

HNFE Plan of Study

1. Obtain a checksheet for the option and year of your expected graduation. Checksheets are located at www.hnfe.vt.edu Undergraduate Programs. Approved checksheets are also located at www.registrar.vt.edu. Select the option you plan to pursue and your graduation year. If your graduation year is not available, select the current version. As checksheets are approved two years prior to the graduation date, be sure to update your plan when your graduation year is available.
2. Open your unofficial transcript on Hokie Spa (Transcripts and Certifications menu). On the checksheet, place a check by each course you have completed. You may want to indicate which courses you are currently enrolled in by using "IP" which means In Progress.
3. Start at the top of the checksheet and go course by course for the remaining courses. Ask yourself the following questions:
 - a. Are there any prerequisites for this course? If so, have I planned to complete the prerequisites correctly?
 - b. Is this taught in a specific semester? This information may be found on the checksheet or on the Historical Timetable.
4. In most cases, Curriculum for Liberal Education and Pathways to General Education courses may be put in any semester. Please visit <http://www.cle.prov.vt.edu/guides/index.html> and <http://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/> for more information.
5. Make sure you have met all prerequisites for HNFE 4025 as there are many. Students who do not meet all prerequisites will absolutely not be able to enroll in HNFE 4025.
6. HNFE 4004 should be taken during the last year.
7. Make sure you have accounted for free electives in order to meet the minimum credit hour requirement of 120.
8. Look for lower credit hour semesters to fill in extra experiences or courses which can make you competitive or stand out. Add these experiences to your plan.
9. Make notes of events such as taking graduate school entrance exams, internships, and other experiences.

When you become a junior (60 credit hours), apply for your degree and run a Degree Audit Report on Hokie Spa.

Comment about Grades: All required courses must be taken A-F unless they are only offered Pass/Fail. Students must earn a passing grade in all courses and a C or higher in HNFE 1004, CHEM 1035, CHEM 1036, and CHEM 2514 or 2535. Students who are in the Dietetics option must have an overall GPA of 3.0; Students in the Science option must have an overall GPA of 2.5. All HNFE students must have a minimum in-major GPA of 2.5. In-major courses are indicated on the Checksheets.

Retaking a course: If a student earns a grade of C- or less in a course and retakes that course (at Virginia Tech) the second grade counts towards the GPA. However, the first grade also counts towards the GPA. The credits only count once, so in effect the two grades are averaged. Both grades are also displayed on the transcript, i.e. A grade of D (1.0) and a grade of B (3.0) averages to a C (2.0).

Academic Policies available in the Undergraduate Course Catalog: <http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu/>.