Urban Forestry at Virginia Tech
Promoting sustainable urban forests through education and research

As a student in our program, you will be prepared for a profession in two primary areas: urban forestry and arboriculture.

As an urban forester, you will lead communities in the policy, planning, and management of their trees and greenspaces. Your urban forestry career might be with a municipal, state, or federal agency.

Or, you may choose to become an arborist and focus your career on planting, monitoring, and maintaining trees.

Your arboriculture career could take you to an arboretum, a tree care business, a utility company, or a non-profit organization.

Some students even start their own consulting or tree care businesses after a few years in industry. Others move on to graduate school to prepare for careers in research and education.

Virginia Tech is a nationally recognized leader in natural resources education and research. Virginia Tech's undergraduate curriculum holds Society of American Foresters Specialized Accreditation in Urban Forestry. This accreditation assurs that the curriculum has both breadth and depth specifically in urban forestry and meets the highest professional standards.

Our students take classes in:
- Forest & Tree Biology
- Urban Forest Management and Policy
- Urban and Land Use Planning
- Arboriculture
- Plant Pathology and Entomology
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Remote Sensing

In these courses, you will learn how to plant and maintain trees, diagnose and treat tree disorders, measure and map urban forests, write urban forest management policies and plans, organize and execute community forestry projects.
At Virginia Tech, you can pursue a **Bachelor of Science in Forestry with a concentration in Urban Forestry**. A minor in Urban Forestry is also available.

Graduate degree programs are offered at the M.S., M.F. (Master of Forestry), and Ph.D. level.

There are **numerous scholarship opportunities specifically for Urban Forestry students**. In addition, financial aid is available through the College of Natural Resources & Environment.

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**Urban Forestry & Arboriculture**  
at Virginia Tech

Preparing you for a rewarding career in the care and management of urban greenspaces and landscape trees