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The Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration at Valdosta State University offers the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program and a Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program. With five other AACSB-accredited business schools in Georgia, the Langdale College also offers a collaborative, web-based Master of Business Administration (WebMBA) program. Valdosta State University graduates from both programs receive the same VSU Master of Business Administration degree.

The MBA and WebMBA programs are designed to offer graduate business education that prepares graduates for management careers in both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. The programs integrate knowledge of the functional areas of business with ongoing developments in business practice. Furthermore, the programs seek to develop students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills, appreciation for diverse cultural perspectives, and ability to solve real-world business problems.

The MBA and WebMBA programs are fully accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier national accrediting agency for programs in business administration. This accreditation places the Langdale College in the top 5% of all business schools worldwide.

The MAcc is a specialized graduate degree that prepares its graduates for careers in public accounting. The program integrates accounting knowledge within the broader context of the other functional areas of business. The MAcc program seeks to develop students' critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and technology skills.

The Langdale College occupies Pound Hall and Thaxton Hall on VSU's Steele North Campus. These state-of-the-art facilities include multi-media classrooms, a student computer lab, and two computer teaching classrooms.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University applicants must first submit a completed application packet to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GMAT or GRE), completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for the preferred term all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

**GEORGIA WEBMBA® PROGRAM**  
**“GEORGIA’S MBA FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM”**

The collaborative, web-based Master of Business Administration (WebMBA) program is offered by five AACSB-accredited business schools in Georgia (Valdosta State University, Kennesaw State University, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Southern University, and University of West Georgia). The purpose of this program is to enhance the graduate educational opportunities for working business professionals in Georgia. To view the Georgia WebMBA Consortium Web Site, please see <[www.webmbaonline.org](http://www.webmbaonline.org)>.

All five schools admit students, who participate in a common curriculum. Each WebMBA consortium school provides faculty who are academically or professionally qualified. The faculty members for this program are among the strongest graduate faculty for each school in terms of teaching, research, and business experience.

A new WebMBA cohort is admitted each Fall Semester. Two WebMBA courses will be offered each semester, including summer terms. A student may complete the entire program in five semesters.

**Web MBA and MBA Learning Goals**

MBA students will be:

1. Competent in the business disciplines, using appropriate accounting, marketing, economics, quantitative methods, organizational behavior, finance, or production knowledge and tools to make a business decision in that functional area.
2. Critical thinkers, using concepts from strategic management to integrate relevant information, decision-making techniques, and concepts from multiple business functions to make decisions in new or unpredictable environments.
3. Effective communicators, using information technology and oral and written skills to enhance decision making through better communication.
4. Proficient in making ethical and legal decisions, recognizing cultural differences in the legal and ethical implications of business decisions.
5. Globally cognizant, identifying management issues in a global environment with disparate business views and culturally diverse customers and employees.
6. Team players and leaders, demonstrating the team and leadership skills needed to make a business decision.

**Examples of Goal Assessments**

1. Students complete knowledge tests related to relevant learning objectives for each course.
2. Students complete class exercises, group projects and present cases in oral and written form.
3. Faculty observe and rate students on teamwork and leadership skills.

### Admission Deadlines

See **WebMBA web site** <http://www.webmbaonline.org>  
for the most current admission deadlines

Go to the Graduate School Website

<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/degree.shtml>

and click on WebMBA Program for information on:

- Specific WebMBA Program Admission Requirements
- WebMBA Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies
- WebMBA Program Graduation Requirements

**To Apply Online:**                    <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>

### WebMBA Prerequisites

Applicants must have completed the following four prerequisites or their equivalents before being admitted to the program:

Course	VSU Course Number
Principles of Accounting I	ACCT 2101
Principles of Accounting II	ACCT 2102
Applied Business Statistics	BUSA 2100
Financial Management	FIN 3350

These prerequisites may be satisfied by taking an on-campus course from an accredited college or university or by completing three self-paced CD modules developed for this purpose.

### WebMBA Courses

The WebMBA graduate curriculum consists of the following 10 three-hour courses offered exclusively by the approved course-management system, plus a required, on-site student orientation course. Attending our 2-day orientation is mandatory unless you live outside the continental U.S.

WMBA 6000 Human Behavior in Organizations .....	3 hours
WMBA 6010 Managerial Accounting .....	3 hours
WMBA 6030 Global and International Business .....	3 hours
WMBA 6040 Managerial Decision Making .....	3 hours
WMBA 6050 Strategic Marketing .....	3 hours
WMBA 6060 Managerial Finance .....	3 hours
WMBA 6070 Entrepreneurship .....	3 hours
WMBA 6080 Management Information Systems .....	3 hours
WMBA 6100 Productions and Operations Management .....	3 hours
WMBA 6110 Business Strategy .....	3 hours
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree .....</b>	<b>30</b>

**Course Load**

WebMBA students normally enroll for six semester hours each semester for five semesters, progressing through the program as a single cohort.

**Special WebMBA Program Costs**

Students accepted by Valdosta State University for the WebMBA program will enroll and pay for all classes through VSU. Program tuition will be \$1,725 per three-semester-hour course (\$575 per student credit hour) for both in-state students and out-of-state students. Additionally, each student is required to have the necessary computer hardware, software, and internet connection to complete the program. Details of these computer requirements are listed on the WebMBA web site <<http://www.webmbaonline.org>>.

**Common Platform**

The WebMBA will use Vista as a common platform. Support for Vista is available on the individual campuses as well as at the University System level. Students will learn how to use Vista during the two-day Student Orientation.

**The WebMBA Degree**

Students accepted by Valdosta State University for the WebMBA program will receive the MBA degree from VSU (identical to the on-campus MBA degree).

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) PROGRAM**

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an on-campus, part-time, evening program. Each class meets one night per week. Students can begin the MBA program any semester.

The program offers two 3-hour MBA courses in Fall and Spring Semesters and one 3-hour MBA course in Summer Semesters. The program can be completed in six semesters (including two summer semesters); however, students may choose to take up to seven years to complete the program.

