

VSU At A Glance

History and Character: Founded in 1882 by an act of the State Legislature, Virginia State University (VSU) is the nation's first, fully state-supported, historically black college or university (HBCU). A comprehensive university encompassing both undergraduate and graduate divisions, VSU is one of two land-grant institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. With a mission emphasizing the integration of academic instruction, research and public service, VSU welcomes students of any race, religion or ethnic heritage.

Campus and Facilities: The 236-acre campus is located in Virginia's historic Chesterfield County, on a bluff overlooking the Appomattox River. On-campus facilities include a fully wired, 280,000-volume library, a new science and engineering center, a

computer technology center and a campus radio station. VSU also owns and operates a 416-acre farm and agricultural research center.

Students: Virginia State University has an enrollment of approximately 4,000 undergraduates and 1,000 graduate students.

Faculty: Approximately 84 percent of Virginia State's 220 faculty members have earned the highest degree in their fields.

Accreditations: VSU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Many individual programs are accredited by the relevant accreditation association, such as the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Undergraduate Degree Programs: VSU offers 34 programs leading to a bachelor's degree. The University is comprised of five Schools: The School of Agriculture; The School of Business; The School of Engineering, Science and Technology; The School of Liberal Arts and Education; and The School of Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach.

Student Activities: Virginia State University students participate in a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment activities, including student organizations, academic clubs and societies, fraternities, sororities and residence hall cabinets.

Athletics: VSU's 15 intercollegiate athletic teams compete in the NCAA Division II and the University is a member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Men's teams include baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, indoor and outdoor track and tennis; women's teams include basketball, bowling, cross-country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, softball, tennis and volleyball.

Costs: For current tuition, fees and room and board costs visit www.vsu.edu/pages/448.asp.

Financial Aid and Scholarships: Most Virginia State University students receive merit and/or need-based financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and work study. The Office of Student Financial Aid conducts workshops and offers individual counseling on financial matters to students and their parents.



The best way to learn about Virginia State University is to visit our beautiful campus. We can arrange both individual and group tours. We're sure you'll be favorably impressed with the many exciting things happening on our campus.

For more information, or to plan your visit today, contact the Admissions Office **Phone:** 800-871-7611, **E-mail:** admiss@vsu.edu, **Online:** www.vsu.edu



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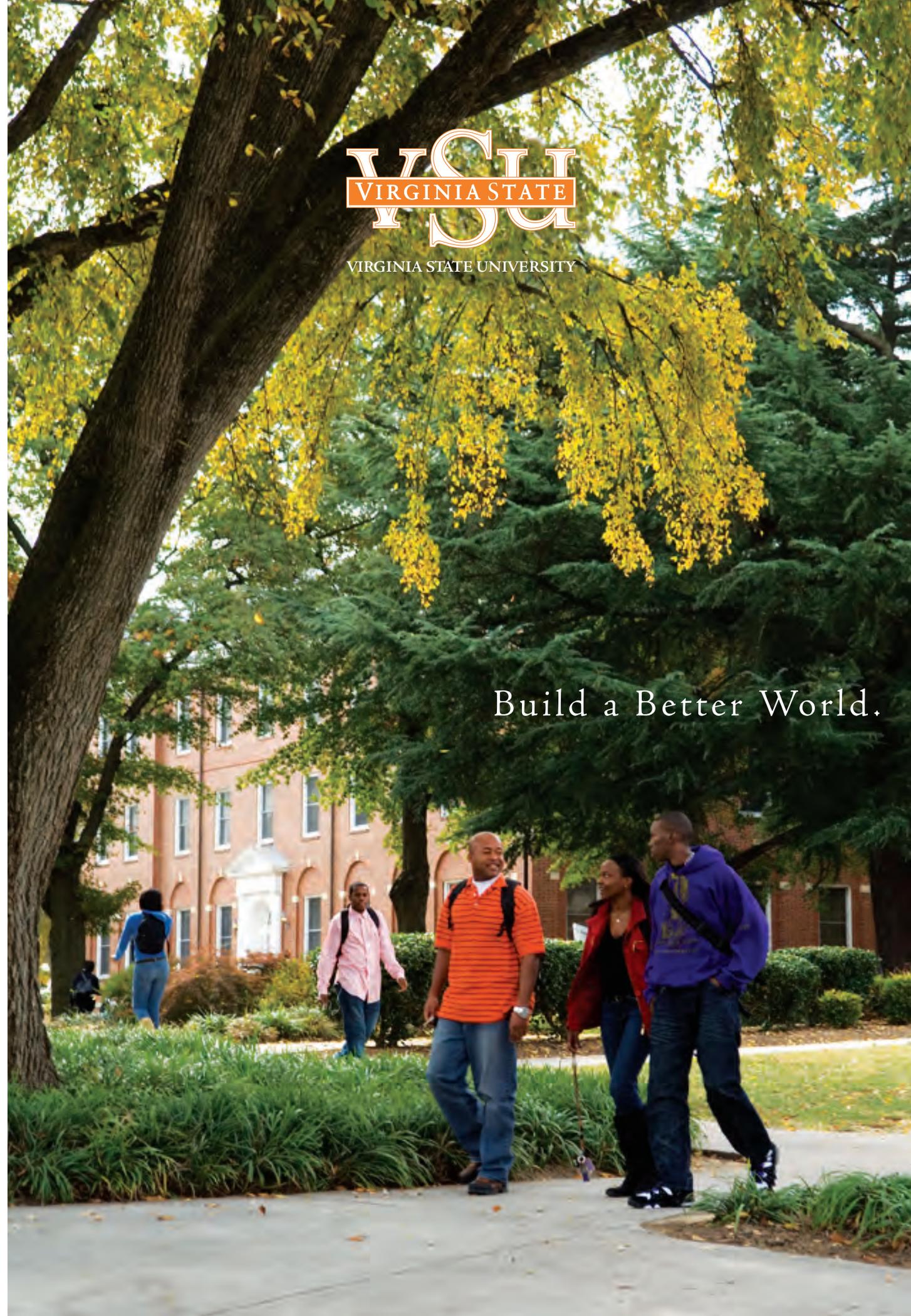
Virginia State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees and a certificate of advanced graduate study. For information regarding the status of the University's accreditation, contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, telephone 404-679-4501, website: www.sacscoc.org.

