



Welcome to Fall Semester 2023!

Congratulations!! You are a member of the Association of Graduate Students (AGS). By virtue of being a VSU graduate student, you are a member!

AGS MISSION/PURPOSE STATEMENT:

It shall be the purpose of the Association of Graduate Students to facilitate community and professional development among graduate students at Valdosta State University through the use of regularly scheduled meetings, guest speakers, and educational sessions.

There are no dues or fees. Click [AGS](#) to learn more!

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The Graduate School is located on the 3rd floor of Converse Hall.

We are Here to Help!

Graduate Student Resources are available and can help with things like...

- Registration
- Campus & City Guides
- Graduate Student Privileges
- Financial Aid
- Responsibilities
- Helpful Links & Contacts

Find out more about these by going to the [Graduate Student Resources](#) page.

You also have access to the Study Room in the Library (**1629 Odum**). The access code is: **1103**.





IMPORTANT DATES

August 14: First day of class

August 17: Registration ends for Fall 2023 (11:59pm)

September 4: Labor Day Holiday

October 3-4: Grad Finale (Student Union – 1st floor by the Bookstore)

October 25: Fall Career Expo: The Pursuit of a Job (Student Union Ball rooms)

October 27: Graduation application deadline to apply for Fall 2023 graduation

November 17: Fall 2023 dissertation & thesis deadline (submission to Graduate School)

Are you in need of an elective or have an interest in Women's and Gender Studies? WGST (Women's and Gender Studies) now offers a graduate-level special topics course. The 3-hour special topics course changes each semester and may be repeated for credit. The upcoming offerings are:

This Fall, WGST 6600: **Special Topics: Masculinity Studies** is offered 100% online and taught by Professor Rob Taylor. The course will examine the topic of masculinity in a variety of social arenas exploring the interconnectedness of masculinity to other relevant social constructs, with particular attention to the constructs of race, class, and sexuality.

In the Spring, WGST 6600: **Special Topics: Queer Theory** will be offered. It is also taught online by Professor Rob Taylor and is an introduction to queer theory, by looking at the cultural context from which it emerges, its central tenets, debates within a field, and the activist strategies that have been connected with it.

For questions about WGST 6600, please contact **Dr. A.J. Ramirez** at ajramirez@valdosta.edu.

Have a Great Fall
Semester!

