



## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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### **Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia**

The Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia has been established for the general purpose of providing a basic, broad-based, general education in essential academic skills, in different perspectives on the common culture, in humanities, fine arts, science, mathematics, technology, social sciences, and other academic courses which are appropriate for preparation for the student's major.

The Core Curriculum facilitates the educational progress of students as they pursue baccalaureate degrees within and among the various units of the University System of Georgia. It represents an effort to deal effectively with students' curricular problems resulting from increased enrollments, increased numbers of students enrolled in two-year colleges, increased mobility of student populations, increasing numbers and complexity of major fields of study offered in the four-year schools and universities, and the transfer of credit among units of the University System of Georgia.

The Core Curriculum is composed of 60 required semester hours in several areas of study:

Area A	Essential Skills .....	9 semester hours
Area B	Perspectives .....	4 semester hours
Area C	Humanities and Fine Arts .....	6 semester hours
Area D	Science, Mathematics, and Technology .....	11 semester hours
Area E	Social Sciences .....	12 semester hours
Area F	Courses Appropriate to the Major .....	18 semester hours

## **General Education in the University System of Georgia**

From the origins of intellectual study to the present, general education has been a key to a fulfilling life of self-knowledge, self-reflection, critical awareness, and lifelong learning. General education has traditionally focused on oral and written communication, quantitative reasoning and mathematics, studies in culture and society, scientific reasoning, and aesthetic appreciation. Today, general education also assists students in their understanding of technology, information literacy, diversity, and global awareness. In meeting all of these needs, general education provides college students with their best opportunity to experience the breadth of human knowledge and the ways that knowledge in various disciplines is interrelated.

In the University System of Georgia, general education programs consist of a group of courses known as the Core Curriculum as well as other courses and co-curricular experiences specific to each institution. The attainment of general education learning outcomes prepares responsible, reflective citizens who adapt constructively to change. General education programs impart knowledge, values, skills, and behaviors related to critical thinking and logical problem-solving. General education includes opportunities for interdisciplinary learning and experiences that increase intellectual curiosity, providing the basis for advanced study in the variety of fields offered by today's colleges and universities.

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- For General Education in the University System of Georgia  
[http://www.usg.edu/academics/programs/core\\_curriculum/gen\\_ed.phtml](http://www.usg.edu/academics/programs/core_curriculum/gen_ed.phtml)
- For additional information on the Core Curriculum Principles and Framework:  
<http://www.usg.edu/academics/handbook/section2/2.04/2.04.phtml>
- To consult the Common Student Learning Outcomes for the Core Curriculum:  
[http://www.usg.edu/academics/core\\_curriculum/outcomes.phtml](http://www.usg.edu/academics/core_curriculum/outcomes.phtml)
- To read the General Guidelines for Core Curriculum Areas A-E:  
<http://www.usg.edu/academics/handbook/section2/2.04/2.04.01.phtml>

VSU General Education Outcomes

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/VSUGeneralEducationOutcomes.shtml>

**VSU CORE CURRICULUM**

**60 SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED**

Descriptions of the courses in the Core Curriculum are found in the *Courses of Instruction* section, listed in alphabetical order by course prefix.

Any additional hours selected in the Core Curriculum by the student may be counted as electives in the major program, if allowed by the major program.

**Area A Essential Skills ..... 9 semester hours**

ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101H ..... 3 hours

ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1102H ..... 3 hours

One of the following ..... 3 hours

MATH 1101 or MATH 1111... 3 hours

MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H ... 3 hours

MATH 2261 or MATH 2261H ... 4 hours

MATH 2262 ...4 hours

**NOTE:** MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H (or higher) is required of all students majoring in (or intending to transfer within the University System with a major in) architecture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering technology, geology, geography (B.S.), forestry, pharmacy, mathematics, physical therapy, physics, or secondary education (biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics). MATH 2261 (or higher) is required of all students intending to transfer within the University System with a major in engineering.

**AREAB Institutional Options (Perspectives) 4 semester hours**

Two different courses required, each from a different area of the Perspectives; all courses carry 2 semester credit hours.