**Admission Deadlines:**

Fall Deadline: July 15

Spring Deadline: November 15

Go to the Graduate School Website

<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/degree.shtml>

and click on MBA Program for information on:

- Specific MBA Program Admission Requirements
- MBA Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies
- MBA Program Graduation Requirements

**To Apply Online:**

<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>

### **MBA Prerequisites**

Applicants must have completed the following four prerequisite courses or their equivalents before being admitted to the MBA program:

<b>Required Course</b>	<b>VSU Course Number</b>
Principles of Accounting I	ACCT 2101
Principles of Accounting II	ACCT 2102
Financial Management	FIN 3350
Applied Business Statistics	BUSA 2100

These prerequisites may be satisfied by taking an on-campus course from an accredited college or university or by completing three self-paced CD modules developed for this purpose.

### **MBA Course Requirements**

MBA Core .....	21 hours
MBA 7030 Managerial Accounting .....	3 hours
MBA 7050 Marketing Strategy .....	3 hours
MBA 7350 Managerial Finance .....	3 hours
MBA 7660 Advanced Quantitative Methods .....	3 hours
MBA 7630 Organizational Theory and Behavior .....	3 hours
MBA 7500 Managerial Economics .....	3 hours
MBA 7900 Strategic Management .....	3 hours
International Requirement (one of the following) .....	3 hours
MBA 7401 International Business	
MBA 7402 International Economics	
MBA 7403 International Financial Management	
Electives .....	6 hours
Choose any two electives from MBA or MACC programs	
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree .....</b>	<b>30</b>

### **Course Load**

MBA students normally enroll for either three or six semester hours in Fall and Spring Semesters and three hours in Summer Semesters.

### **Enrollment by Undergraduates**

Graduate School policy permits senior undergraduate students with an overall GPA of 3.0 to take a maximum of 9 semester hours of graduate courses for graduate credit. Undergraduates wishing to take an MBA course must also present a GMAT test score of at least 400.

### **Program Costs**

See the Financial Information and Business Regulations in the Graduate Catalog.

## **MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY (MAcc) PROGRAM**

The Master of Accountancy is a specialized graduate degree that prepares its graduates for careers in public accounting. It also integrates accounting knowledge within the broader context of the other functional areas of business. The MAcc program develops its students' critical thinking and problem-solving, oral and written communications, and technology skills.

Students graduate from the MAcc program having fulfilled the educational requirements to sit for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination in Georgia.

### **Educational Outcomes for the MAcc Degree**

Upon completion of this degree, students should be able to

1. demonstrate an understanding of the theory and application of financial accounting
2. demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking and problem-solving skills
3. effectively communicate accounting information orally and in writing
4. apply computer technologies as they relate to the accounting profession

### **Examples of Outcomes Assessment**

These outcomes will be assessed by

1. pre-tests and post-tests in fundamental areas of accounting
2. case studies to evaluate critical thinking and problem-solving skills
3. oral presentations in class and required written reports
4. application-based testing of spreadsheets, accounting databases research skills, and other accounting software.

**Admission Deadlines:** **Fall Deadline: July 15**  
**Spring Deadline: November 15**  
**Summer Deadline: April 15**

**To apply online: <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>**

Go to the Graduate School Website

**<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/degree.shtml>**

and click on the MAcc Program for information on:

- Specific MAcc Program Admission Requirements
- MAcc Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies
- MAcc Program Graduation Requirements

**MAcc Prerequisites**

Applicants must have completed the following prerequisite courses or their equivalents before being admitted to the MAcc program:

<b>Required Course</b>	<b>VSU Course Number</b>
Intermediate Accounting I	ACCT 3201
Intermediate Accounting II	ACCT 3202
External Reporting	ACCT 3203
Accounting Information Systems	ACCT 4410
Individual Income Tax	ACCT 4500
Auditing	ACCT 4800

**MAcc Course Requirements**

The MAcc graduate curriculum consists of the following courses:

<b>Core Courses</b> . . . . .	<b>18 hours</b>
ACCT 7100 Financial Accounting Theory . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7220 Advanced Accounting . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7390 Government and Not-for-profit Accounting . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7410 Advanced AIS . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7510 Corporate and Partnership Tax . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7800 Advanced Auditing . . . . .	3 hours
<b>Electives—choose 4 from the following</b> . . . . .	<b>12 hours</b>
ACCT 7350 Accounting in a Global Financial Community . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7453 Estate Tax, Trusts, and Wealth Transfer . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7500 Tax Research . . . . .	3 hours
ACCT 7890 Accounting Internship . . . . .	3 hours
or MBA Elective (Any MBA 7xxx class) . . . . .	3 hours
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree</b> . . . . .	<b>30</b>



## **COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

Dr. John C. Gaston, Dean  
2273 Fine Arts Building

Assistant Dean: Mr. Mike Savoie  
Department of Art: Mr. A. Blake Pearce, Head  
Department of Communication Arts: Dr. Carl Cates, Head  
Department of Music: Dr. James A. Shrader, Head

The Valdosta State University College of the Arts includes the Department of Art, the Department of Communication Arts, and the Department of Music. The organization of the disciplines of the performing and visual arts into one academic unit reflects a traditional and continuing commitment to scholarship in the fine arts.

The College of the Arts offers graduate degree programs with majors in communication and music education in cooperation with the College of Education. The graduate faculty members of the College of the Arts maintain the strong belief that their teaching role is a significant aspect of their professional life. Arts faculty members also maintain a strong commitment to scholarly and creative research as well as service to the institution, region, and to their profession.

The College of the Arts mission centers on the preparation of professionals for a variety of roles in the arts. At the graduate level, the Master of Arts in Communication degree program prepares students for study at the doctoral level and for advancement in their professional fields. The Master of Music Education program prepares teachers in these disciplines to be leaders in their schools and provide substantial learning for the students in their care. The Master of Music Performance is a 36-semester-hour, non-thesis master's degree program intended to further the musical and academic skills of accomplished musicians.

The College of the Arts provides numerous cultural and artistic opportunities for students including theater, dance, Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, jazz band, media production and art exhibitions. The college is also home to VSU TV, the University's cable-access channel. The Valdosta State University College of the Arts is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, National Association of Schools of Music, National Association of Schools of Theater, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.





