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Valdosta State University

Reference Guide and Calendar

2008-2009



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2008-2009 Reference Guide and Calendar

Welcome to the 2008-2009 Reference Guide and Calendar!

The VSU Reference Guide and Calendar provides the dates of major institutional activities occurring during the next fiscal year.

All of the events that were available as of June 27, 2008 are listed in the calendar. Other and more specialized event listings may be found on the VSU Campus Calendars web page at www.valdosta.edu/calendars/.

Our appreciation is extended to all the University offices which assisted us with the development and collection of information. Special appreciation is extended to Jeff Grant and the staff of Printing Services for duplication of the calendar. As always, we look forward to working with you to achieve excellence and reach our strategic goals*.

USG Strategic Goals

USG Goal: One

Renew excellence in undergraduate education to meet students' 21st century educational needs.

USG Goal: Two

Create enrollment capacity to meet the needs of 100,000 additional students by 2020.

USG Goal: Three

Increase the System's participation in research and economic development to the benefit of a global Georgia. Enhance and encourage the creation of new knowledge and basic research across all disciplines. Increase the System's participation in research and economic development to the benefit of a global Georgia. Enhance and encourage the creation of new knowledge and basic research across all disciplines.

USG Goal: Four

Strengthen the USG's partnerships with the state's other education agencies.

USG Goal: Five

Maintain affordability so that money is not a barrier to participation in the benefits of higher education.

USG Goal: Six

Increase efficiency, working as a System.

Concise Mission Statement

The mission of Valdosta State University is to:

- Prepare our students to meet global opportunities and challenges through excellence in teaching and learning.
- Expand the boundaries of current knowledge, and explore the practical applications of that knowledge, through excellence in scholarship and creative endeavors.
- Promote the economic, cultural, and educational progress of our community and of our region, through excellence in service outreach.

VSU seeks to accomplish this mission in a dynamic, student-centered learning environment marked by respect for the diverse abilities, backgrounds, and contributions of all members of the university community.

VSU Strategic Goals

Refined July 2006

University Goal: Enrollment and Retention

Intentionally grow undergraduate and graduate enrollment (to 12,000 over the next 5 years) through additional new students and increased retention and graduation rates of existing students.

University Goal: Academic Programs

Develop programs in health-related professions while continuing to offer, identify, and develop programs which prepare students to be responsible, thoughtful and productive citizens.

University Goal: Diversity

Move beyond tolerance by actively promoting acceptance, inclusion, appreciation, and respect for human similarities and differences.

University Goal: Faculty and Staff Development

Enhance employment excellence and identify best practices in developing and retaining quality faculty and staff.

University Goal: Financial Support

Establish the infrastructure to increase sponsored research and private gifts as a percent of the total budget to position VSU to achieve its mission.

* All VSU goals support related goals of the University System of Georgia <http://www.usg.edu/>

Valdosta State University Statistical Highlights

- Since VSU was founded in 1906 as South Georgia State Normal College and the first classes were held on January 2, 1913, VSU will celebrate its Centennial years from 2006 to 2013.
- In 1922, the school was renamed Georgia State Woman's College. The school became co-educational in 1950 and changed its name to Valdosta State College. On July 1, 1993, VSC became a Regional University and has been known since that date as Valdosta State University.
- VSU has hosted the Governor's Honors Program for the last twenty-nine years as of FY 2008.
- Enrollment for Fall 2007 was 11,280. Undergraduate enrollment totaled 9,728 and graduate enrollment 1,552. These enrollments represent a 2.5% increase in undergraduates and a 10.9% increase in graduate students from Fall 2006.
- The average age of undergraduates was 21 years old and the average age of graduate students was 34 years old in Fall 2007.
- Females represented 62% of the student body. In Fall 2007, 24% of the students were Black, Non-Hispanic and 5% were other racial/ethnic minorities.
- In Fall 2007, Georgians comprised 93% of the total enrollment while Floridians accounted for 2%; all other out-of-state students represented 3%, and International students represented 2%.
- Students came from 154 of the 159 counties in Georgia, 46 states, and over 60 countries for Fall 2007.
- 47% of all students came from the 41-county service region, while 26% of all students came from the Metro Atlanta area in Fall 2007.
- In FY 2007, over \$74 million in student financial aid was distributed to assist students.
- Actual unaudited Educational and General expenditures for FY 2007 totaled \$80,065,791.

- In FY 2007, VSU received \$3,913,746 in grants and contracts.
- In FY 2007, VSU conferred a total of 1,968 degrees.
- VSU's retention rate for first-time full-time freshmen for Fall 2006 to Fall 2007 was 71.5%.
- As of Fall 2007, VSU's six year graduation rate was 41.1%.
- In Fall 2007, VSU employed 936 administrators and staff members, 58% of whom were female.
- In Fall 2007, VSU employed 441 full-time faculty and 144 part-time faculty.
- Females constituted 47% of all faculty. In Fall 2007, 4% of the faculty were Black, Non-Hispanic and 8% were other racial/ethnic minorities.

For additional detailed information on a variety of VSU related topics, including enrollment, graduation rates, and much more, please visit the Strategic Research & Analysis web site at: www.valdosta.edu/sra

Sources: 2007 Fact Book; Fall 2007 SIRS; 2007-2008 IPEDS.