1. Perspectives on Ethics/Values
2. Perspectives on Tradition and Change
3. Perspectives on Human Expression
4. Perspectives on the Environment/Physical World
5. Perspectives on Race/Gender
6. Perspectives on Cross-Cultural Understanding/Expression
7. Perspectives on the World of Work

**AREAC Humanities / Fine Arts ..... 6 semester hours**

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ENGL 2110 or ENGL 2110H, ENGL 2120 or ENGL 2120H,  
ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2130H

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ART 1100 or ART 1100H, COMM 1100, COMM 1110,  
DANC 1500, MUSC 1100, MUSC 1110, MUSC 1120,  
MUSC 1130, MDIA 2000, THEA 1100, PHIL 2010  
or PHIL 2010H, PHIL 2020 or PHIL 2020H, REL 2020,  
WGST 2010, ENGL 2110 or ENGL 2110H, ENGL 2120  
or ENGL 2120H, ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2130H,

FREN 1001, FREN 1002, FREN 1111, FREN 2001,  
 FREN 2002, GRMN 1001, GRMN 1002, GRMN 1111,  
 GRMN 2001, GRMN 2002, JAPN 1001, JAPN 1002,  
 JAPN 1111, JAPN 2001, JAPN 2002, LATN 1001,  
 LATN 1002, LATN 1111, LATN 2001, LATN 2002,  
 RUSS 1001, RUSS 1002, RUSS 1111, RUSS 2001,  
 RUSS 2002, SPAN 1001, SPAN 1002, SPAN 1111,  
 SPAN 2001, SPAN 2002 or SPAN 2002H

**Area D Science, Mathematics, and Technology ..... 11 semester hours**

**\*\*Science and mathematics majors** must follow D.2.a requirements.  
**Nursing majors** must follow D.2.b requirements.  
**All other students** may choose D.1., D.2.a, or D.2.b.

**AREAD.1**

Any two courses from the following ..... 8 hours

ASTR 1010K, ASTR 1020K, BIOL 1010/1020L,  
 BIOL 1030/1040L, BIOL 1951H, BIOL 1952H,  
 CHEM 1010, CHEM 1151K, CHEM 1152K,  
 CHEM 1211 and 1211L, CHEM 1212 and 1212L,  
 GEOG 1112K, GEOG 1113K, GEOL 1121K, GEOL 1122K,  
 PHYS 1111K, PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K

Any one course from the following ..... 3 hours

ASTR 1000, BIOL 1050, BIOL 1060, BIOL 1070,  
 BIOL 1080, BIOL 1090, ENGR 1010, GEOG 1110,  
 GEOL 1110, MATH 1112, MATH 1261, MATH 2620,  
 MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100

**AREAD.2.a** Required of majors in of astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental geosciences, mathematics, physics, secondary biology education, secondary chemistry education, secondary mathematics education, secondary earth and space science education, secondary physics education, and all students in the pre-engineering program.

Mathematics, above the level taken for Area A ..... 3 hours

**For biology majors:** MATH 2261, MATH 2262, or MATH 2620

**For all other science or mathematics majors:**

MATH 2261 or MATH 2262

(The additional hour of calculus [MATH 2261 & 2262] counts in Area F or in the major.)

Science (for all students listed above) ..... 8 hours

BIOL 1107, CHEM 1211 and 1211L,  
 CHEM 1212 and 1212L, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K

**AREA D.2.b** Required of nursing majors

Two semester laboratory sequences ..... 8 hours

PHYS 1111K and PHYS 1112K or  
PHYS 2211K and PHYS 2212K or  
CHEM 1151K and CHEM 1152K or  
CHEM 1211-1211L and CHEM 1212-1212L or  
BIOL 1010-1020L and BIOL 1030-1040L

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ASTR 1000, ASTR 1010K, ASTR 1020K,  
BIOL 1010/1020L, BIOL 1030/1040L, BIOL 1050,  
BIOL 1060, BIOL 1070, BIOL 1080, BIOL 1090,  
CHEM 1010, CHEM 1211 and 1211L,  
CHEM 1212 and 1212L, GEOG 1110,  
GEOG 1112K, GEOG 1113K, GEOL 1110,  
GEOL 1121K, GEOL 1122K, PHYS 1111K,  
PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K,  
ENGR 1010, MATH 1112, MATH 2620,  
MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100

**Area E Social Sciences ..... 12 semester hours**

POLS 1101 or POLS 1101H ..... 3 hours

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

HIST 2111 or HIST 2111H,  
HIST 2112 or HIST 2112H

Any two courses from the following ..... 6 hours

AFAM 2020/WGST 2020, ANTH 1102 or ANTH 1102H,  
ECON 1500, ECON 1900H, GEOG 1100, GEOG 1101, GEOG 1102,  
GEOG 1103, HIST 1011 or HIST 1011H, HIST 1012 or  
HIST 1012H, HIST 1013 or HIST 1013H, POLS 2101,  
POLS 2401 or POLS 2401H, POLS 2501, PSYC 2500 or  
PSYC 2500H, SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1101H, SOCI 1160

**Area F Courses Appropriate to the Major ..... 18 semester hours**

Requirements vary according to the major program. See the requirements  
for Area F in the departmental section of your major.