Virginia State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability, age, sexual preference, political affiliation or any other bias prohibited by Virginia or federal law.



VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Build a Better World.





Innovation is central to everything we do,
and has been for more than **125** years.

VSU was established by an act of the Virginia legislature in 1882, making it the nation's first fully state-supported historically black university. In our inaugural academic year, 1883-1884, the University had one building, 126 students and seven faculty members, all of whom were black.

VSU Today is a comprehensive public university with a growing national reputation for pioneering programs and innovative partnerships. Our 5,000 students and 400-plus faculty members come from a diverse range of national, racial and ethnic backgrounds.

A man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, a light purple shirt, and a blue patterned tie, is speaking and gesturing with his hands. He is holding a blue pen in his right hand. He is looking towards a group of people, of whom only the back of one person's head and shoulder is visible in the foreground. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or meeting room with computer monitors.

21st
century innovator

Building a Better World Virginia State University has been working to build a better world since our founding in the aftermath of the Civil War. And while the challenges we face today are different from those of the late 1800s, they're no less urgent. *Preparing students to build a better world has never been more important.*

VSU will prepare you to be a 21st century innovator, a future leader with the knowledge and insight necessary to change our world for the better. We offer more than 40 majors leading to a bachelor's degree—in agriculture, business, engineering, science, technology and the liberal arts—every one of which prepares you to build a better world.

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

BARACK OBAMA

There's never been a better time to prepare for a career as an innovator, and there's never been a better time to study at VSU.

Preparation for What's Next

No matter what your career goals, a wide-ranging and dynamic undergraduate education is your strongest possible foundation for success. It's also the best way to prepare for building a better world.

Otteria Miller, Chemistry Major
Lancaster, South Carolina



Otteria chose Virginia State because of its “beautiful campus” and small classes. She was admitted to the Honors Program based on her strong academic performance in high school, which included several Advanced Placement courses. A lifelong interest in science and aspirations of pursuing a career in dentistry—oral surgery, in particular—prompted her to major in chemistry. Since she came from a small high school, she worried at first about being able to keep up with college-level science courses. But for Otteria, who came to Virginia State with well-established study habits, keeping up academically has posed no problem. What she enjoys most about college life so far is “feeling more independent and having to manage my own time.”