**DEPARTMENT OF ART**  
Mr. A. Blake Pearce, Head  
Room 109, Fine Arts Building

The Department of Art, in cooperation with the Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education, offers a Master of Education degree with a major in middle grades education or a major in secondary education–teaching field ART. This M. Ed. program begins with a new cohort every 2 1/2 years, as determined by the prescribed sequence of education courses and available courses in the Art Department. A cohort must have a minimum of five students in order to guarantee classes. Students entering this degree program must be certified in Field 764-Art and must have a minimum of two years of teaching experience and the necessary foundation and professional education course work for advanced study. Coursework for the primary content courses is chosen from among advanced courses in studio, art history, analysis, criticism, philosophy of art, and art education. The track requires a minimum of one advanced course in art history, one in studio, and one in art analysis. Students are expected to complete a final project indicating achievement within a specialized area of inquiry pertaining to the classroom. Students enrolled in the program will be expected to work with the faculty in the Art Education and Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education Departments to facilitate advising and portfolio development. Advising for this major is done in the Art Department.

**Selected Educational Outcomes for Advanced Teacher Education Programs**

Students in advanced teacher education programs must

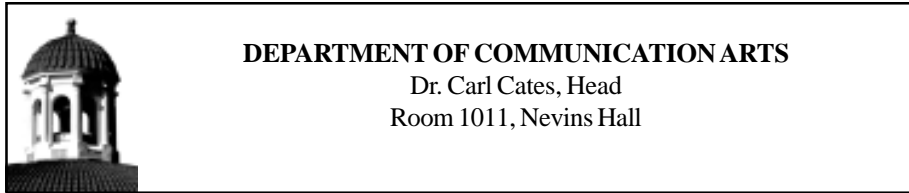
1. demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the content that they teach.
2. demonstrate a broad range of instructional strategies and technologies that promote student learning.
3. demonstrate a clear explanation of the choices they make in their practice.
4. provide evidence of reflection on their practice by identifying their strengths and areas of needed improvement.
5. exhibit evidence of using student, classroom, and school performance data to make data-driven decisions for teaching and learning.

**Selected Program Assessments (Advanced Teacher Programs)**

Majors in advanced teacher education programs will

1. demonstrate the level of their content knowledge through performance on comprehensive examinations or completion of a capstone project.
2. demonstrate use of instructional strategies and technologies through completion of a self-evaluation of teaching episode.





The Department of Communication Arts offers a graduate program that leads to a Master of Arts in Communication (M.A.C.). Majors in speech communication and mass media are available, and both majors share a common core of four courses in theory and research methods. The M.A.C. prepares students for study at the doctoral level and for advancement in their professional fields. Students studying speech communication will be educated in the advanced theory and practice of communication in such areas as interpersonal, intercultural, and organizational communication, in addition to conflict management and advanced presentational skills. Students studying mass media will be educated in the theory of practice of media economics and management, law and ethics, and digital communication. Thesis and non-thesis options are available. Both programs seek to enhance students' communication, critical thinking, problem-solving skills, leadership potential, as well as an appreciation for cultural diversity.

#### **Selected Educational Outcomes for Speech**

1. To demonstrate the ability to develop research questions in the field of communication, design research methodologies using qualitative or quantitative methods, conduct research, and report findings.
2. To demonstrate competency in the knowledge of general communication theory, and, more specifically, interpersonal, organizational, conflict resolution, and intercultural communication theories.
3. To produce systematic and thoroughly researched work appropriate to the discipline.
4. To demonstrate competency in professional communication skills in a variety of settings including public speaking, speechwriting, group leadership, and interviewing in a manner that is culturally sensitive.
5. To demonstrate the development and refinement of critical thinking abilities in communication.
6. To participate in activities related to the profession.

#### **Outcome Assessments for Speech**

The department assesses the extent to which the program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques.

1. The policy of the Department of Communication Arts is that all graduate courses, other than skills courses, require such written work as essays and research papers to help determine progress in research and written communication skills, analytical and interpretive skills, and mastery of course content.
2. For graduate skills courses, students must demonstrate competency through written projects and performance of skills learned, in addition to assessing the performance of others.

3. The comprehensive written and oral examinations to which students not selecting the thesis option are subject prior to graduation evaluate the students' ability to integrate and apply information and skills learned in the program of study. They also measure the effectiveness of the program in teaching essential concepts.
4. Program graduates demonstrate their collaborative efforts through reports and presentations throughout the program. They are assessed by direct observation by department faculty.
5. Students not selecting the comprehensive examination option will complete a thesis that will be evaluated by department faculty.
6. When available, university-wide data pertaining to the program and its graduates will be used for assessment and improvement.

#### **Selected Educational Outcomes for Media**

1. To demonstrate the ability to develop research questions in the field of media, design research methodologies using qualitative or quantitative methods, conduct research, and report findings.
2. To demonstrate competency in the knowledge of general mass media theory, and, more specifically, the application of media theory and its impact and ramifications upon society.
3. To produce systematic and thoroughly researched work appropriate to the discipline.
4. To demonstrate competency in professional media industries in a variety of settings including content production, analysis, and audience response.
5. To participate in activities related to the profession.

#### **Outcome Assessments for Media**

The department assesses the extent to which the program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques.

1. The policy of the Department of Communication Arts is that all graduate courses, other than skills courses, require such written work as essays and research papers to help determine progress in research and written communication skills, analytical and interpretive skills, and mastery of course content.
2. For graduate skills courses, students must demonstrate competency through written projects and performance of skills learned, in addition to performing assessments on the performance of others.
3. The comprehensive written and oral examinations to which students not selecting the thesis option are subject prior to graduation evaluate the students' ability to integrate and apply information and skills learned in the program of study. It also measures the effectiveness of the program in teaching essential concepts.
4. Program graduates demonstrate their collaborative efforts through reports, field-based projects, and presentations throughout the program. They are assessed by direct observation by department faculty and by documentation in a professional portfolio.
5. Students not selecting the comprehensive examination option in the graduate program will complete a thesis that will be evaluated by departmental faculty.
6. When available, university-wide data pertaining to the program and its graduates will be used for assessment and improvement.