## DEGREES OFFERED AT VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS	DEGREES
Biology	Biology	B. A., B.S.
Chemistry	Chemistry	B.S.
English	English	B.A.
History	History	B.A.
Mathematics & Computer Science	Mathematics	B.A.
	Applied Mathematics	B.S.
	Computer Science	B.S.
	Computer Information Systems	B.S.
Modern and Classical Languages	French	B.A.
	French Education Track	B.A.
	Spanish	B.A.
	Spanish Education Track	B.A.
Philosophy and Religious Studies	Philosophy and Religious Studies	B.A.
Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences	Physics	B.S.
	Astronomy	B.S.
	Environmental Geosciences	B.S.
Political Science	Political Science	B.A.
	Legal Assistant Studies	B.A.
Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice	Sociology and Anthropology	B.A.
	Criminal Justice	B.A.
College-wide	Associate of Arts	A.A.
General Studies	B.G.S.	

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS	DEGREES
Accounting and Finance	Accounting	B.B.A.
	Finance	B.B.A.
Management	Management	B.B.A.
Marketing and Economics	Marketing	B.B.A.
	Economics	B.B.A.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS	DEGREES
Adult and Career Education	Business Education	B.S.Ed.
	Technical, Trade, and Industrial Education	B.S.Ed.
	Office Administration & Technology	B.S.
	Technical Studies	B.A.S.
	Cooperative Technical Program	A.A.S.
	Dental Hygiene	A.A.S.
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Communication Disorders	B.S.Ed.
Early Childhood and Special Education	Early Childhood Education	B.S.Ed.
	Early Childhood Special Education General Curriculum	B.S.Ed.
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Exercise Physiology	B.S.E.P.
	Health & Physical Education	B.S.Ed.
	Athletic Training	B.S.

Middle,Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education	Middle Grades Education	B.S.Ed.
	Deaf Education	B.S.Ed.
	ASL/Interpreting	B.S.Ed.
Psychology and Counseling	Psychology	B.A., B.S

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Undergraduate Department	Nursing	B.S.N.
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**COLLEGE OF THE ARTS  
DEPARTMENTS**

	<b>MAJOR PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DEGREES</b>
Art	Art	B.A., B.F.A
	Art Education	B.F.A.
	Interior Design	B.F.A.
Communication Arts	Mass Media	B.F.A.
	Speech Communication	B.F.A.
	Theatre Arts	B.F.A.
	Dance	B.F.A.
Music Music	B.A.	
	Music Performance	B.M.
	Music Education	B.M.

**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

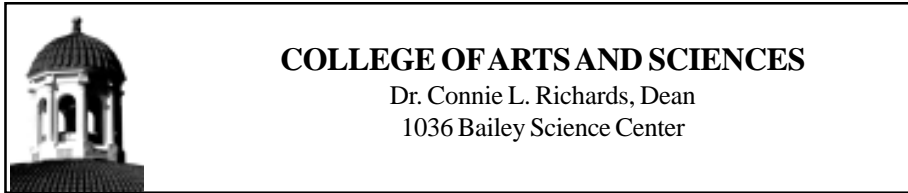
	<b>MAJOR PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DEGREES</b>
<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>		
Biology	Biology	M.S.
English	English	M.A.
History	History	M.A.
Political Science	Public Administration	M.P.A., <b>D.P.A.</b>
Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice	M.S.
	Marriage and Family Therapy	M.S.
	Sociology	M.S.
<b>College of Business Administration</b>		
	Business Administration	M.B.A.
	Accountancy	M.Acc.