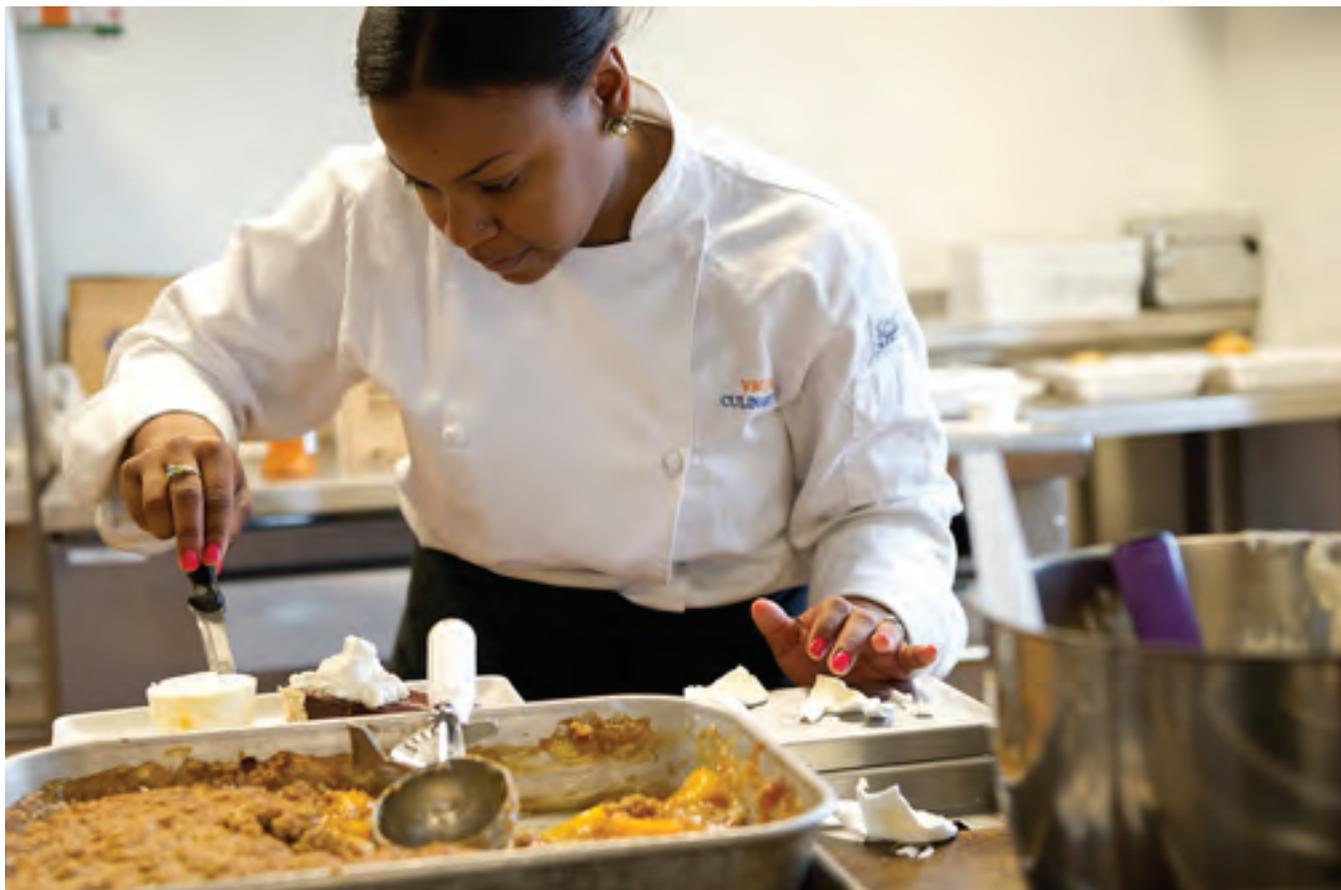
I've been pleasantly surprised by how easy it is to communicate with my professors and how accessible they are outside of class. They really encourage us to speak up and get involved.”



Regardless of the major you choose, VSU provides the most up-to-date professional education, in addition to introducing you to exciting new ideas, respected traditions and diverse points of view.

At VSU you'll gain a better understanding of the challenges facing the world today and have ample opportunity to explore solutions. In the process, you'll become a lifelong learner—an indispensable skill in the global economy.

Whether you plan to begin a career immediately after graduation, or you're thinking about pursuing an advanced degree, **VSU will prepare you for what's next.**





Big-School Education, Small-School Experience

VSU combines the best features of a major research university and a small college.

Big-school advantages include wide-ranging academic options, abundant research opportunities and easy access to faculty members who are leaders and innovators in their field of study. *Cutting-edge technological resources are another big-school benefit.*

On the small-school side, we offer personalized, student-focused teaching, academic advisement and mentoring. **Your professors will know you by name, and take the time to discuss your academic and personal goals.** The VSU community is another important small-school asset. Support, encouragement and friendship promote a sense of belonging and make academic success easier to achieve.



Five Schools—One University

VSU consists of five schools, each of which plays a crucial role in advancing the University's mission.

School of Agriculture

This school combines distinctive academic programs, cutting-edge research and valuable public services. Students can choose the agriculture major, with a variety of concentrations, or programs in family and consumer sciences and hospitality management.

School of Business

Accredited by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate training, business leadership and ethical awareness, as well as widespread access to internship experiences.

