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## What is SBA?

The Summer Bridge Academy is a program designed for a select group of students who wish to attend Valdosta State University but did not meet the requirements for regular admission. Over a 7 week period, students will take 8 hours of classes which will prepare them for educational success in the future. The Summer Bridge Academy will help students meet the requirements necessary to become a regular student at VSU for the sequential Fall term and will be equipped with the tools to excel in their classes, have confidence in their academic ability, and be excited to get involved around campus, which will contribute to their personal success as well as to the institutional success of Valdosta State University.

SBA will help you meet the requirements necessary to become a regular student at VSU for the sequential Fall term. Successful completion of the SBA program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and an earned grade of a “C” or better in all of your SBA coursework. After you have completed and met all of the requirements of the SBA program, you will receive regular admission to Valdosta State University for the sequential Fall term.

For any questions regarding the SBA program, please contact Ashley Myers at 229-333-7572, or e-mail at [aamyers@valdosta.edu](mailto:aamyers@valdosta.edu).

## Course Descriptions

### **VSU 1101 (2 hours)**

#### *Keys to College Success*

Students will have an introduction to lifelong learning with emphasis on college study skill strategies. Topics include learning styles, time management, learning and memory skills, learning from texts and lectures, note-taking, objective and essay examinations, and critical thinking skills. This portion of the class will account for 2 credit hours.

### **COMM 1100 (3 hours)**

#### *Human Communication*

A broad approach to oral communication skills including intrapersonal, interpersonal, small group, and public speaking.

### **ENGL 1101 (3 hours)**

#### *Composition I*

A composition course focusing on skills required for effective writing in a variety of contexts, with emphasis on exposition, analysis, and argumentation, and also including introductory use of a variety of research skills. Students will develop analytical and evaluative skills by reading and writing expository and/or argumentative essays.

OR

### **MATH 1111 (3 hours)**

#### *College Algebra*

Algebraic topics including polynomials, rational expressions, equations, inequalities, graphing, exponents and radicals, relations and functions through exponential and logarithmic functions.



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# Summer Bridge Academy

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## Benefits

The transition from high school to college can be an overwhelming one. The SBA program allots students a generous 7 week period to help make this transition easier. The SBA program facilitates these transitions both inside and outside of the classroom.

You will be given the opportunity to earn credit that satisfies part of your Valdosta State University Core Curriculum by taking COMM 1100 as well as your MATH 1111 OR ENGL 1101 courses. You will strengthen your skills in math or English courses with the help of tutors and supplemental instructors, students who have previously done well in the course and who attend all class lectures, take notes, and act as model students. You will also develop time management skills, study skills strategies, and confidence to improve participation in their classes as they take VSU 1101-Keys to Success. To assist each student, course instructors and supplemental instructors will be available during mandatory tutoring sessions to assist with any questions or concerns students may have about material presented in class. Also, students will be participating in cohort style classes to promote social interaction with their peers.

In addition to their classes, students will live in the same residence hall as their classmates, and through various social programs, students will be given numerous opportunities to interact with one another and develop friendships with their classmates.

## Outcomes

Upon completion of the Summer Bridge Academy, students will have developed the skills necessary to excel in collegiate classes, to be confident in their academic ability, and to be familiar with resources and tools at VSU that will help them achieve academic and personal success.



## Requirements

Students will receive conditional admission to Valdosta State University after they have completed their application, signed a copy of the SBA Contract for Success, and completed a Summer Bridge Academy application. In addition, your GPA must meet VSU's Freshman Index(FI) requirement of 2040. To calculate your GPA, follow the steps below:

### Freshman Index\* (FI) 2040.

- FI = total SAT Score + (500 x high school academic GPA) ACT Composite will be used FI calculation
- Only Critical Reading & Math are used in SAT calculation. Composite Score for ACT calculation

Students who apply to the SBA program must also receive the minimum standardized testing scores which are listed below:

SAT 440 Critical Reading	410 Math
ACT 18 English	17 Math

## Cost

The estimated cost for the Summer Bridge Academy program is outlined below:

<b>Tuition</b>	
In state (with fees)	\$2,027
Out of state (with fees)	\$5,219
Meal plan	\$400-\$700

## Housing

Students living on campus will live in either Hopper or Georgia Hall. Additional questions can be answered at VSU's Housing website [www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/housing/halls/welcome.php](http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/housing/halls/welcome.php)

Application fee	\$325
Georgia (private)	\$1,195
Georgia (semi-private)	\$1,075

### Total Tuition and Housing estimate

In state (with semi-private housing)	\$3,427
In state (with private housing)	\$3,547
Out of state (with semi-private housing)	\$6,619
Out of state (with private housing)	\$6,739

## Financial Aid

Students accepted to SBA will be enrolled in 8 hours of classes which qualifies them to receive financial aid but does not guarantee eligibility. Students MUST complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application in order for SBA summer semester 2013 eligibility to be determined for federal financial aid programs, which includes student loans and grants as well as the HOPE Scholarship. Students MUST ALSO complete the 2013-2014 FAFSA application in order to be eligible for financial aid in the fall and spring semesters. To find more information on eligibility and how to apply for financial aid, please visit Valdosta State University's Financial Aid Office's website at [www.valdosta.edu/admissions/financial-aid/](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/financial-aid/), contact them at 229-333-5935 OR visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/).



## Deadlines

The priority deadline for housing and financial aid applications is April 1, 2013. Students should complete and submit the proper applications to ensure their eligibility for the SBA program.

## Important Dates

FAFSA priority deadline	April 1
Housing application and fee	April 1
SBA Move In	June 2
SBA Classes Begin	June 5
SBA Midterm/Checkpoint	June 27
Holiday, No Class	July 4
Last day of class	July 23
SBA Finals	July 25

## SBA Application Checklist

- Signed copy of the Contract for Success
- Completed Summer Bridge Academy application
- Current VSU application
- If applicable, FAFSA form (completed online) [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

### BOTH

- 2012-2013 FAFSA
- 2013-2014 FAFSA

All of these forms can be found online at [www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/summer-bridge-academy/welcome.php](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/summer-bridge-academy/welcome.php)