<b>College of Education</b>		
Adult and Career Education	Adult and Career Education	<b>Ed.D.</b>
	Adult and Career Education	M.Ed.
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Communication Disorders	M.Ed.
Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology	Curriculum and Instruction	<b>Ed.D.</b>
	Instructional Technology	M.Ed., Ed.S.
	Educational Leadership	<b>Ed.D.</b>
	Educational Leadership	M.Ed., Ed.S.
Early Childhood and Special Education	Early Childhood Education	M.Ed.
	Early Childhood Special Education	
	General Curriculum	M.Ed.
	Special Education	M.A.T. (2)
Kinesiology & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education	M.Ed.
Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education	Middle Grades Education	M.Ed., M.A.T.
	Middle Grades Math & Science	M.Ed.
	Secondary Education	M.Ed., M.A.T.
	English, History, Earth Science, Mathematics, Spanish, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Political Science	M.Ed.
	Accomplished Teaching	M. Ed.
	Reading Education	M.Ed.
	Deaf Education	M.Ed.
	Special Educ.-	
	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	^ M.A.T.
	Teaching and Learning	Ed.S.
Psychology and Counseling	Clinical/Counseling Psychology or Industrial/Organizational Psychology	M.S.
	School Counseling	M.Ed., Ed.S.
	School Psychology	Ed.S.
<b>College of Nursing</b>		
	Nursing	M.S.N.
<b>College of The Arts</b>		
Music Music Education	M.M.E.	
Communication Arts	Communication	M. A. C.
<b>Division of Social Work</b>		
		M.S.W.
<b>Library and Information Science</b>		
		M.L.I.S.



## University Course Designation Abbreviations

ACCT	Accounting	KSPE	Kinesiology & Physical Education
ACED	Adult and Career Education	LATN	Latin
AFAM	African American Studies	LEAD	Educational Leadership
ANTH	Anthropology	LEAS	Legal Assistant Studies
ARED	Art Education	LIBS	Library Science
ARID	Interior Design	LING	Linguistics
ARST	Special Topics in Art	LITR	Literacy
ART	Art Studio & Art Appreciation	MATH	Mathematics
ARTH	Art History	MBA	Master of Business Administration
AS	Aerospace Studies	MDIA	Mass Media
ASLS	American Sign Language Studies	MFTH	Marriage and Family Therapy
ASTR	Astronomy	MGED	Middle Grades Education
BIOL	Biology	MGMS	Middle Grades Math and Science
BUSA	Business Administration	MGNT	Management
CHEM	Chemistry	MKTG	Marketing
CIED	Curriculum and Instruction	MLIS	Master of Library and Information Science
CISM	Computer Information Systems Management	MSED	Middle & Secondary Education
COMM	Communication Arts	MUE	Music Education
COOP	Cooperative Education	MUSC	Music
CRJU	Criminal Justice	NURS	Nursing
CWCL	Creative Writing and Contemporary Literature	NUTR	Nutrition
CS	Computer Science	PADM	Public Administration
CSD	Communication Sciences and Disorders	PERS	Perspective Courses
DANC	Dance	PHIL	Philosophy
DEAF	Deaf Education	PLA	Prior Learning Assessment
ECED	Early Childhood Education	PHSC	Physical Science
ECON	Economics	PHYS	Physics
EDAT	Education–Accomplished Teaching	POLS	Political Science
EDET	Education–Exemplary Teaching	PSYC	Psychology and Counseling
EDUC	Education	PSYG	Psychology–Gifted
ENGL	English	READ	Reading Education
ENGR	Engineering	REL	Religious Studies
ENSL	English for International Students	RGTE	Regents’ Testing Program–Essay
ESOL	English to Speakers of Other Languages	RGTR	Regents’ Testing Program–Reading
FIN	Finance	RSCH	Research
FLED	Foreign Language Education	RUSS	Russian
FREN	French	SCHC	School Counseling
GENS	General Studies	SEAC	Special Education Adapted Curriculum
GEOG	Geography	SEEC	Special Education and Early Childhood
GEOG	Geology	SEED	Secondary Education
GEOL	Geology	SEGC	Special Education General Curriculum
GRMN	German	SERD	Special Education Reading
HIST	History	SOCI	Sociology
HONS	Honors	SOWK	Social Work
IB	International Business	SPAN	Spanish
INTL	International/Intercultural Studies	SPEC	Special Education
INTP	Interpreting	THEA	Theatre
ISCI	Integrated Science	VSU	Freshman Orientation
ITED	Instructional Technology	WMBA	Web-based MBA
JAPN	Japanese	WGST	Women’s and Gender Studies
JOUR	Journalism		



### **Mission Statement**

The College of Arts and Sciences is dedicated to serving students, faculty, the institution, and the region. All programs and services are governed by a commitment to excellence that is the hallmark of the College.