School of Engineering, Science and Technology

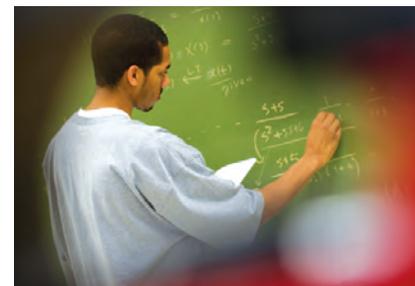
This school offers state-of-the-art facilities and programs in a broad range of science-related fields, including computer science, ABET-accredited engineering, industrial education (NAIT accredited), mathematics, the natural sciences, nursing and psychology.

School of Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach

In addition to graduate programs in more than a dozen fields, this school offers the Bachelor of Individualized Studies (BIS) program. Created specifically for working adults with some college credit, BIS allows students to design their own program of study.

School of Liberal Arts and Education

Communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving are essential aspects of all the majors offered in this school, which include English, history and public administration. Academic programs in this school provide a solid foundation for further in a variety of fields.





Programs of Study

School of Agriculture

Agriculture (B.S.)

Agriculture Business & Economics
 Agriculture Education
 Animal Science/Pre Veterinary
 Medicine
 Aquatic Science
 Plant, Soil and Environmental
 Science

Family & Consumer Sciences (B.S.)

Dietetics
 Family, Child, and Community
 Services
(Teacher Education Endorsement)
 Textiles, Apparel and Merchandising
 Management

School of Business

Accounting (B.S.B.A.)

Accounting *(Minor)*
 Finance *(Minor)*

Computer Information Systems

(B.S.B.A.)
 Decision Sciences

Management (B.S.B.A.)

Management *(Minor)*
 Human Resources Management

Marketing (B.S.B.A.)

Marketing *(Minor)*
 International Business *(Minor)*

School of Engineering, Science and Technology

Biology (B. S.)

Biology/Pre-Med
 Secondary Education (Minor)

Chemistry (B. S.)

Biochemistry/Pre-Professional
 Pre-Pharmacy 3+4
 Pre-Med
 Forensics Chemistry

Computer Engineering (B.S.)

Computer Science (B.S.)

Electronics Engineering

Technology (B.S.)

Industrial & Logistics Technology (B.S.)

Computer Aided Drafting and
 Design
 Logistics
 Technology Management
 Lean Six-Sigma *(Certificate)*

Manufacturing Engineering (B.S.)

Mathematics (B.S.)

Mathematics
 Mathematics/Statistics
 Secondary Education *(Minor)*
 Cooperative Engineering 3+2
 Program with ODU

Mechanical Engineering Technology (B.S.)

Nursing (A.S.)

Physics (B.S.)

Physics
 Biological Physics
 Engineering Physics
 Secondary Education *(Minor)*

Psychology (B.S.)

School of Liberal Arts and Education

Criminal Justice (B.S.)

Criminal Justice *(Minor)*

Economics (B.S.)

Liberal Arts Concentration
 Economics *(Minor)*
 Pre-Law *(Minor)*

English (B.A.)

English Education Endorsement
 (6-12)
 English *(Minor)*
 Spanish *(Minor)*
 French *(Minor)*
 German *(Minor)*
 Writing *(Minor)*
 Africana Studies *(Minor)*
 Literature Through Film *(Minor)*

Health & Physical Education (B.S.)

Health
 Recreation

Sports Management
 Health and Physical Education
 Endorsement (K-12)
 Driver Education *(Add-on
 Endorsement)*
 Military Science *(Minor)*

History (B.A.)

History
 History and Social Sciences
 Education (6-12)
 Black History
 Philosophy *(Minor)*
 Pre-Law *(Minor)*

Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.)

Special Education –
 General Curriculum (K-12)
 Elementary Education (Pre-K-6)

Mass Communications (B.A.)

Mass Communications *(Minor)*
 Print Media Option
 Radio and Television Option
 Public Relations Option

Music (B.M.)/(B.A.)

Music Education Endorsement -

Choral/Vocal
 Instrumental Music Education
 Endorsement
 Instrumental Performance
 Keyboard Performance
 Vocal Performance

Political Science (B.A.)

Legal Studies
 Political Science (Minor)

Social Work (B.S.W)

Sociology (B.A.)
 Sociology (Minor)

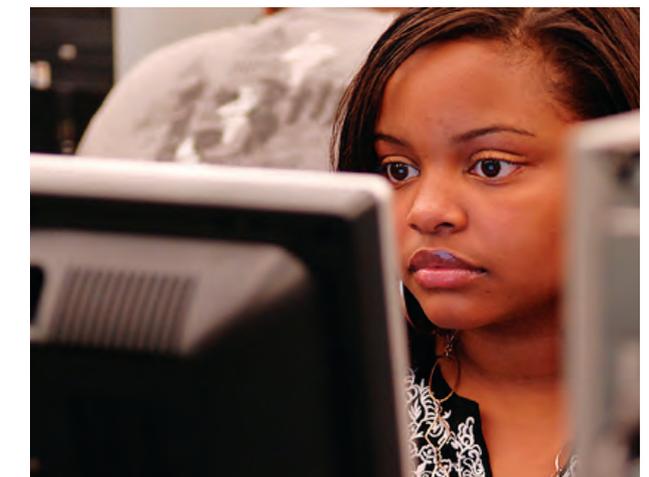
Visual Arts (B.F.A)

Studio Art
 Animation
 Graphic Design
 Web Design
 Studio Art *(Minor)*
 Art History *(Minor)*

Bachelor of Individualized Studies (B.I.S.)

