QUICK FACTS
2021-2022

ATHLETICS
NCAA Division II
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)
Mascot: Trojans

17 Men's and Women's Varsity Teams
2021 CIAA Men's Cross Country Champions
2022 CIAA Men's Indoor Track & Field Champions
Head Coach Wilbert Johns CIAA Coach of the Year (Cross Country and Men's Indoor Track & Field)

OUR MISSION
Virginia State University, a public, comprehensive 1890 Land Grant institution and historically black college/university, is committed to the preparation of a diverse population of men and women through the advancement of academic programs and services that integrate instruction, research, extension, and outreach. The University endeavors to meet the educational needs of students, graduating lifelong learners who are well equipped to serve their communities as informed citizens, globally competitive leaders, and highly effective, ethical professionals.

ACADEMIC COLLEGES
College of Agriculture
Reginald F. Lewis College of Business
College of Education
College of Engineering and Technology
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
College of Natural and Health Sciences

The Virginia State University Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) program is nationally ranked in the country. Two alumni are in the United States Army Cadet Command Hall of Fame.

OTHER COLLEGES - College of Graduate Studies

DEGREE & CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE 36
GRADUATE 17
DOCTORAL 2
CERTIFICATES 8
FULLY ONLINE 5

ACCRREDITATION
Virginia State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters and doctorate degrees.

PRESIDENT
Makola M. Abdullah, Ph.D.

COLLEGE & PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS
AACSB Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
ABET Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
ACEND Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
ACPHA Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
ATMAE Association of Technology Management and Applied Engineering
CAEP Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
CSWE Council on Social Work Education
NASAD National Association of Schools of Art and Design
NASM National Association of Schools of Music

HISTORY
Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute
Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute
Virginia State College for Negroes
Virginia State College
Virginia State University

HISTORICAL EVENTS
1882
1902
1930
1946
1979
2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, Virginia State University announced the establishment of Virginia’s first and only military cultural competency training certification program offered at a university. The online Homefront Readjustment for the Armed Forces certificate program is designed to teach students how to interact with active-duty service members, veterans, and their families with consideration for military culture and sensitivities.

In 2021, Virginia State University established the nation’s first HBCU Center for Policing Leadership and Social Justice. The newly established initiative, known as The Center, will further allow VSU and the surrounding communities to address the critical divide between law enforcement and communities of color.

In 2021, Virginia State University (VSU) and Virginia Commonwealth University Massey Cancer Center (Massey) partnered together to use a prestigious “team science” grant to create a program that’s the first-of-its-kind in the state of Virginia. The $1.7 million grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) will be dispersed over a four-year period and will focus on reducing cancer disparities and providing hands-on research.

In 2022, Virginia State University was selected as one of six Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) across the country to take part in a research and design project focused on building an integrated framework for digital learning at HBCUs. The project is a first-of-its-kind $2.5 million Digital Learning Infrastructure (DLI) initiative led by Complete College America (CCA) and supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).

In 2022, VSU grew to offer five fully online programs: a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Hospitality Management, a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing, a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Special Education, a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Administration and Supervision, and a Certification in Homefront Readjustment for the Armed Forces.

In 2022, Virginia State University announced that it will offer the University’s first ever fully online four-year degree in Hospitality Management degree beginning in fall 2022. The new fully online hospitality bachelor’s degree offered at any public university in the Commonwealth of Virginia.