*To serve students.* The College serves students through the Core Curriculum and through various programs of study in preprofessional, transfer, and degree programs. The Core Curriculum, most of which is delivered by departments and programs in Arts and Sciences, provides all students of the University a foundation grounded in the liberal arts disciplines of the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and mathematics. Learning outcomes of the Core are designed to develop critical thinking, written and oral communication skills, and the ability to use technology effectively. Beyond the Core, the mission of the College is to provide quality minors, associate, bachelor, and graduate degrees in these traditional disciplines and in interdisciplinary programs, and to serve students in programs in other Colleges. All programs are characterized by having clearly defined goals, coherent structure, currency, relevance, and rigor, and all prepare students to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

*To serve faculty.* The College serves its faculty by providing an environment in which instructional excellence is expected and valued, service to the university and community is encouraged, and scholarly activity, research, and creative endeavors are supported and rewarded. Through activities as varied as the recruitment of new faculty to the celebration of the contributions of retiring faculty, the College creates a congenial work environment that supports its faculty intellectually and professionally.

*To serve the institution.* Beyond program contributions, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks to serve the university community at large by its participation in the various activities that make up the life of the institution outside the classroom. Students and faculty from Arts and Sciences participate in academic and non-academic extracurricular activities, including governance organizations, and serve on departmental, college, and university committees that contribute to the effective functioning of the institution. An integral part of the mission of Arts and Sciences is to seek out and support opportunities for collaboration with other units of the university outside of the College.

*To serve the region and beyond.* The College of Arts and Sciences, as the largest academic unit of Valdosta State University, plays a major role in helping the university meet its service mission to the intellectual, cultural, and economic life of the region. Through teaching, research, creative endeavors, and the spectrum of outreach and support activities provided by the students and faculty of the College, Arts and Sciences contributes to an improved quality of life for all citizens of the region.

Eleven academic departments comprise the College of Arts and Sciences: Biology; Chemistry; English; History; Mathematics and Computer Science; Modern and Classical Languages; Office of Academic Student Instructional Support; Philosophy and Religious Studies; Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences; Political Science; and Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice.

The degrees of Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of General Studies, Master of Arts, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Science are granted through the College. Four interdisciplinary programs also are housed in the College of Arts and Sciences: African American Studies, Honors, General Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major either in art or in music is offered in conjunction with the College of the Arts; the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology, the Bachelor of Applied Science degree with a major in technical studies, the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in sports medicine/athletic training, and the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in psychology are offered in conjunction with the College of Education. Detailed degree requirements may be found in the Valdosta State *Catalog* in sections of the Departments of Art, Music, Psychology and Counseling, Adult and Career Education, and Kinesiology and Physical Education.

The Associate of Arts degree may be earned upon satisfactory completion of 60 semester hours of academic credit, to include completion of Areas A through F of the Core Curriculum. Any single Area F may be selected from among departmental listings. The Associate of Applied Science degree cooperative program and the Associate of Applied Science degree in dental hygiene with Valdosta Technical Institute are offered in conjunction with the College of Education.

## **STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

The Student Success Center (SSC) at Valdosta State University is the compass that helps students plot a course through their college careers and get a bearing on success through tutoring, advising, and on-campus job opportunities. The SSC provides peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including natural sciences, math, writing, social sciences, and foreign languages—face-to-face and online. In addition, assistance is provided with course and major selection, time management, and long-range academic planning. Through the Student Employment Office, students can find information on securing part-time employment at VSU. All services of the SSC are free to VSU students.

The SSC is located in Langdale Residence Hall above the Old Tech Shop and is available to all students. Call 229-333-7570 for information or to make an appointment, or visit the website <[www.valdosta.edu/ssc](http://www.valdosta.edu/ssc)>.

**DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH  
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**Associate of Arts**

**Associate of Applied Science**

VSU Cooperative program with Technical Colleges  
VSU/Val Tech Cooperative Program in Dental Hygiene

**Bachelor of Arts**

Art	English	French
History	Legal Assistant Studies	Mathematics
Music	Philosophy and Religious Studies	
Psychology	Political Science	Sociology/Anthropology
Spanish	Criminal Justice	

**Bachelor of Science**

Administrative Services	Computer Information Systems	Physics
Applied Mathematics	Environmental Geosciences	Astronomy
Mathematics	Mathematics/Computer Science Option	Biology
Chemistry	Computer Science	Psychology
Athletic Training		

**Bachelor of General Studies**

**Pre-Professional Program**

Although degrees are not conferred in pre-professional areas such as pre-medicine or pre-dentistry, programs of study are available that prepare students to enter other institutions where they can complete their professional training. Some programs require students to finish a four-year sequence in a major; others call for students to complete a two- or three-year sequence of study. Since requirements for pre-professional degrees vary according to programs and students' needs, it is important that students declare early their intention to pursue specialized study so that they may receive proper advising. Pre-professional areas and the departments responsible for advising are listed below.

**Advising in**

Department of Biology

Department of Chemistry

**For Programs in**

Allied Health Programs, Community Health, Nutrition, Dental Hygiene, Medical Records Administration, Medical Technology, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Physician's Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, Preparation for Dental Medicine, Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine  
Medicine, Dental Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy

Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences	Preparation for Engineering
Department of Political Science	Preparation for Law
Department of English	Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary
Department of History	Preparation for Law
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies	Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary
Department of Marketing/Economics	Preparation for Law
Department of Sociology, Anthro- pology, and Criminal Justice	Preparation for Law Preparation for Social Work

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**

### **Specific Requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree**

1. The Associate of Arts degree may be earned by any student who completes: (a) Areas A, B, C, D, and E of the Core Curriculum, and (b) any Area F of the Core Curriculum. The minimum number of semester hours needed to fulfill these requirements is 60.
2. No more than 40 semester hours of transfer credit may be applied toward degree requirements; a minimum of 20 semester hours of lower division credit must be completed in residence.
3. The minimum cumulative grade point average for graduation is 2.00.
4. Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing by passing the Regents' Testing Program Examination of the University System of Georgia. The test should be taken after completion of English 1102 or no later than the semester following the accumulation of 30 semester hours of earned credit.
5. A State of Georgia Legislative requirement states that degree candidates must possess and demonstrate a reasonable mastery of United States history, Georgia history, the United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These requirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or 1101H and HIST 2111 or 2111H or HIST 2112 or 2112H. The VSU Office of Testing in Powell Hall West offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history or whose political science course did not include Georgia Constitution.
6. Students must apply for and be accepted in the Associate of Arts degree program prior to completion of Associate of Arts degree requirements.
7. Academic advisement of students seeking the Associate of Arts degree shall be the responsibility of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.
8. An application for the degree along with evidence of payment of the graduation fee must be submitted to the Registrar two semesters prior to the anticipated graduation date.

**Specific Requirements for the Degrees of  
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of General Studies**

1. A minimum of 120 semester hours of academic work in an approved program is required for graduation. The approved program must include 60 semester hours in the completed Core Curriculum.
2. The degree program requires at least 21 semester hours of upper division courses in the major field and at least 39 semester hours of upper division work overall.
3. Thirty of the last 40 semester hours must be completed in residence at Valdosta State, except in the Medical Technology Program and the Dual Degree Program with the Georgia Institute of Technology.
4. No more than 90 semester hours from a transfer institution may be applied toward the degree.
5. Attain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00, and earn no grade lower than a “C” in all courses used to satisfy major field requirements.
6. Several bachelor’s degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require the completion of a three-course or four-course sequence in a foreign language.
7. Complete at least 6 semester hours of course work numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside the major.
8. Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing by passing the Regents’ Testing Program Examination of the University System of Georgia.
9. The Regents’ Testing Program Examination should be taken after completion of English 1102, but no later than the semester following the accumulation of 30 semester hours of earned credit, whether ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 are completed or not.
10. A State of Georgia Legislative requirement states that degree candidates must possess and demonstrate a reasonable mastery of United States history, Georgia history, the United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These requirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or 1101H and HIST 2111 or 2111H or HIST 2112 or 2112H. The VSU Office of Testing in Powell Hall West offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history or whose political science course did not include Georgia Constitution.
11. Not more than a total of 30 semester hours may be earned through any combination of CLEP, credit by examination, correspondence courses, extension work, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced Placement.
12. The College of Arts and Sciences will not accept transfer credit for capstone requirements.