What is Pathways?
A vibrant, flexible, and innovative general education program that provides a coherent and meaningful learning experience and allows students to integrate the learning for use throughout their lifetimes.

As a central component of the undergraduate experience at Virginia Tech, the Pathways curriculum will guide students to examine the world from multiple perspectives and integrate their knowledge across disciplines and domains of learning through a hands-on, minds-on approach.

What are the requirements?
The Pathways Curriculum includes a total of 45 credits over 7 core concepts and 2 integrative concepts. Students choose courses from the different concept categories to fulfill the credit hour requirements. Many AP, IB, dual enrollment, and transfer courses may count for credit.

Some students might pursue a Pathways Minor or an Alternative Pathway as means of completing a portion of the requirements.

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<td><strong>1 - Discourse</strong></td>
<td>9 credits</td>
<td>Ethical Reasoning Throughout</td>
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<td><strong>2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</strong></td>
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<td>Intercultural and Global Awareness Throughout</td>
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<td><strong>4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</strong></td>
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How do credits from other institutions transfer to Pathways?

Credit from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Student has completed transferable Associate Degree

Pathways General Education requirements satisfied*
*additional major-specific requirements may apply

Credit from other four-year institutions or two-year colleges outside of Virginia, or other sources such as AP, IB, CLEP, etc.

Student has not completed transferable Associate Degree

Transfer credits can satisfy Pathways General Education core requirements

PATHWAYS RESOURCES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Pathways Course Catalogs:
https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/about/pathways-guides.html

Transfer Guide (equivalency databases; AP, IB & CLEP charts):
https://www.tranguide.registrar.vt.edu/

Degree Checksheets:
https://www.registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief/checksheets.html