



# College of Architecture and Urban Studies

## **VIRGINIA TECH FACTS:**

Eight colleges:  
Agriculture & Life  
Sciences, Architecture  
& Urban Studies,  
Engineering, Liberal  
Arts & Human Sciences,  
Natural Resources,  
Pamplin College of  
Business, Science, and  
Virginia-Maryland  
Regional College of  
Veterinary Medicine,  
plus a Graduate School

60 bachelor's degree  
programs

120 master's and  
doctoral degree  
programs

25,000+ full-time  
students, making it  
the largest in the  
commonwealth

16:1 student-faculty  
ratio

Main campus includes  
more than 100 buildings;  
2,600 acres; and an  
airport

Computing and  
communications  
complex for worldwide  
information access

Ranked 55th in  
university research in  
the  
United States

Has adjacent corporate  
research center

**VISION** The College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS) was founded in 1964 on a vision of the educational value of an interdisciplinary pedagogy; this approach is still much in evidence in our programs today.

**PROGRAMS** CAUS is composed of the School of Architecture + Design, with programs in Architecture, Industrial Design, and Interior Design; the School of Public and International Affairs, with programs in Urban Affairs and Planning, Government and International Affairs, and the Center for Public Administration and Policy; the Department of Construction; the Department of Landscape Architecture; and the Department of Art and Art History.

**ENROLLMENT** CAUS current enrollment is 2,036, of which 1,446 are undergraduate students and 590 are graduate students. CAUS employs 160 faculty and 39 staff.

**SIZE** CAUS is among the largest college of its type in the nation, with more than 2,000 students. Approximately 160 faculty members, drawn from 16 nations, teach in our three schools and two departments.

**LOCATIONS** College faculty and students are active year-round in three locations: Blacksburg and Alexandria, Virginia, and Riva San Vitale, Switzerland.

**Ph.D. DEGREES** CAUS is one of only about 13 institutions nationwide broadly concerned with the built environment that offer a doctorate in related disciplines. That cross-college degree is offered in both Blacksburg and Alexandria. A second doctoral program in public administration and policy is also offered at multiple campuses.

**B.A. AND M.A. DEGREES** CAUS departments and programs offer 10 baccalaureate degrees and 13 graduate degrees in their constituent fields.

**RANKING** Many CAUS programs are considered among the finest of their types in the nation, including undergraduate architecture (ranked in the top 10 in North America by Design Intelligence), interior design, graduate urban and regional planning, and Center for Public Administration and Policy masters and doctoral programs.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION** CAUS offers several different graduate programs in the national capital region at its Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, location, including the Doctorate in Environmental Design and Planning, Master of Architecture, Master of Science in Architecture, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and Master of Landscape Architecture. Fourth- and fifth-year architecture and landscape architecture students may also study at the Architecture Center in Alexandria to add an urban component to their educational experience. The Metropolitan Institute, an internationally recognized center that researches metropolitan growth and more, is also located at the Alexandria location.

**SWITZERLAND** CAUS faculty members have actively participated for almost 40 years in study abroad programming in Europe, Latin America, and beyond. This experience led to the creation of the Virginia Tech Center for European Studies and Architecture in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland, in 1993. CAUS maintains a studio there each fall and spring, and also offers summer programs that utilize the facility.

**RESEARCH** CAUS faculty members have attracted more than \$9.3 million of sponsored research funding this past fiscal year, placing CAUS in the top group of similar colleges nationwide.

*Mission: To promote an understanding of the complexity of the environment in which we live, and to improve the quality of that environment through thoughtful design, planning, and construction.*

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