VSU is awarding record numbers of high-value merit scholarships to attract and retain talented students. In 2005-06, the University awarded 58 "Presidential" and 75 "Provost" scholarships, up from just 10 and 14, respectively, a decade before.

58/75



Remarkable Programs and Resources

Like other great universities, VSU gives you access to a variety of programs and student resources, designed to enrich your overall educational experience and set you up for success.

Honors Program

designed for academic high achievers to pursue challenging, in-depth course work, intensive student-faculty research projects, cultural enrichment activities and travel. Honors students have exclusive access to the Honors House, which provides space for meetings, seminars and private study..

Superior Academic

Facilities including our new \$20-million engineering and technology building, a cutting-edge music facility, expanded facility for our business programs, and state-of-the-art facilities for agricultural research and sciences.

\$20-million engineering and technology building

Johnston Memorial Library

recently underwent a major expansion and renovation to become a true 21st-century academic information center, that will provide you with access to an extensive collection of books and periodicals, as well as unlimited online resources.

ROTC for eligible VSU students to take advantage of scholarships and stipends in exchange for at least two years of full-time military service following graduation. The ROTC program consists of two parts: the basic course and the advanced course, and completion of the program qualifies you for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Regular Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

Outstanding Research Opportunities

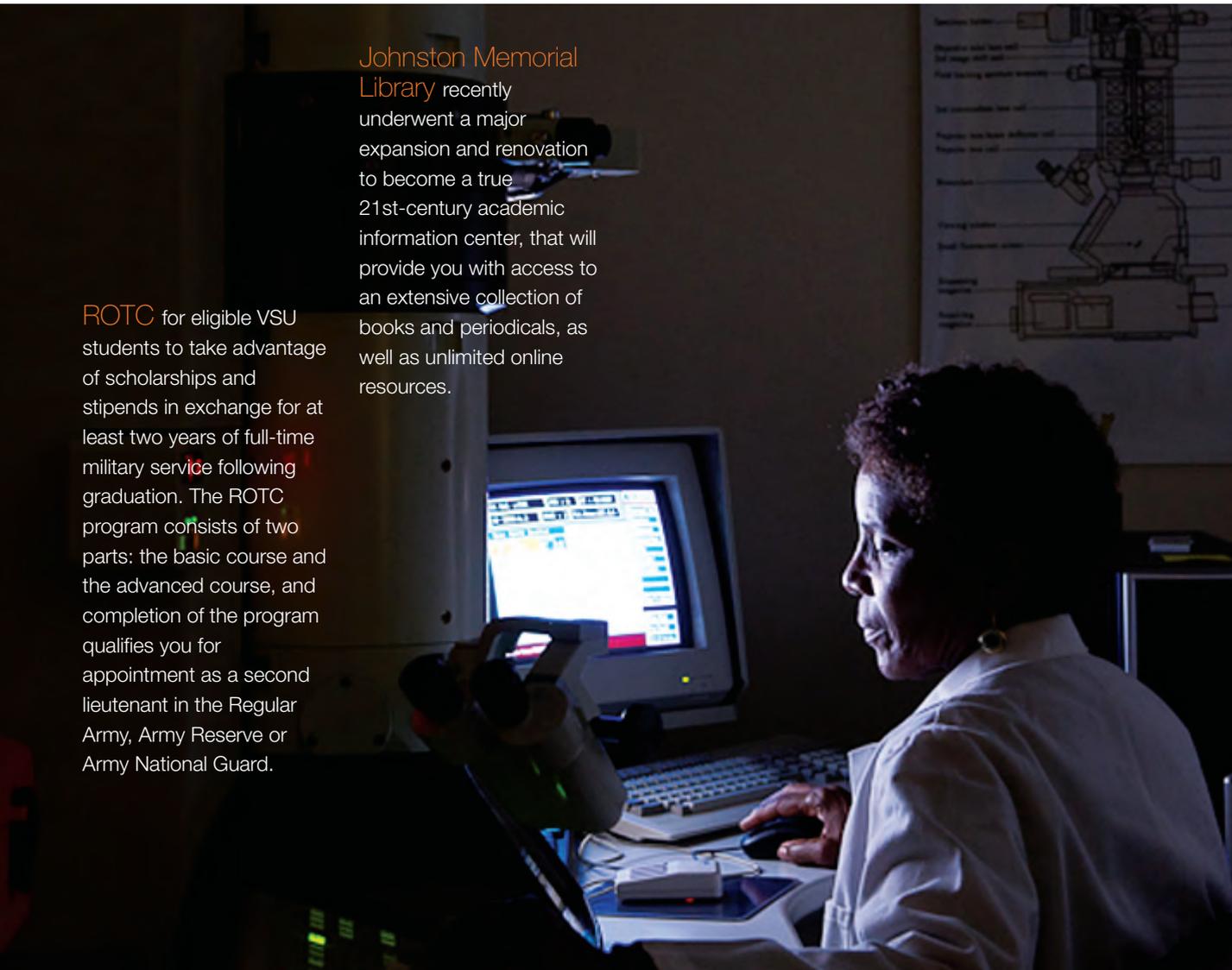
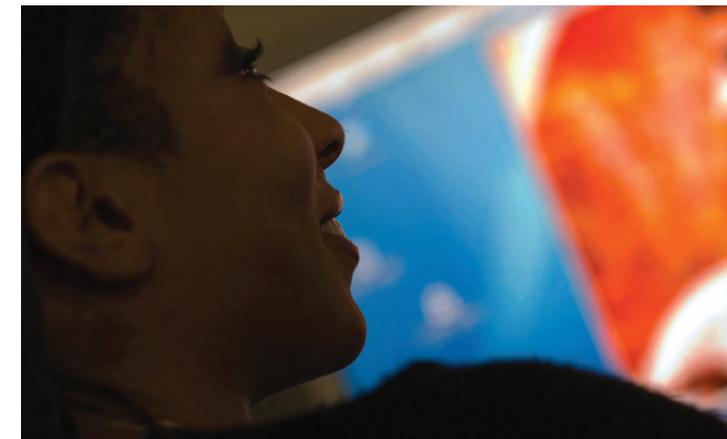
Over the past decade, we've backed our commitment to innovation by expanding **undergraduate research opportunities**—in engineering, science and technology, as well other areas of the curriculum—to help you learn by doing.

