You applied to General Engineering but were offered admission into your second choice of University Studies: What does this mean?

The applicant pool for admission into the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech was highly competitive. This year we received over 10,000 applications for 1,705 available spaces. Many remarkable students, like you, were not offered admission into the College of Engineering. The fact that you received an offer of admission to Virginia Tech means we were still very impressed with your application, and we would love for you to be a part of the Virginia Tech Class of 2020! We certainly understand your disappointment that your offer of admission is not into the College of Engineering, but we hope that you are still interested in pursuing your academic future here at Virginia Tech in University Studies.

While every student who enters Virginia Tech in University Studies eventually moves into a degree-granting major, there is no guarantee that you will be able to complete an internal transfer into the College of Engineering. While most majors here are open to internal transfer, all engineering majors are restricted and transferring into the College of Engineering once here is not guaranteed due to only 250 internal spaces. Some courses required for internal transfer are not available to students in University Studies or other majors except during our summer terms; the required GPA for internal transfers is the highest at the university; and most internal transfers to the College of Engineering can expect one additional year of enrollment to complete the degree.

The focus of your academic advising in University Studies your first year will be to fulfill the Curriculum for Liberal Education which is required of all students here, regardless of major. Additionally, academic advisors in University Studies will help you explore and prepare for an eventual transfer into a degree-granting major.

Each year, hundreds of students enter Virginia Tech in University Studies and go on to have very fulfilling experiences at the university. After learning more about other phenomenal academic options, students often find a perfect fit in majors they never knew existed or had not yet explored. We encourage you to learn more about University Studies by visiting the website (www.universitystudies.vt.edu); connecting with academic advisors in University Studies; or attending their information session during Hokie Focus on April 9 or 10, 2016.

Lastly, please know that some majors still have space available for fall 2016. If you do have another major that interests you and that major still has space available, we will be happy to review your request for that major. Please view our online list of available majors at www.admiss.vt.edu/available-majors.