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**Admission Deadlines:** Early Admission Deadline: April 30  
Regular Admission Deadline: June 1

Go to the Graduate School Website

<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/degree.shtml>

and click on the Master of Arts in Communication Program for information on:

- Specific M.A.C. Program Admission Requirements
- M.A.C. Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies
- M.A.C. Program Graduation Requirements

**To Apply Online:** <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>

**MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION**

**Core Courses** ..... 12 hours

COMM 5000, COMM 7100 ..... 6 hours

COMM 7200, MDIA 5000 ..... 6 hours

**Major Area of Emphasis in Speech Communication** ..... 12 hours

Choose from COMM 6000, COMM 7150, COMM 6200,  
COMM 7300, COMM 6400, COMM 7000

or **Major Area of Emphasis in Mass Media** ..... 12 hours

Choose from MDIA 6100, MDIA 7800,  
MDIA 6350, MDIA 6450, MDIA 7600,  
MDIA 7700 (Special Topics) (may be repeated once)

**Guided Electives at the graduate level** ..... 6 hours

**Thesis Option** ..... 6 hours

COMM 7999 or MDIA 7999

or

**Non-thesis option** ..... 6 hours

COMM 7000 or electives outside the department,  
selected with approval of advisor. Requires written and  
oral examinations over all courses in the degree.

**Total hours required for the degree** ..... 36 hours



## **DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

Dr. James A. Shrader, Head  
Room 259, Fine Arts Building

The Department of Music offers instruction in music and music education leading to the Master of Music Education degree or to the Master of Music in Performance degree

The Master of Music Education (M.M.Ed.) degree is offered for music educators who wish to further develop their competence in music teaching and to enhance their credentials in the music education profession. These studies are designed to explore the materials and methodology of musical instruction in depth and to develop the ability to understand and evaluate research in music and music education.

The Master of Music in Performance (M.M.P.) is a 36-semester-hour, non-thesis master's degree program intended to further the musical and academic skills of accomplished musicians. Its purpose is to prepare musicians for careers in professional performing, conducting, and studio teaching. Students in the M.M.P. degree program will refine their performance skills to an advanced degree, deepen their knowledge of the academic and research aspects of music, and further develop their pedagogical skills

### **M.M.Ed. and M.M.P. Admissions**

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GRE or MAT), completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements (listed below) submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for your preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

Admission Deadlines:

Fall Deadline: July 15  
Spring Deadline: November 15  
Summer Deadline: April 15

## **MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION**

### **Selected Educational Outcomes**

1. Students will explain, describe, and discuss the historical and sociological foundations of music education in the United States.
2. Students will select and use a broad range of instructional strategies and technologies that promote student learning and will clearly explain the choices they make in their practice.
3. Students will exhibit an in-depth knowledge of music history and music theory.
4. Students will utilize appropriate research methodology for music education.
5. Students analyze student, classroom, and school performance data and make data-driven decisions about strategies for teaching and learning so that all students can learn.

### **Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Students will demonstrate the desired educational outcomes through the satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination, including written and oral components, covering all graduate courses taken.
2. Students will document reflection and will identify areas of strengths and areas for improvement through completion of the COE Advanced Teacher Self-Assessment instrument.
3. Students will demonstrate their ability to positively impact P-12 learning through conducting a field-based assessment of learning project and reporting the results in written form.
4. Students will provide evidence of appropriate research methodology by producing a review of literature on a selected topic related to their assessment of learning project.

### **Go to the Graduate School Website**

**<<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/degree.shtml>>  
and click on M.M.Ed. Program for information on**

- Specific M.M.Ed. Program Admission Requirements
- M.M.Ed. Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies
- M.M.Ed. Program Graduation Requirements

**To Apply Online: <<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>>**

**Requirements for the Master of Music Education degree**

**Required Core Courses. .... 10 hours**

- LEAD 7210 Ethics and Law ..... 1 hour
- RSCH 7100 Research Methodology in Education ..... 3 hours
- MUE 7000 Issues and Trends in Music Education ..... 3 hours
- PSYC 7010 Learning and Assessment ..... 3 hours

**Required Courses in Music and Music Education. .... 15 Hours**

- MUSC 7010 Music Theory ..... 3 hours
- MUSC 7020 Music History ..... 3 hours
- MUE 7640 General Music Curriculum ..... 3 hours
- MUE 7680 Foundations of Music Education ..... 3 hours
- One of the following: ..... 3 hours
  - MUE 7610 Choral Music Curriculum
  - MUE 7600 Instrumental Music Curriculum

**Guided Electives. .... 11 hours**

Credits for private applied music lessons and music ensembles may not exceed a total of four hours. Electives may include a thesis of six credit hours (MUE 7999).

**Total Required for the Degree ..... 36 semester hours**

**MASTER OF MUSIC IN PERFORMANCE**

**Selected Educational Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate an advanced level of performance skills and personal musician ship in studio and ensemble settings
2. Students will apply analytical and historical knowledge to performance.
3. Students will exhibit knowledge of applicable solo and ensemble literature.
4. Students will apply pedagogical skills in studio instruction.
5. Students will demonstrate the methodology of research in the field of music.
6. Students will communicate scholarly research in proper written form.
7. Students will utilize a variety of instructional strategies to encourage development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills in their private students.

**Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Students will complete a written and oral comprehensive examination that demonstrates satisfactory achievement in written and oral communication skills related to pedagogy, music history and analysis, literature, and research methodology.
2. Students will prepare and perform a graduate recital to the satisfaction of a faculty committee. This recital represents a culmination and application of applied study, pedagogy, music history, analysis, and research.



**Go to the Graduate School Website**

**<<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/degree.shtml>>  
and click on M.M.P. Program for information on**

- Specific M.M.P. Program Admission Requirements
- M.M.P. Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies
- M.M.P. Program Graduation Requirements

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**Requirements for the Master of Music in Performance**

**Applied Music, Literature, Pedagogy ..... 16 hours**

Applied Music (a four-hour course in a single major  
applied performance area taken four semesters)

Performance Areas (4 semester hours per course):

MUSC 7240 Private Piano	MUSC 7440 Private Voice
MUSC 7640 Private Brass	MUSC 7940 Private Woodwinds
MUSC 7540 Private Percussion	MUSC 7340 Private Strings
MUSC 7840 Private Conducting	MUSC 7777 Private Collaborative Piano

**Required Music Core Courses. .... 9 hours**

MUSC 7010 Music Theory ..... 3 hours

MUSC 7020 Music History ..... 3 hours

MUSC 7050 Music Research and Bibliography ..... 2 hours

Advanced Pedagogy: MUSC 7721 (piano), 7731 (percussion),

7732 (brass), 7733 (woodwinds), 7734 (strings),

7750 (vocal), 7778 (collaborative piano),

7740 (choral conducting), 7760 (orchestra conducting),

7770 (wind band conducting) ..... 1 hour

**Music Ensembles and Guided Electives ..... 11 hours**

Minimum of 4 hours in Music Ensembles

Minimum of 5 hours in Guided Electives

**Total Required for the Degree ..... 36 semester hours**



## **COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Anita G. Hufft, Ph.D., R.N., Dean  
Room 224, S. Walter Martin Hall

The College of Nursing offers a program that leads to a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree.