Research emphasizes active investigation—it's the exact opposite of listening to a professor tell you how it's done. At VSU, you'll get an insider's perspective on how to do agriculture, chemistry, engineering, history, or whatever discipline interests you most.

Government departments at the federal and state levels are sponsoring VSU faculty and student researchers to expand the horizons of knowledge in fields ranging from laser radiation to the therapeutic potential of soybeans.

Current sponsors include:

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Energy
- Virginia Department of Transportation



Your VSU

There's definitely life beyond the classroom at VSU.

Your VSU is the place to explore all your interests— in sports, music, the arts and other areas. We encourage you to branch out and dig deep, to discover new interests and cultivate existing talents. You'll find dozens of clubs and organizations that contribute to your growth as a well-rounded individual.

We must get beyond textbooks, go out into the bypaths and untrodden depths of the wilderness and travel and explore and tell the world the glories of our journey.

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN



Your VSU campus—with its spacious lawns and incredible resources—provides an ideal atmosphere for personal development. Our supportive, welcoming community makes it easy to meet new friends and enjoy a rewarding social life.

Academic Clubs and Honor Societies

Participating in an academic club or honor society gives you a chance to discover new interests and explore existing ones in greater depth.

As a boy, Branden was always "taking things apart and putting them back together." As an engineering student at Virginia State, he's been able to enhance his technical and professional skills by completing three challenging summer internships: with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC; with General Electric in Pennsylvania; and with US Steel in Ohio. A peer tutor and a member of the VSU Honors Program, Branden is also president of the campus chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and vice president of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. After completing his bachelor's degree, he plans to pursue an MBA, with an eye toward "helping businesses become leaner and more efficient."

Branden Riley, Mechanical Engineering
Technology Major
Chesterfield, Virginia



"The engineering program at Virginia State made me realize how much I enjoy work that involves problem-solving. Through internships, I've developed real-world problem-solving skills in professional settings, whether I'm writing a report or interpreting a technical diagram."



