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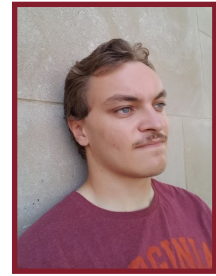
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What is Wintermester?

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Winter is Coming. Last winter, I took an online CLE class on Game of Thrones and an on-campus class on virtual reality during Wintermester - and I had the time of my life. Winter-mester is a semester that Virginia Tech offers over winter break, and has a ton of available classes and opportunities.

You should think about taking a Wintermester class if:

- You're worried about getting the 3.0 and want to take an elective or two to boost your GPA

- You see an elective class you're interested in

- You want to get a CLE out of the way

- You failed a class and want to try again before the spring semester

General information about Wintermester:

Not all classes are on campus! Many CLE classes can be taken online.

Wintermester doesn't last the entire winter break. On-campus classes usually start a couple days after Christmas and go until the end of the break. Some on-campus classes have an online portion that start a week before that.

You can stay in your dorm room at Lee hall! There's a form you have to fill out, but I had no issues doing this.

There are not many people on campus – there were only 5 people in Lee Hall last winter!

Except for the ABP in Squires, dining halls are closed. I brought cereal and canned foods with me and ate those every day. For lunch, I usually ate in Blacksburg with my classmates.

You can take up to 6 credits.

Note that taking a content heavy class (dynamics, physics, statics etc) over winter break is hard. I would not recommend you do it unless you either need it or are willing to be 100000% dedicated to it. Those classes meet multiple times a day and more or less your life will be that subject for 2-3 weeks. If you are willing to be committed to the subject, it is doable.

On the other hand, taking an elective class over winter break can be incredibly fun! My class on virtual reality (offered again this winter for honors-eligible students, UH 3004), was the coolest thing I've done in my life and I loved every minute of it. My Game of Thrones class (also being offered again, HUM 1604) was also a total blast. Wintermester is a great opportunity to explore elective classes, and I highly recommend it to those who are considering it!.

Happy Almost Halloween!
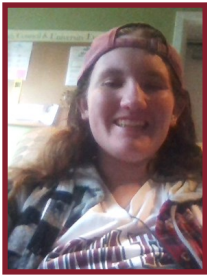
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Halloween is an awesome opportunity to get together with your friends and do something fun. There is an option for anybody whether you are looking for a happy haunt or something more scary!

The Gallows: Located in Elliston Virginia, this haunted corn maze/haunted house is perfect for those looking for a good scare. If you bring ten or more people you can get a discount on tickets!

www.fearthegallows.com

Movie night: No matter how many scares you want, you will always be able to find a movie to watch. Mild, comedic movies you can choose from include *The Addams Family*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, and *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*. Scarier movies include *The Exorcist*, *Scream*, and *Halloween*. Grab your friends, make some popcorn and get watching.

Trick or Treating, Dorm Style: If you and your neighbors in your dorm each get a few pieces of candy to hand out you can get dressed up in a costume and go room to room trick-or-treating. (Or if a friend has a car you could go into Blacksburg or Christiansburg for trick-or-treating.)
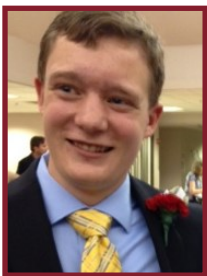
Halloween Bake Off: Get your friends to each make a Halloween treat. There are great ideas on websites like Pinterest and www.delish.com.

Some Advice:

Always remember that there is no age limit for free candy!

New Logo

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In September, Virginia Tech released a new academic logo. Now the logos for both academics and athletics will look nearly identical. On top of the changes made to the logo, the tagline, "Invent the Future," was removed.

Virginia Tech said that creating the logo itself cost around $25,000, which is approximately the same amount as one year of tuition for an in-state student at Tech. The process for implementing the new logo onto signs and merchandise will cost around $1 million. This money will come from the Virginia Tech Foundation funds.

The old academic logo was a maroon shield bearing the Pylons of War Memorial court with the cenotaph in between. The new logo is no different than the athletics logo most of us recognize; the only differences is that the outlining the "VT" is thicker and the top left corner of the T is rounded.

The university tagline is also being phased out and there haven't been any plans revealed to replace it. "Invent the Future" had been Virginia Tech's tagline since 2006. However, the marketing team has followed other universities around the country in removing the tagline.

Whether or not you like these changes, it is only the academics logo that's changing. While I like the old logo, I think we should give this new logo a chance even if it really seems pointlessly similar to the athletics logo and is costing the university a lot of money to implement.