

Virginia State University



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ABOUT VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Virginia State University (VSU), founded in 1882 as the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute – the first fully state supported, four-year institution of higher learning for Blacks in America – today is one of Virginia’s two land-grant institutions. VSU offers 50 baccalaureate and Master’s degree programs and a Certificate of Advanced Study within five schools. In 2006, Virginia State University graduated its first-ever doctoral students, who earned their Doctor of Education in Administration and Supervision.

Recent rankings in *U.S. News and World Report* reflect VSU’s improvements and measurable progress in a broad array of areas, including quality of student attending the school, class size, faculty expertise, graduation and retention rates and alumni giving. The university has also been able to develop valuable partnerships with the private and public sector entities, leading to internship opportunities for its students and other valuable exchanges of knowledge. A few examples are: Alstom Power, CIA, DuPont, IBM, ITT Industries, Owens & Minor, USDA, Walt Disney World, Co. and Xerox.



RANKING

- *U.S. News & World Report* acknowledged VSU’s excellence by naming the University the top, public, master’s level HBCU in America. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* ranked VSU 22nd among all colleges in the U.S. in awarding Bachelor’s degrees to African-Americans in 2007.
- *Diverse Issues...* also ranked the University among the top 100 colleges in the U.S. in awarding Master’s degrees to minorities in several areas. For the granting of Master’s degrees to African Americans VSU ranked: 7th in mathematics and statistics; 24th in biological and biomedical sciences; 10th in English language and literature/letters; and 32nd in education.

SUPERLATIVES/RECENT ACCOLADES

- VSU opened a new state of the art \$20 million three story Engineering and Technology Building in late Fall 2006
- The American Association of State Colleges and Universities recognized VSU as one of 12 universities nationwide that reported higher than predicted graduation rates as well higher than predicted improvement in graduation rates

RESEARCH

- The university has research Centers of Excellence in several areas including Physics, Energy and Environmental Studies, Engineering Technology, Water Quality Management, Aquaculture, Education, Social Sciences, and Business.
- VSU's research activities are sponsored by, among others, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Defense Department, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health as well as private industry.
- To learn more about VSU's research activities, please visit <http://www.vsu.edu/pages/152.asp>



FULLTIME ENROLLMENT

(2008-2009): 5,042

IN-STATE TUITION: Undergraduate: \$2,951.50; Graduate: \$3,547

OUT OF STATE TUITION: Undergraduate: \$7,009; Graduate: \$7,521

AFFILIATED SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, GRADUATE SCHOOLS:

School of Agriculture

School of Business

School of Engineering, Science and Technology

School of Liberal Arts and Education

School of Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach

NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED (2007-2008):

Associates: 14

Bachelor's: 599

Master's: 99

Doctorate: 9



SELECTED DEGREES OFFERED:

Selected Science and Engineering Degrees	Bachelor's	Master's
Biology	X	X
Chemistry and Physics	X	X
Engineering	X	
Engineering Technology	X	
Industrial Education and Technology	X	
Mathematics and Computer Science	X	X
Physics		X
Plant Science		X



Selected Business and Other Degrees	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.
Accounting and Finance	X		
Computer Information Systems	X		
Counselor Education		X	
Economics	X	X	
Education		X	
Educational Administration & Supervision		X	X
Management and Marketing	X		
Nursing	X		
Sports Management		X	
Vocational and Technical Education		X	