Academic Clubs and Honor Societies



- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- American Marketing Association
- Association of Political Scientists
- Biology Club
- Business Management Club
- Chemistry Club
- Economics and Finance Club
- Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management Club
- Information Systems and Decision Science Association
- International Food Service Executives Association
- Languages and Literature Club
- Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences
- National Association of Black Accountants
- National Association of Black Engineers
- Philosophy Club
- Pre-Law Society
- Psychology Club
- Public Administration Club
- Kappa Delta Pi (education honor society)
- Phi Delta Kappa (association of professional educators)
- Sigma Tau Delta (international English honor society)





Student Clubs & Organizations

- Act of God
- Army ROTC
- Betterment of Brothers and Sisters
- Institute for Leadership Development
- National Society of Pershing Rifles
- Riverview (VSU Yearbook)
- Sankofa Dance Theater
- Sista' to Sista'
- Student Ambassadors
- Trojan Explosion Marching Band
- Virginia Statesman (student newspaper)
- VSU Concert Choir/VSU Gospel Chorale
- VSU National Association of Parliamentarians
- Woo Woos (VSU cheerleaders)

National Pan-Hellenic Council Fraternities

- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Omega Psi Phi
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Iota Phi Theta

Sororities

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Zeta Phi Beta



Comfort and Convenience

All residence hall rooms are fully furnished and provide access to cable TV and the Internet. Every hall has common areas for meetings, group study and recreation, as well as computer and laundry facilities. On-campus housing options include coed and single-sex residence halls, as well as the Student Village, apartment-style residences for upper-level students and women.

Your Home Away from Home

Living on campus is a vital part of college life, and one of the best ways to take advantage of everything that VSU has to offer. We strive to provide campus housing for all full-time unmarried students who request it. All freshmen, except commuters, are required to live on campus.

Our residence halls are more than places to study and sleep. *They're hubs of social activity and centers for collaborative learning.*

Another bonus of living on campus: **29** nations around the world—so simply living in a residence hall can be a valuable cross-cultural learning experience.



VSU Trojans: The Right Stuff

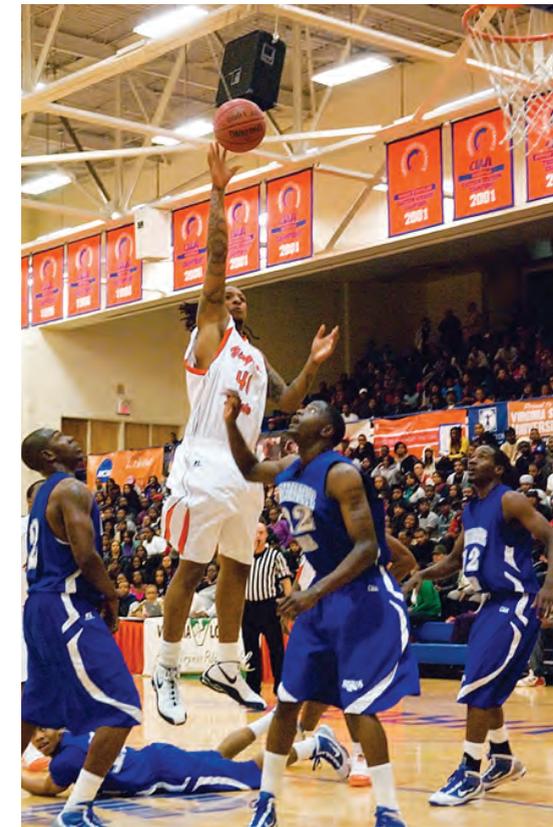
The Trojan and the Lady Trojans, our men's and women's varsity teams, compete in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) as members of the **20th** century NCAA Division II. Our athletic traditions date back to the early years of the century and remain alive and well today.

Men's Intercollegiate Teams

Baseball
Basketball
Cross-Country
Football
Golf (coed team)
Tennis
Track (indoor and outdoor seasons)

Women's Intercollegiate Teams

Basketball
Bowling
Cross-Country
Golf (coed team)
Softball
Tennis
Track (indoor and outdoor seasons)
Volleyball



Intramural and Recreational Sports

Students and faculty members alike take part in the VSU intramural programs. Teams include basketball, flag football, softball and volleyball. You can also take participate in individual sports, such as aerobics, or get involved in one of the regular tournaments for chess, checkers, horseshoes, cards or billiards.



Exceptional Graduates

VSU has been the starting point for thousands of individual success stories. With our focus on academic excellence, research, and innovation, we've created a campus culture conducive to generating success-oriented alumni—graduates who are eager to test their skills in challenging professional environments in the world of business, government, technology, education and other fields.

TOP 22 / TOP 15

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

TOP 22 / TOP 15

The magazine *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* recently ranked VSU 22nd among all U.S. colleges in awarding bachelor's degrees to African Americans. VSU ranked 11th in granting bachelor's degrees in education and 14th in granting degrees in computer science

Take the Next Step

If you're interested in building a better world at VSU, we look forward to receiving your application for admission. While admission to VSU is competitive, we're committed to enrolling students with a broad range of talents and abilities. When reviewing application, **we're interested in all of your accomplishments, inside the classroom and beyond.**

What You'll Need to Apply

- A completed application form
- A copy of your official high school transcript
- Your scores from the SAT or ACT
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which must come from a high school teacher or counselor
- A personal statement explaining why you want to attend VSU
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (transfer candidate only)



For more detailed information on the admission process, contact the Office of Admissions directly:

- Call (804) 524-5902, or toll-free (800) 871-7611
- Email the Office of Admissions: admissions@vsu.edu
- Visit the Virginia State University website at www.vsu.edu



To qualify for admission to VSU, you must complete a college-preparatory program in high school, including four years of English and two years each of mathematics, science and social studies. Two units of a foreign language are also recommended.



