

VSU Advising Checklist & Considerations

Helpful URLs:

VSU eCore webpages

<http://www.valdosta.edu/ecore/index.shtml>

- eCore Online Orientation Quiz
- Getting Started
- Survival Guide
- Registration
- eCore Login
- eCore Help
- Order Textbooks
- Proctored Exams
- Drop and Withdrawal Processes
- Course Offerings
- eCore Calendar

USG eCore webpages

<http://ecore.usg.edu/>

- About eCore
- Benefits
- Prospective Students
- Registration Information
- Is eCore Right for Me?
- Courses
- eCore Faculty
- Student Services
- Exams and Testing
- Inside eCore

Provide a Realistic Preview

1. eCore courses are not right for every student. The USG “**Is eCore Right for Me?**” webpage (<http://ecore.usg.edu/right/>) has identified **characteristics that help students be successful** in eCore, which include:
 - having reliable access to an **Internet-connected computer**.
 - knowing how to navigate **web sites, manage email, work with files**, and do other **basic computer tasks**.
 - ability to **organize their own time to complete assignments** and **meet deadlines**.
 - ability to **participate actively in online discussions**.
 - are comfortable **asking for help or clarification** when needed.
 - being prepared to **work as hard online as they would in a face-to-face class**.
2. Be sure that eCore **fits in with the student’s educational objectives & degree program**
 - **eCore Prerequisites & VSU Equivalents** (<http://www.valdosta.edu/ecore/ecore-eg.shtml>)
3. Students **MUST** also successfully **complete the eCore Online Orientation Quiz** (<http://ecore.usg.edu/prospective/orientation/vsu/>) before they can take an eCore course.

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Students interested in eCore should:

- Be fully accepted to VSU and have a working VSU e-mail account**
 - a. Vital eCore information will be sent to student's VSU e-mail account.
- Be academically advised & have a realistic preview of what an online course entails**
 - a. USG "Is eCore Right for Me?" webpage (<http://ecore.usg.edu/right/>)
 - b. eCore Prerequisites & VSU Equivalents webpage (<http://www.valdosta.edu/ecore/ecore-eq.shtml>)
- Successfully complete the Online Orientation Quiz**
(<http://ecore.usg.edu/prospective/orientation/vsu/>)
 - a. All eCore students **must review and successfully complete the Online Orientation Quiz before they can register for an eCore course**; this helps to ensure students know what to expect from eCore courses.
- Register for an eCore course through Banner**
- Buy their books (& lab kits if needed) (NOT readily available at the VSU bookstore but some may be special ordered) once students know they are registered and will be taking a course**
 - a. Textbook listing & MBS Direct Bookstore information (<http://ecore.usg.edu/courses/textbooks.php>)
 - b. Financial aid may be accepted for special orders at the VSU bookstore but students must complete payment in person.
- Log into the course (<https://ecore.view.usg.edu/>)**
 - a. eCore courses are NOT offered in VSU's BlazeVIEW course management system but we do place notes in BlazeVIEW directing students to the eCore course login.
 - b. **There is a login DEADLINE.** Students MUST log into their eCore course **at least ONCE by the semester login deadline** or they may be dropped for non-attendance (Important Semester Dates: <http://www.valdosta.edu/ecore/index.shtml>).
- Take at least one proctored exam (<http://www.valdosta.edu/ecore/testing.shtml>)**
 - a. Identify when & how many proctored exams there are for each eCore course they are taking
 - b. Choose an approved testing site
 - c. Complete the Proctored Examination Request Form within the deadline
 - i. If the form is not completed by the due date there will be a \$15 late fee and in some cases the student will not be able to take the exam
 - d. Take exam during the scheduled date/time