

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm

What is El Centro?

El Centro is the Cultural and Community Center for the Latinx community at Virginia Tech. This is a support space for all people that identify themselves as Latinos or Hispanos, for the people interested in our culture, and for all our allies. El Centro works with the Latinx Library, initiated by a 2015 [Virginia Tech Graduate School Diversity Scholar](#) now hosts over 500 texts in multiple languages for all ages.

Please note that due to COVID-19 safety procedures, El Centro now has a maximum capacity of 7 individuals. Wearing a mask or face-covering is mandatory and occupants are expected to practice physical distancing by keeping a safe, six-foot distance from other occupants.

If you haven't voted early yet, tomorrow is your last chance to vote in the General Election!

If you need some information about the candidates, here are some non-partisan links to information about the presidential candidates as well as those running in Virginia.

Use your voice for those who can't!

Presidential Guide: <https://campuselect.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Presidential-Nonpartisan-Candidate-Guide.pdf>

Virginia Senate Guide: <https://campuselect.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Virginia-Senate-2020-nonpartisan-candidate-guide.pdf>

"Day of the Dead (Dia De Muertos) is a two day holiday that reunites the living and dead. Families create ofrendas (Offerings) to honor their departed family members that have passed. These altars are decorated with bright yellow marigold flowers, photos of the departed, and the favorite foods and drinks of the one being honored. The offerings are believed to encourage visits from the land of the dead as the departed souls hear their prayers, smell their foods and join in the celebrations!

Day of the Dead is a rare holiday for celebrating death and life. It is unlike any holiday where mourning is exchanged for celebration."

<https://dayofthedead.holiday/>

The Latino Association of Student Organizations (LASO) is having their Dia de Muertos event **today at 5:30pm!**

If you'd like to join, simply log into this Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/82111975242>

SOAR Scholarships are now open!

Visit Scholarship Central at <https://vt.academicworks.com/> to apply!

"The Mining and Minerals Engineering department - Diversity committee would like to reach out to all the student at Virginia Tech. We have an amazing undergraduate and graduate program that we would like to expand. We are committed to increasing our graduate student's diverse population and need your help on doing so.

We have an great team of Faculty and Staff that would love to talk to each one of the sophomore and seniors students to explain how Mining and Minerals Engineering Graduate Program can enrich their career and give them endless opportunities. We also offer scholarships."

<http://mine...@vt.edu>

<http://www.miningvt.edu>

Did you know that Living-Learning Programs (LLPs) are not just for first-year students, and that for most communities you don't have to currently be a member to apply? Living on campus for multiple years is a great way to get and stay connected – to resources, friends, and even new Hokies! Here at Virginia Tech we have many LLPs that enhance your on-campus experience even more!

LLPs provide opportunities for students with similar interests to live together and participate in activities that cater to their academic, social, and personal needs. Joining an LLP gives you the opportunity to get to know a wide variety of students, faculty, and staff and can also make Virginia Tech feel a bit smaller.

Want to learn more? We have a General Information Session about all LLPs coming up next week. You can register [here](#).

You can also go to <https://llp.vt.edu/event.html> to find out about all of our community-specific information sessions this week and next week.

New for Fall 2021:

Aurora (Interfaith Engagement)

Creativity and Innovation District LLP

GenerationOne (First-Generation Students)

Many of our long-standing LLPs are also accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year:

[Hillcrest & Honors Residential Commons \(Honors\)](#)

[Innovate \(Entrepreneurship\)](#)

[Leadership and Social Change Residential College](#)

[Meraki \(Well-being\)](#)

[Mozaiko \(Languages and Global Learning\)](#)

[Residential College at West Ambler Johnston](#)

[Studio 72 \(Arts and Creativity\)](#)

[Thrive \(Personal Growth\)](#)

[Ujima \(Culture and Identity\)](#)

[VIA \(Major Exploration\)](#)

Lastly, the following communities are available only to current 2020-21 community members who wish to return:

[Galileo & Hypatia \(Engineering\)](#)
[Orion \(Sciences\)](#)
[Transfer Experience \(Transfer Students\)](#)

Should you choose to accept an offered space in any of the communities above, your commitment to the community would be for one academic year. Additional information on these communities can be found at lp.vt.edu. To apply, please visit your StarRez portal and select “LLP Returners” from the top right corner. Applications are open now through November 13, 2020. Spaces are limited, so apply today! Please direct any questions to livingl...@vt.edu.

[Recreational Sports](#) is seeking students interested in employment opportunities that begin in the spring 2021 semester. Rec Sports has one of the largest student staff teams on campus with over 500 employees who inspire the Virginia Tech community to live healthy and active lifestyles.

Both work study and non-work study positions are available. Please find [linked here](#) a list of current positions available as well as spring 2021 academic courses (currently available for registration) that help students receive certifications to make them eligible for certain staff positions.

<https://recsports.vt.edu/>

<https://recsports.vt.edu/About/Employment.html>

The Aurora Interfaith Living Learning Community at Virginia Tech is a community of students — religious, non-religious, spiritual, secular, and seekers — who come together to explore the ways people make meaning and search for purpose, to connect to one another, and to work for positive action in the world. Living in Aurora, students will learn skills to interact with people of diverse beliefs and to engage in meaningful change in the community.

Located in Pritchard Hall, this inclusive community is open to all academic majors, all class years, and all religious and non-religious identities. Centered on interfaith dialogue and cooperation, Aurora provides space for students to learn and grow as they reflect on their values, learn more about diverse worldviews, engage across lines of difference, and develop leadership skills to engage in interfaith for the common good.

Attend an Info session on November 3, 5-6 pm. Register at dos.vt.edu/aurorainfo.

Apply to live in Aurora in 2020-21. Applications open until November 13. Apply at lp.vt.edu/lc/aurora

Kelby and Kim are always willing to listen to you. If you'd like to start a conversation, join them on **Monday's from 12-1pm** and **Wednesday's from 11am-12pm!**

Link to discord for office hours: <https://discord.gg/vAcfKPR>

Dr. Carlos Evia is El Centro's faculty fellow for this 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Evia is a Professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and specializes in technical communication. Dr. Evia is available to speak about his background, academia, and what it is like to be a Latinx professor at Virginia Tech.

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