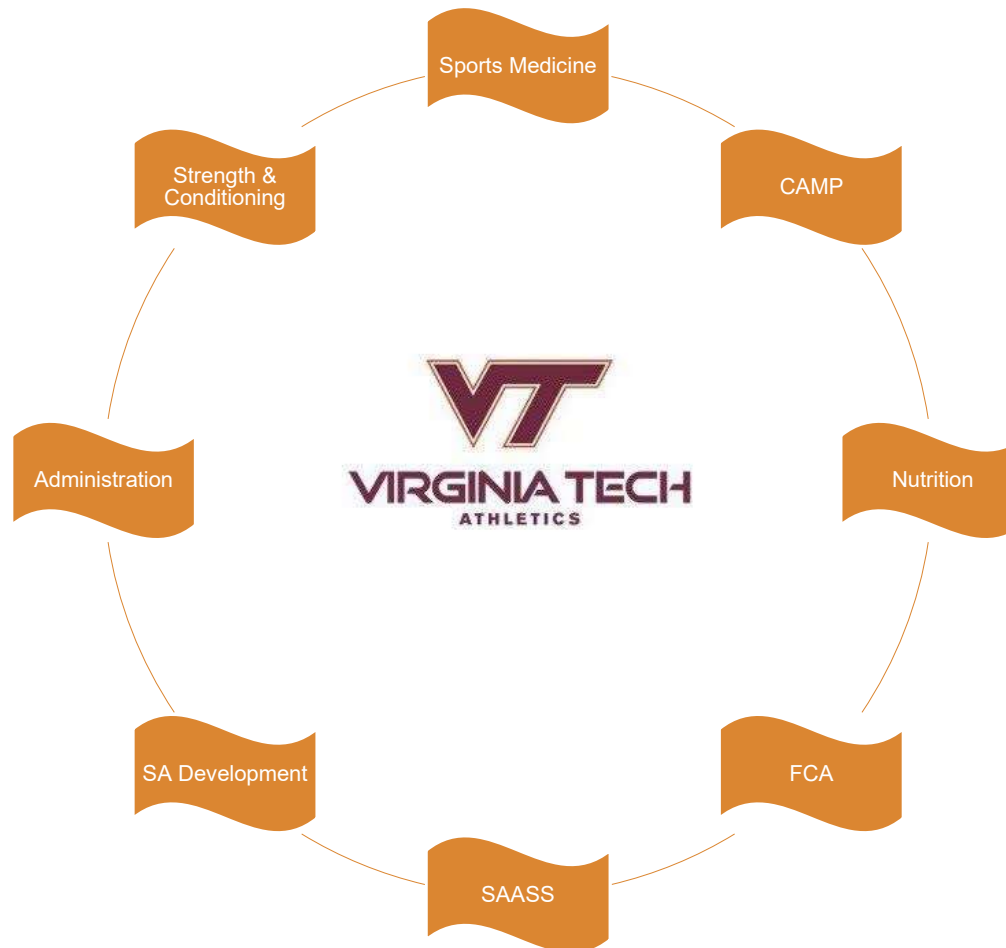
Gary Bennett, Ph.D.

CAMP Staff



- **Gary Bennett, Ph. D., LCP, CMPC**
 - B.A. – English (Centre College)
 - Ph. D. – Counseling Psychology (University of Kentucky)
- **Lauren Naldo, M.A., LPC**
 - B.S. – Psychology (Mount Saint Mary’s)
 - M.A. – Community Counseling (Marymount University)
- **Kara Hoff, M.S., Psy. D.**
 - B.S. – Psychology (Marywood University)
 - M.S. – Clinical MH Counseling (University of Scranton)
 - Psy. D. – Clinical Psychology (Florida School of Prof. Psychology)
- **Paul Knackstedt, Psy. D., LCP, CMPC**
 - B.S. – Psychology & Kinesiology (William & Mary)
 - M.S. – Kinesiology (UNC-Greensboro)
 - Psy. D. – Clinical Psychology (Pacific University)

Student-Athlete Support Staff



NFL Mental Health Programming

- [Colts - Kicking the Stigma](#)



Common Concerns for Student- Athletes

- Transition to College
 - Academic and/or Athletic
 - “Big Fish, Little Pond Effect”
 - Dealing with failure & Developing a “Growth Mindset”
 - Adjusting Expectations and Setting Realistic Goals
- Generalized and Performance Anxiety
- Academic & Pre-performance worry
- Depression
- Substance Use/Abuse
- Relationship Issues
- Disordered Eating
- Sexual Assault
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Continuum of Care



Marked distress
Serious
impairment

Mod-Mild Distress
Compromised
functioning

Stable
Normal ups and
downs

Doing well
Handling stressors
Resilient

Well being
High level
functioning

SURVIVE



COPE



THRIVE

Psychiatrist

Mental Health Professional (Psychologist, LMFT, LPC, MSW)

Sport Psychology Consultant



2023-2024 and Beyond

- Saw 264 student-athletes—about 45% of student-athlete population
- 30% reported symptoms of depression and/or anxiety
- 65% female, 35% male
- 27% African-American
- 113 outreach sessions/team meetings
- 30% reported symptoms of depression and/or anxiety
- Suicide prevention programming—intervened with a number of SAs having thoughts of suicide. Hospitalized 3 SAs who were considered high risk
- Mental health screenings
- NIL/Roster cuts
- West coast travel



Available Services

- The Sport Psychology Program provides:
 - individual counseling,
 - psychological rehabilitation from injury,
 - psychological assessment,
 - substance use counseling,
 - medication management,
 - performance enhancement,
 - psychological skills training,
 - referral to psychiatric services,
 - and consultation with coaching, medical, training, and administrative staff
- Mental skills training and team building activities are also available for teams

Questions?



Transfer Portal Windows

Season	Sport	First Day	Final Day
Fall	Cross Country	Saturday, November 23, 2024	Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fall	Football (FBS)	Monday, December 9, 2024	Saturday, December 28, 2024*
Fall	Men's Soccer	Monday, November 25, 2024	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Fall	Women's Soccer	Monday, November 18, 2024	Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Fall	Women's Volleyball	Sunday, December 8, 2024	Monday, January 6, 2025
Spring Window	Football	Wednesday, April 16, 2025	Friday, April 25, 2025
	All Other Fall Sports	Thursday, May 1, 2025	Thursday, May 15, 2025
Winter	Men's Basketball	Monday, March 24, 2025	Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Winter	Women's Basketball	Tuesday, March 25, 2025	Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Winter	Men's Swimming and Diving	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	Friday, May 2, 2025
Winter	Women's Swimming and Diving	Wednesday, March 12, 2025	Friday, April 25, 2025
Winter	Indoor Track and Field	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	Thursday, April 24, 2025
Winter	Men's Wrestling	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	Friday, May 2, 2025
Fall Window	All Spring Sports	Sunday, December 1, 2024	Sunday, December 15, 2024

Transfer Portal Data FBS Football

As of 12/16

- 134 FBS Schools
- 2075 portal entries

Power 4 Conferences

- ACC: 205
- Big 10: 256
- Big 12: 260
- SEC: 275

Transfer Portal Data FBS Football

As of 1/22

- 2,984 total entries
- 229 withdrew their names
- 1,098 have signed

Power 4 Conferences

- ACC: 309/118
- Big 10: 401/159
- Big 12: 358/156
- SEC: 373/170

Student-Athlete by Month (All Years - All Sports - All Divisions - All Institutions)



Student-Athlete by Month (All Years - Football - FBS - All Divisions - All Institutions)

