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**Students undertaking Pathways Minors:**
- will earn 9 or more Pathways “gen ed” credits
- will see finished minors on their transcripts
- will complete at least 18 credits, with a minimum of 6 at the 3000-4000 level
- must complete the remaining Pathways credits and concepts not covered by the minor

### Adaptive Brain & Behavior
Bridge learning between natural sciences, social science, and the humanities at the nexus of neurophysiology, behavior, and social environment.
**Contact:** Dr. Matthew Komelski (komelski@vt.edu)

### Appalachian Cultures & Environments
Form a better understanding of the places, cultures, histories, artistic expressions, ecologies, and politics of the Appalachian region historically and currently.
**Contact:** Dr. Emily Satterwhite (satterwhite@vt.edu)

### Biodiversity Conservation
Gain a global and ethical perspective of environmental issues and discover what economics, policy, and social factors must be considered for effective management of declining resources.
**Contact:** Dr. Dean Stauffer (dstauffe@vt.edu)

### Blue Planet
Develop the necessary perspective required to solve the myriad complex water problems and sustainability issues being confronted by diverse societies.
**Contact:** Dr. Stephen Schoenholtz (stephen.schoenholtz@vt.edu)
Liz Sharp (lizsharp@vt.edu)

### Civic Agriculture & Food Systems
Learn how to strengthen an economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable agriculture and food system through interdisciplinary, experiential practice addressing “real world” issues.
**Contact:** Dr. Susan Sumner (calsap@vt.edu)

### Climate and Society
Explore and understand the science, causes, impacts, and policy of climate change at the local, regional, and international levels from different perspectives.
**Contact:** Dr. Carol Franco (carol@vt.edu)

### Data and Decisions
Advance the skills needed to think critically about information, consume and use data responsibly and ethically, and formulate judgments collaboratively, effectively, and efficiently.
**Contact:** Cara Conley (caral@vt.edu)
Dr. Michel Pleimling (pleim@vt.edu)

### Disabilities Studies
Prepare for careers working with or for people by engaging a multidisciplinary view of how disability is defined and what barriers to full inclusion are faced by individuals with disabilities.
**Contact:** Dr. Carolyn Shivers (shiverscm@vt.edu)

### Ecological Cities
Evaluate urban environmental issues with classmates from other disciplines and collaborate to critically analyze common problems related to sustainable design and practice in cities.
**Contact:** Dr. Eric Wiseman (pwiseman@vt.edu)

### Ecosystems for Human Well-being
Examine the connection between ecosystems and the services they provide to communities, their cultural impact on the environment, and the pathways associated with human and animal health risks.
**Contact:** Dr. Matt Eick (eick@vt.edu)
Renee Eaton (rselberg@vt.edu)

### Event & Experience Management
Consider and evaluate interconnections between place, culture, and environment within the context of the planning and implementation of a wide range of events.
**Contact:** Candace Fitch (canda68@vt.edu)

### Global Business Practices to Improve the Human Condition
Learn how to address global societal issues and apply sound business practices in an international setting to foster social change and improve prosperity.
**Contact:** Dr. Jennifer Clevenger (jcleveng@vt.edu)

### Global Food Security & Health
Explore the biophysical, technological, and institutional drivers that contribute to sustainable global food security and population health.
**Contact:** Dr. Susan Sumner (calsap@vt.edu)

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**Health Communication**
Learn the factors that affect health behavior and explore both theoretical and practical tools that can be used to promote and affect change related to health behavior.
Contact: Dr. Hannah Shinault (hshinault@vt.edu)

**Housing and Society**
Learn fundamental relationships between housing producers, consumers, and policymakers, while also specializing in one housing-related area of your choosing: data analysis, economics, family and community, social justice, or sustainability.
Contact: Chelsey Hancock (chelseyh@vt.edu)

**Innovation**
Collaborate with people from different backgrounds and experiences to expand on entrepreneurial ideas through customer discovery and business model activities.
Contact: Dr. Lisa McNair (lmcnair@vt.edu)

**Integrated Security**
Develop conceptual, analytical, and evaluative skills relative to the dynamic and cascading effects of emerging security events, threats, and risks.
Contact: Dr. Tim Luke (twluke@vt.edu)

**Language Sciences**
Connect language to any major by exploring the fundamental pieces and social significance of language, while learning how to conduct and evaluate different types of research.
Contact: Dr. Abby Walker (ajwalker@vt.edu)

**Materials in Society**
Understand the reciprocal relationship between society and science specifically with regard to materials and address issues by looking at the intersections of materials science, policy, and social equity.
Contact: Amy Kokkinakos (amyk@vt.edu)

**Organizational Leadership**
Expand leadership capabilities while gaining the knowledge and skills needed to successfully lead in business and professional contexts.
Contact: Dr. Kimberly Carlson (leadershipcenter@vt.edu)

**Pathways to Sustainability**
Integrate perspectives and tools to develop an expansive, multi-college, conceptualization of sustainability and complementary set of strategies to lead a diverse, interconnected world.
Contact: Julie Burger (jcburger@vt.edu)

**Peace Studies & Social Justice**
Develop the skills needed to become the next generation of peace scholars and activists and build a foundational understanding of the causes and consequences of violence and strategies for peacefully managing conflict.
Contact: Dr. Anastasia Vogt Yuan (avy@vt.edu)

**Philosophy, Politics, and Economics**
Examine the world from multiple perspectives, integrating knowledge to confront problems and make economically sound decisions that are socially, ethically, and politically informed.
Contact: Dr. Michael Moehler (moehler@vt.edu)

**Science, Technology, & Law**
Identify broad scientific problems in a global economy driven by knowledge and innovation, and discuss social and ethical issues at the intersection of science, technology, and law.
Contact: James Steiner (jimmy90@vt.edu)

**Strategic Communication**
Analyze and examine specific areas of communication and build a foundation of strategic communication through a process that involves communication, graphic design, and finance.
Contact: Dr. Cayce Myers (mcmyers@vt.edu)

**Technology, Humans, & the Environment**
Gain the knowledge and skills needed to simultaneously understand the capabilities and risks presented by technologies and explore the ways those technologies can advance more livable and sustainable communities.
Contact: Kathryn Clarke Albright (kclarke@vt.edu)

**Visual Arts & Society**
Build a deeper understanding of art and its intersections with society, and learn the flexible visual skills needed to evaluate the built environment in a global context.
Contact: Dr. James Jewitt (jjewitt@vt.edu)