Master's nursing education builds on baccalaureate nursing education and prepares nurses for specialized clinical roles. The M.S.N. program offers three clinical tracks: Advanced Nursing of Growing Families, Advanced Nursing of Adults, and Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. Four role options are available to graduate students: Care Manager, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and Nurse Administrator. Graduate students must select one clinical track and one role option. The College offers a special curriculum for Registered Nurse applicants leading to the B.S.N. or to both the B.S.N. and M.S.N. Please contact the College directly for information about this accelerated curriculum. Both the bachelor's degree (B.S.N.) and the master's degree (M.S.N.) programs in the College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone 202-887-6791; Fax 202-887-8476. Questions about accreditation status may be addressed to this organization.

All students take a common core before entering the clinical and role options. The common core includes pathophysiology, research, theory, and an issues seminar.

### **MSN Program Objectives**

1. Synthesize knowledge from a variety of evidence (conceptual models and theories from nursing and related disciplines, practice wisdom, and ethics) in advanced nursing practice.
2. Employ scientific inquiry and other ways of knowing to validate, refine, and develop knowledge relevant to advanced nursing practice and the delivery of health care services.
3. Effect health policy and promote change through leadership, innovation, and management expertise.
4. Practice advanced nursing in collaborative relationships across disciplines and with communities.
5. Demonstrate health care informatics literacy within the context of advanced nursing practice.
6. Promote culturally competent systems that reflect the global context of health.
7. Implement strategies for ongoing personal and advanced professional development through professional involvement, lifelong learning, and fostering an appreciation for doctoral study.



### **Program Considerations for Probationary Status (M.S.N. and R.N.-M.S.N. Option)**

Students must be recommended for Probationary status by the College of Nursing Graduate Faculty. To be reclassified as Regular status, probationary students must, at a minimum, maintain a 3.0 grade point average in the first 9 semester hours of graduate coursework and meet any and all contingencies and conditions set forth by the College of Nursing.

### **Program Retention, Dismissal and Readmission Policies (M.S.N. and R.N.-M.S.N. Option)**

1. Students must have documentation of current malpractice insurance of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000;
2. Students must have documentation of current health and accident insurance;
3. Students must have documentation of current certification in American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR;
4. Students must maintain current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of Georgia;
5. Students must provide evidence of current health status:
  - a. Current physical examination (by a medical physician or nurse practitioner) on admission, affirming that they are free from communicable disease and able to function safely in a clinical environment.
  - b. Immunizations: Documentation must include but is not limited to MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), tetanus toxoid, varicella titer, hepatitis-B vaccination, and PPD tuberculin test as required by affiliating clinical agencies.
    - i. MMR, serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccination.
    - ii. Tetanus toxoid must remain up to date during tenure in the College of Nursing. The CDC recommendations for healthcare personnel are utilized by our clinical agencies. Adults who have completed a primary series of a tetanus/diphtheria-containing product (DTP, DTaP, DT, Td) should receive Td boosters every 10 years. Students younger than age 65 years with direct patient contact should be given a 1-time dose of Tdap, if Td booster is scheduled prior to admission or during tenure in the College of Nursing.
    - iii. Varicella (chickenpox) requires serologic proof of immunity, prior vaccination, or documented history of varicella disease.
    - iv. Hepatitis B vaccination or proof of immunity (anti-HBs at least 10 mIU/ml) is required. Students who initiate the recommended series for admission must provide proof of maintaining scheduled 3-dose series (dose #1 now, #2 in 1 month, #3 approximately 5 months after #2).
    - v. PPD (tuberculin skin test is required annually or proof of a negative chest X-ray (every 5 years)
    - vi. Influenza vaccine annually is recommended, but not required.
6. Students may be subject to background check and drug screening at any point during the program.

7. Students must have a minimum grade of “B” in all nursing courses;
8. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all graduate courses;
9. Students receiving two grades of “C” or below (“D,” “F,” “WF,” or “U”) will be dismissed from the program.
10. If dismissed from the program, the student must wait a minimum of 1 calendar year and obtain approval from the academic department before applying for readmission. The academic program reserves the right to place specific conditions and contingencies on any offer of readmission. Readmission is not guaranteed, and prior academic performance and conduct in the program will be considered.
11. The maximum time allowed for completion of the master’s degree is 7 calendar years. No work completed more than 7 years prior to degree completion will be accepted toward the degree, except with special permission from the student’s major professor, the Dean of the College of Nursing, and approval from the Dean of the Graduate School.
12. No more than 9 semester hours of academic work may be transferred from another institution into a master’s-level graduate program. This credit must be documented in the form of an official transcript at the time of admission. Transfer credit will be evaluated after admission, by the academic department. To be eligible, credit must be no more than 7 years old prior to completion of the degree.

**Program Graduation Requirements (M.S.N. and R.N.-M.S.N. Option)**

1. Students must complete an application for graduation one semester prior to their expected graduation date;
2. A 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) is required. for graduation. No grade below a “C” will be credited toward the degree.
3. Satisfactory completion of the comprehensive examination covering the areas of theory, research, the clinical focus, and the selected role.
4. Successful completion of a thesis or project.

**Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree**

All students choosing the Care Manager, Nurse Educator, and Nurse Administrator roles must take the following 4 courses regardless of their selected clinical tracks.