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5	6
10	11 Fall Convocation Whitehead Auditorium, 10. a.m. SPDB-Department level should begin drafting initiatives now,	12 Castle WW Administered	13 Residence Halls Open to First Year Students
17	18 First Class Day for Fall Semester Fall Registration Ends at 5:30 p.m.	19 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta Late Registration Begins	20 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta
24	25	26 Castle WW Administered	27
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August 2008

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
	1 Summer II Final Exams	2 Graduation TOEFL Adminis- tered	
7	8 SPDB- Deadline for Dean and Directors to enter Strategies and metrics	9	
14 Fall Registration begins 5 p.m.	15 Registration and Drop/Add Residence Halls open for returning students SPDB-Submit Annual Report Data via the planning database	16 ICC Administered POST Administered	
21	22 Late Registration Ends at 2:30 p.m. Fee payment dead- line today at 2:30pm	23 Centennial Fun Run VSU Football vs. Fort Valley PCAT Administered TOEFL Administered	
28 The Happening New Employee Orientation	29 SPDB-Deadline for Department Heads to enter Action Plans and Metrics	30 VSU Football at Newberry	

September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Labor Day (VSU Offices Closed)	2	3
7	8	9	10
14	15 PRAXIS SAB Administered	16	17
21	22	23 Castle WW Administered	24
28	29	30	

September 2008

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
4 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 3:30pm	5 SPDB-Deadline for VPs (or their designees) to complete Action Plan and Metric Review	6	
11	12 SPDB-Deadline for all Initiative Funding Requests entered into the database	13 VSU Football at Southern Arkansas ACT administered PRAXIS I & II Administered	
18	19 Parents Weekend	20 Parents Weekend VSU Football vs Ouachita Baptist POST Administered	
25 New Employee Orientation	26 Deadline for Dean/Director level Ranking of Initiatives	27 VSU Football at West Alabama TOEFL Administered	

November 2008

November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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9	10 Board of Regents Meeting	11 Board of Regents Meeting Veterans' Day	12
16	17 PRAXIS SAB SPDB-Users may submit additional initiatives for consideration on an as needed basis	18 Castle WW Administratied	19
23 Residence Halls reopen 30	24	25	26 Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving Break (VSU Offices Closed)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
		1 SAT (I & II) Administered	
6 VSU Football vs. West Georgia at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium, 8 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 3:30pm	7 Veterans' Day Observed	8 GRE Administered TOEFL Administered Visitation Day	
13	14	15 ICC Administered PRAXIS I & II Administered	
20 New Employee Orientation	21 Spring 2009 Early Registration ends today	22	
27 Thanksgiving Break (VSU Offices Closed)	28 Thanksgiving Break (VSU Offices Closed)	29	

December 2008

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 COMPASS EXIT Administered
7	8 Last Class Day for Fall Semester	9 Exam Prep Day Castle WW Administered Compass EXIT Administered	10 Final Exams
14	15	16	17
21	22 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)	23 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)	24 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)
28	29 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)	30 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)	31 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)

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11 Final Exams	12 Final Exams	13 Graduation ACT Administered Residence Halls close, 10 a.m.														
18	19	20														
25 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)	26 Seasonal Holiday (VSU Offices Closed)	27														

January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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11	12 First Class Day for Spring Semester PRAXIS (SAB) Administered	13 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta	14 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta
18	19 Martin Luther King Day (VSU Offices Closed)	20	21
25	26	27	28

January 2009

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
1 Seasonal Holidays (VSU Offices Closed)	2 Seasonal Holidays (VSU Offices Closed)	3	
8 Traditional Residence Halls re-open at 10 am	9 SPDB-Complete quarterly update of the status of your goals, strategies, action plans and initiatives	10 PRAXIS (I & II) Administered	
15	16	17 POST Administered	
22	23	24 PCAT Administered SAT I & II Administered	
29 New Employee Orientation	30	31	

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8	9	10 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta	11 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta
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5 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 3:30pm	6	7 Visitation Day ACT Administered LSAT Administered	
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	
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26 New Employee Orientation	27	28	

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12	13	14 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta	15 Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta
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26	27 PRAXIS SAB Administered	28 COMPASS Exit Administered	29 COMPASS Exit Administered

April 2009

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2 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 3:30pm	3 Complete quarterly update of the status of your goals, strategies, action plans and initiatives	4 ACT Administered GRE Administered	
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16	17	18 POST Administered	
23	24	25 PRAXIS (I & II) Administered	
30 New Employee Orientation			

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4 Exam Prep Day	5 Final Exams	6 Final Exams
10	11	12	13 Summer Move in for Mayterm
17	18	19	20
24	25 Memorial Day (VSU Offices Closed)	26 Midterm for Mayterm	27
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May 2009

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
	1 Last Day of Class	2 SAT (I & II)	
7 Final Exams Faculty Senate Ex- ecutive Committee, 3:30pm	8 Final Exam	9 Graduation Traditional Residence Halls close at 4pm	
14 First day of classes for Mayterm	15	16	
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28 New Employee Orientation	29	30	

June 2009

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7	8 LSAT Administered	9 Residence Halls open for Summer II/ III terms Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta	10 First Class Day Summer II & III Board of Regents Meeting, Atlanta
14	15 PRAXIS SAB Administered	16	17
21	22 RTP Administered	23 RTP Administered	24 RTP Administered
28	29 TAPE Administered SPDB- Complete final quarterly update of the status of your goals, strategies, action plans and initiatives	30	

June 2009

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
4 Last Class Day for May Term	5 May Term Exams Residence Halls close for May term	6 Traditional Hall move-out for Summer I (Mayterm) SAT I & II Administered	
11	12	13 PRAXIS (I & II) Administered ACT Administered	
18	19 Summer III Midterm	20 POST Administered	
25 RTP Administered New Employee Orientation	26	27	

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