Transfer Students Welcome

VSU is an excellent choice for transfer students. Whether you've already or completed an associate degree or started a bachelor's-degree program at another college or university, we make an effort to accept as many of your previous college credits as possible. Students who enter VSU with an associate degree can usually earn a bachelor's degree in two years of full-time study.



Apply Online

Apply to VSU online by going to **www.cometoVSU.edu**

Financial Aid at VSU

Most VSU students receive some form of financial assistance. Our Office of Student Financial Aid is committed to helping you find and obtain the financial assistance you need and deserve.

Justin Parker Physical Education Major
Chesterfield, Virginia



With a father in the military, Justin grew up all over the world. He completed his first three years of high school in Germany, but graduated from Motoaca High School in nearby Chesterfield. A member of the Honors Program and a kicker for the varsity football team, Justin calls VSU a “great school” that’s making dramatic improvements in virtually every area. A serious student who could most likely succeed in any profession, Justin plans to pursue a career in teaching and coaching. Although he doesn’t know yet which grade level he’ll teach, he definitely wants a position that will allow him to “interact with young people and have a positive influence on their lives.”

I chose Virginia State because they offered me both an academic and an athletic scholarship. I was also very impressed by the way people acted toward me during visits—everyone I met seemed genuinely concerned with me as an individual.”

Your financial aid package might contain a combination of grants, scholarships, loans and work-study employment. We conduct regular workshops and offers individual counseling on financial aid matters to students and their parents.

If you have questions about applying for financial aid, contact the **Office of Student Financial Aid** at **804-524-5990** or toll-free at **800-823-7214**. Or go to the **VSU website** at **www.vsu.edu** and click on **“Financial Aid.”**

Types of aid available to VSU students include:

Grants, which are usually based on financial need and do not have to be repaid

Scholarships, which are awarded on the basis of academic or extracurricular achievement and require no repayment

Loans, which must be repaid with interest after you leave school

Work-study, a program that offers part-time jobs for students with demonstrated financial need

You're Invited

You're invited to learn more about Virginia State by visiting our campus. We think you'll be impressed. Although we do not require a campus visit for admission, it's one of the best ways to decide whether Virginia State is right for you.

The best time to visit Virginia State is when classes are in session. That gives you an opportunity not only to tour the campus and facilities, but also to meet current students and faculty members, and even sit in on a class if you'd like.

Campus Tours

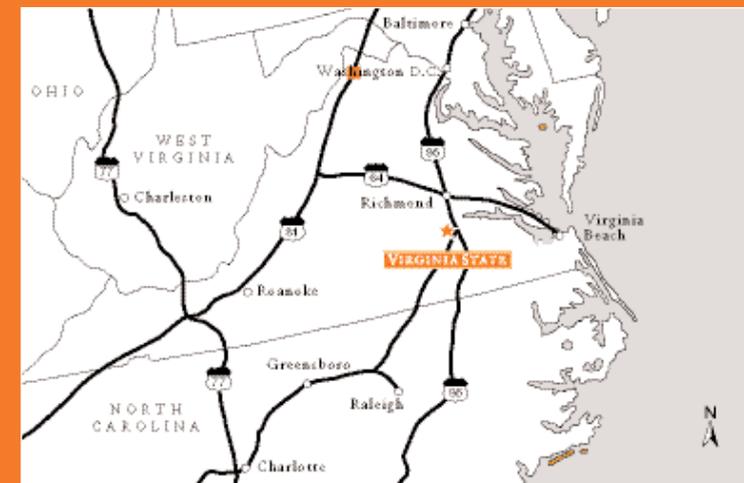
Campus tours are conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Schedule your tour online by going to: www.ecampustours.com.

Or contact the **Office of Admissions** at **800-871-7611**, **804-524-5902** or **admissions@vsu.edu**.

Getting Here

Virginia State is located in the Chesterfield County village of Ettrick, directly across the Appomattox River from Petersburg, Virginia. We're 25 miles south of Richmond and about 125 miles from Washington, D.C. The campus is easily accessible by car, bus, train or air.



Major nearby highways include Interstates 95, 85 and 64, as well as U.S. Route 460.

Bus service is available from Petersburg, only minutes from the campus.

The **Ettrick/Petersburg Amtrak Station** is less than one mile from campus.

Richmond International Airport is 30 miles from Virginia State.