<b>Core Courses</b> .....	<b>9 hours</b>
NURS 7100 Pathophysiology .....	3 hours
NURS 7110 Theories Used in Nursing .....	2 hours
NURS 7120 Nursing Research .....	3 hours
NURS 7130 Seminar in Issues & Health Policy .....	1 hour
<b>Clinical Focus Courses</b> .....	<b>12 hours</b>
<b>Advanced Nursing of Growing Families</b>	
NURS 7211 Advanced Nursing Care with Growing Families .....	6 hours

NURS 7312 Advanced Nursing Care with Growing Families During Health Crisis .....	6 hours
<b>Advanced Nursing of Adults</b>	
NURS 7231 Advanced Nursing for Health Promotion of Adults .....	3 hours
NURS 7231LANHPA Clinical laboratory .....	3 hours
NURS 7332 Advanced Nursing for Health Restoration of Adults .....	3 hours
NURS 7332LANHRA Clinical laboratory .....	3 hours
<b>Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing</b>	
NURS 7251 Mental Health Nursing with Person .....	6 hours
NURS 7352 Mental Health Nursing with Persons .....	6 hours
<b>Role Option Courses</b> .....	<b>9 hours</b>
<b>Education</b>	
NURS 7321 Curriculum Design for Nursing .....	3 hours
NURS 7422 Teaching Strategies for Nursing .....	6 hours
<b>Nursing Administration</b>	
NURS 7331 Nursing Administration: Roles & Theories ..	3 hours
NURS 7432 Nursing Admin. : Implementation of Role .....	6 hours
<b>Care Manager</b>	
NURS 7341 Care Manager: Roles and Theories .....	3 hours
NURS 7442 Care Manager: Implementation of Role .....	6 hours
<b>Thesis or Project (All students must do a thesis or project)</b> .....	<b>6 hours</b>
NURS 7463 Thesis .....	1-6 hours
NURS 7473 Project .....	1-6 hours
<b>Total Required for the Degree</b> .....	<b>36 semester hours</b>

**Requirements for the Clinical Nurse Leader Track within the MSN Program**

NURS 7100 Pathophysiology .....	3 hours
NURS 7110 Theories Used in Nursing .....	2 hours
NURS 7150 Health Care Information Systems .....	2 hours
NURS 7160 Health Care Delivery Systems .....	2 hours
NURS 7200 Advanced Health Assessment .....	3 hours
NURS 7200L Adv. Health Assessment Practicum .....	1 hour
NURS 7220 Advanced Evidence-based Practice .....	3 hours
NURS 7230 Advanced Pharmacology .....	3 hours
NURS 7300 Population-based Care Management .....	3 hours
NURS 7310 Leadership .....	3 hours
NURS 7320 Clinical Nurse Leader Role Development .	3 hours
NURS 7410 Clinical Nurse Leader Synthesis... ..	2 hours
NURS 7420 Clinical Practicum .....	6 hours
<b>Total Required for the Degree</b> .....	<b>36 semester hour</b>

**Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree (RN-MSN option)**

**RN Path Core Semester One**

NURS 3220 Community as a Client .....	5 hours
NURS 3150 Principles of Baccalaureate Nursing Education .....	3 hours
NURS 4060 Advanced Health Assessment .....	4 hours
NURS 4400K Nursing Informatics .....	3 hours
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>15 hours</b>

After completion of RN-BSN Pathway Semester One courses (15 credits), applicants approved for admission to the RN-MSN Pathway must take the following 5 core courses.

**MSN Path Core Semester Two**

NURS 7100 Pathophysiology .....	3 hours
JNURS 7110 Theories Used in Nursing .....	2 hours
NURS 7120 Nursing Research .....	3 hours
NURS 7140 Leadership in Advanced Nursing Roles .....	3 hours
NURS 4250 Intro to Nursing Financial Management .....	hours
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>14 hours</b>

Students in the RN-MSN Curriculum select a clinical track and a role option upon completion of Semester Two

Clinical Focus Courses .....	12 hours
Role Option Courses .....	9 hours
Thesis or Project .....	6 hours
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>27 hours</b>

**Total Required for the RN-MSN Degree ..... 41semester hours**  
(56 semester hours including RN-BSN Pathway Semester One)

**Requirements for the Adult Health Nurse Practitioner Program**

Level One Graduate Core .....	9 hours
NURS 7100 Pathophysiology .....	3 hours
NURS 7110 Theories Used in Nursing .....	2 hours
NURS 7150 Health Care Information Systems .....	2 hours
NURS 7160 Health Care Delivery Systems .....	2 hours
Level Two Clinical Core .....	10 hours
NURS 7200 Advanced Health Assesment .....	3 hours
NURS 7200L Adv. Health Assesment Practicum .....	1 hour
NURS 7220 Advanced Evidence-based Practice .....	3 hours
NURS 7230 Advanced Pharmacology .....	3 hours

Level Three Nurse Practitioner .....	9 hours
NURS 7330 Nurse Practitioner I .....	3 hours
NURS 7330L Nurse Practitioner Practicum I .....	3 hours
NURS 7340 Advanced Adult Nursing .....	3 hours
Level Four Nurse Practitioner .....	9 hours
NURS 7350 Nurse Practitioner II .....	3 hours
NURS 7350 Nurse Practitioner Practicum II .....	3 hours
NURS 7510 Nurse Practitioner Project I .....	3 hours
Level Five Nurse Practitioner .....	9 hours
NURS 7520 Nurse Practitioner Project II .....	4 hours
NURS 7590 Nurse Practitioner Capstone Practicum .....	5 hours
<b>Total Required for the Degree .....</b>	<b>46 semester hour</b>

### **Requirements for the Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Track**

Level One Graduate Core .....	9 hours
NURS 7100 Pathophysiology .....	3 hours
NURS 7110 Theories Used in Nursing .....	2 hours
NURS 7150 Health Care Information Systems .....	2 hours
NURS 7160 Health Care Delivery Systems .....	2 hours
Level Two Clinical Core .....	10 hours
NURS 7200 Advanced Health Assessment .....	3 hours
NURS 7200L Adv. Health Assessment Practicum .....	1 hour
NURS 7220 Advanced Evidence-based Practice .....	3 hours
NURS 7230 Advanced Pharmacology .....	3 hours
Level Three Nurse Practitioner .....	9 hours
NURS 7330 Nurse Practitioner I .....	3 hours
NURS 7330L Nurse Practitioner Practicum I .....	3 hours
NURS 7340 Advanced Adult Nursing .....	3 hours
Level Four Nurse Practitioner .....	9 hours
NURS 7350 Nurse Practitioner II .....	3 hours
NURS 7350 Nurse Practitioner Practicum II .....	3 hours
NURS 7510 Nurse Practitioner Project I .....	3 hours
Level Five Nurse Practitioner .....	9 hours
NURS 7520 Nurse Practitioner Project II .....	4 hours
NURS 7590 Nurse Practitioner Capstone Practicum .....	5 hours
<b>Total Required for the Degree .....</b>	<b>46 semester hour</b>



