QUICK FACTS 2022-2023

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.

OUR MISSION

HISTORY

1882 Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute
1902 Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute
1930 Virginia State College for Negroes
1946 Virginia State College
1979 Virginia State University

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.

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 ranked among the best in the country. Two VSU alumni are in the United States Army Cadet Command Hall of Fame.

ACCREDITATION

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

COLLEGE & PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS

SIX FULLY ONLINE DEGREE & CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

• Education, M.Ed
• Hospitality Management, B.S.
• Social Work, M.S.W.
• Educational Administration & Supervision, Ed.
• Homefront Readjustment for the Armed Forces, Undergraduate Certificate
• Nursing, B.S.N

ATHLETICS

NCAA Division II
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)

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)

Mascot: Troy the Trojan
Virginia State University started an innovative program to address the Richmond and Petersburg Teacher Shortage. The VSU program offers free tuition to graduate students who agree to work in the local school systems after obtaining their degree.

Virginia State University received a $1.45 million grant to assist enrolled student-parents (students who are also parents) with childcare costs. The funds will be used to offer student-parents access to affordable childcare services both on and off campus.

Virginia State University was selected as one of six Historically Black Colleges and 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 and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).

Virginia State University created the VSU Center for Creative and Entertainment Arts, designed to provide academic offerings, research, workforce development, and entrepreneurship in the arts.

Virginia State University received a portion of a $1 million Health Innovation and Research Grant. VSU is one of five HBCUs in the country to be awarded $200K for visionary projects focusing on health-related research. The Propel Center grant supports faculty and students' world-class research and innovation opportunities.