**Certificate Curriculum Pathway for Advanced Placement Students**  
 (those already holding the MSN)

Semester One .....	9 hours
NURS 7060 Advanced Practice Nursing with Adults .....	3 hours
NURS 7291 Advanced Nursing Health Promotion .....	3 hours
NURS 7230 Pharmacotherapeutics .....	3 hours
Semester Two .....	13 hours
NURS 7392 Health Restoration of Adults-Clinical Lab .....	3 hours
NURS 7391 Diagnostic and Therapeutic Parameters .....	4 hours
NURS 7492 Therapeutic Intervention and Role Impl. ....	6 hours
Semester Three .....	8 hours
NURS 7590 Nurse Practitioner Practicum .....	6 hours
NURS 7594 Synthesis Seminar .....	2 hours
<b>Total Required for the Program .....</b>	<b>30 semester hours</b>



## **DIVISION OF SOCIAL WORK**

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The Division of Social Work offers a Master of Social Work degree. Social Work is a profession committed to improving the quality of life for all individuals. Social workers perform a variety of roles in many settings and are eligible for professional certification and state licensure. The Master of Social Work degree program at Valdosta State University is designed to prepare students for advanced generalist practice. Social workers in advanced generalist practice use their skills as direct service providers in interventions with individuals, families, groups, organizations, as well as in communities, in the role of supervisors, managers, administrators, researchers, and social planners.

### **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

#### **Selected Educational Outcomes**

1. Using the strengths perspective, graduates will practice without discrimination and with respect, knowledge, and skills that are appropriate for the range of human differences.
2. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to practice at increasing levels of complexity using specialized theories and practice methods.
3. Graduates will demonstrate elements of leadership and the ability to shape the professional environment.
4. Graduates will demonstrate an increasing ability to engage in informed and systematic self-directed practice.

#### **Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Students must complete all academic requirements to a satisfactory degree, including 1,000 clock hours of practicum.
2. Students must submit a portfolio to the faculty during the last semester in residence, which reflects the way in which they met all program objectives.

This program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). VSU graduate students who are not enrolled in the M.S.W. program may take elective courses with the permission of the Director of the Division of Social Work, but required courses are restricted to M.S.W. students. The M.S.W. program is cohort-based, and the order of courses is strictly determined by selection of program. Academic credit will not be given for life experience or previous work experience.

Program cohort options and detailed programs of study are available at the Division of Social Work office and website <[www.valdosta.edu/sowk](http://www.valdosta.edu/sowk)>. Students are admitted to one of the following cohort options:

- (1) On-campus option: Full-Time (2-year); Part-Time (3- or 4-year);
- (2) Web-based (3-year) including 5 weekends of on-campus classes each semester;
- (3) Advanced Standing option: Full-Time On-Campus (1-year); Full-Time Web-Hybrid (1-year); Part-Time On-Campus (2-year); Part-Time Web-Hybrid (2-year).

Advanced Standing students may request either the on-campus or web-based option and may elect to attend classes full-time or part-time. The Advanced Standing option is available only to students who received a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) from a CSWE-accredited program in the last 5 years. Additional admission requirements apply. Enrollment in this option is extremely competitive, and space is limited.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GRE, MAT), completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements (listed below), submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for the preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

### **Application Deadlines**

Deadline for applications is March 15 of each year. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis. Classes start in May or August for regular M.S.W. students and in May for Advanced Standing students (B.S.W.).

Go to the Graduate School Website

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and click on MSW Program for information on:

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- MSW Program Graduation Requirements

**To Apply Online:**                    <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>

## Requirements for the Master of Social Work Degree

### First Year - Foundation Courses. .... 30 hours

SOWK 6000: Orientation to Adv. Generalist Practice (2 hours)\*

\*Advanced Standing Only

SOWK 6004: Social Work Practice with Groups .....	2 hours
SOWK 6100: Introto Professional Social Work Education .....	1 hour
SOWK 6201: Human Behavior in Social Environment I .....	3 hours
SOWK 6202: Human Behavior in Social Environment II .....	3 hours
SOWK 6301: Generalist Practice I .....	3 hours
SOWK 6302: Generalist Practice II .....	3 hours
SOWK 6303: Practice Skills Lab .....	1 hour
SOWK 6400: Social Welfare Policy, Problems, and Services .....	3 hours
SOWK 6500: Research and Eval. Methods in Social Work .....	3 hours
SOWK 6600: Practicum I .....	3 hours
SOWK 6610: Practicum Seminar I .....	1 hour
SOWK 6700: Practicum II . .....	3 hours
SOWK 6710: Practicum Seminar II .....	1 hour

### Second Year - Concentration Courses ..... 30 hours

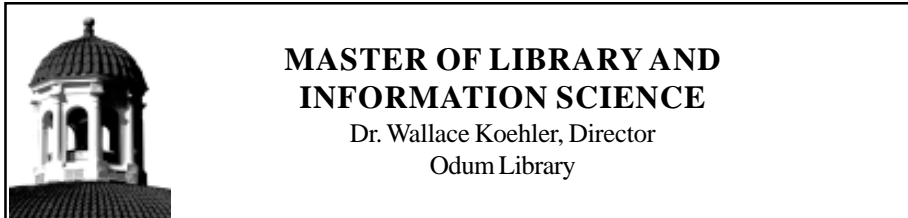
SOWK 7300: Adv. Practice with Individuals .....	3 hours
SOWK 7310: Adv. Practice with Families .....	3 hours
SOWK 7320: Adv. Practice in Organizations and Communities ...	3 hours
SOWK 7400: Adv. Social Work Policy & Practice .....	3 hours
SOWK 7500: Adv. Research & Program Evaluation .....	3 hours
SOWK 7611: Adv. Social Work Practicum I .....	4 hours
SOWK 7612: Adv. Social Work Practicum II .....	4 hours
SOWK 7630: Professional Seminar .....	2 hours
Select a minimum of 5 hours of General Practice Electives:	
SOWK 7000, SOWK 7700, SOWK 7810, SOWK 7820, SOWK 7840, SOWK 7860, SOWK 7870, SOWK 7880, or SOWK 7890 .....	3 hours
SOWK 7750, SOWK 7770, SOWK 7800, SOWK 7830, or SOWK 7850 .....	2 hours

\*Some elective courses are available in summer semester.

Total Hours Required for the Degree ..... 60 semester hours

### Field Practicum

Students in the M.S.W. program complete two separate year-long practicum experiences. These field placements in social service agencies run concurrently with coursework and allow students an opportunity to integrate classroom content with actual practice experiences. Students are required to complete 16 to 18 hours per week in practicum, depending on program cohort option. Practicum placements are geographically limited and determined by the Director of Field Instruction.



The mission of the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program, accredited by the American Library Association, is to provide a quality publicly supported education for generalists and specialists in the library and information science fields. Its primary focus is to educate librarians for academic, public, and special libraries in Georgia. The 39-hour non-thesis program combines brief periods of face-to-face instruction with Internet instruction and distance education. The program is designed for students who cannot leave jobs and families to return to a single campus for extended periods. Face-to-face classes will be held in various locations based upon geographic convenience for the class.

New students begin in the fall or spring semesters. MLIS 7000, Foundations of Library and Information Science, offered every fall and spring, is prerequisite or corequisite to many other MLIS courses.

For additional information about the Master of Library and Information Science Program, see <<http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/>>.

#### **Selected Educational Outcomes**

Competence within the context of the MLIS program will be defined, in part, on the degree candidate's ability to:

1. Utilize knowledge, ethics, skills, and service-oriented behaviors to facilitate information-seeking, in general, and to customize those professional attributes to the needs of at least one distinct library- type setting (public, academic, or special), in particular.
2. Apply principles of knowledge organization (including descriptive cataloging and subject-oriented classification schemes) in libraries and information centers.
3. Investigate authentic (real-world) professional scenarios through observations, interviews, surveys, fieldwork, or other means appropriate to experiencing library and information center operations first-hand.
4. Communicate ideas, proposals, rationales, findings, or problem solutions clearly and concisely to professors, colleagues, and classmates using modes, media, and technologies appropriate to the circumstances.
5. Devise management plans based upon institutional criteria associated with libraries and information centers in areas such as access, collections, personnel, acquisitions, programming, and technology.

### **Examples of Outcome Assessments**

Evaluation of an MLIS degree candidate's competencies will be based, in part, upon:

1. Completion of a professional portfolio, composed as a self-portrait of the author's achievement and potential. Individual portfolios are graded pass-fail in the MLIS Foundations course and serve as one cornerstone of the MLIS Capstone course.
2. Production of bibliographic descriptions of library materials based upon professional cataloging standards. The instructor examines the relevancy of the data elements, the adherence of the description to formatting rules, and low composition errors as part of the grading rubric.
3. Fulfillment of objectives related to supervised fieldwork. Objectives are based upon the student's goals and are mutually developed by the student, the site supervisor, and the evaluating professor.
4. Participation in electronic communications via asynchronous modes (discussion groups or e-mail) and synchronous modes (chat sessions or teleconferencing) as assessed by effective conveyance of ideas (e.g., clarity and conciseness of language) and the effort exhibited (e.g., number of transactions or time online).
5. Authorship of documented papers written in a scholarly style and that meet specific course requirements.

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#### **Admission Deadlines:**

Fall Deadline: March 15

Spring Deadline: November 1

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**Requirements for the MLIS Degree**

Core (Required) Courses .....	18 hours
MLIS 7000, MLIS 7100, MLIS 7200 .....	9 hours
MLIS 7300, MLIS 7700, MLIS 7800 .....	9 hours
Electives .....	21 hours
<b>Total Required for the Degree .....</b>	<b>39 semester hours</b>

<b>Optional Track in Cataloging and Classification. ....</b>	<b>12 hours</b>
MLIS 7300 .....	3 hours
MLIS 7330, 7350, 7355, 7360, 7370, 7440, 7950*, or 7999* .....	6 hours
MLIS 7960* .....	3 hours

\* MLIS 7950, 7960, and 7999 must have a cataloging or classification emphasis.  
 \*MLIS 7950 will be used only when the other courses are not available to the student.

With the consent of the cataloging professor, paraprofessional or volunteer experience with cataloging or classification may substitute for MLIS 7960. In this case, the student will take another 3-credit-hour course in cataloging or classification.

<b>Optional Track in Library Management. ....</b>	<b>12 hours</b>
MLIS 7200 .....	3 hours
MLIS 7210, 7220, or 7230 .....	3 hours
MLIS 7240, 7250, 7260, 7270, 7950+, 7960+, or 7999+ .....	6 hours

+ MLIS 7950, 7960, and 7999 must have a library management emphasis.  
 +MLIS 7950 will be used only when the other courses are not available to the student.

<b>Optional Track in Reference Sources and Services.</b> .....	12 hours
MLIS 7100 .....	3 hours
MLIS 7110, 7111, 7120, 7130, 7150, 7160, 7170, 7180, 7430, 7950*, or 7999* .....	6 hours
MLIS 7960* .....	3 hours

\*MLIS 7950, 7960, and 7999 must have a reference emphasis. MLIS 7950 will be used only when the other courses are not available to the student.

<b>Optional Track in Technology.</b> .....	15 hours
MLIS 7370 .....	3 hours
MLIS 7500, 7520, 7550, or 7580 .....	6 hours
MLIS 7330, 7350, 7440, 7505, 7950*, 7960*, or 7999* .....	6 hours

\*MLIS 7950, 7960, and 7999 must have an emphasis on information technologies. MLIS 7950 will be used only when the other courses are not available to the student.

<b>Optional Track in Health Sciences Librarianship.</b> .....	15 hours
MLIS 7170, MLIS 7111 .....	6 hours
MLIS electives .....	6 hours
MLIS 7230 and MLIS 7440 are highly recommended. Other electives that qualify for this track are MLIS 7150, 7160, 7950*, and either MLIS 7500 or MLIS 7505.	
MLIS 7960* .....	3 hours

\*MLIS 7950, 7960, and 7999 must have an emphasis on health sciences librarianship. MLIS 7950 will be used only when the other courses are not available to the student.