

# Accessing WebCT Vista Courses for the MPA Program

## Course Access

Each student must have a VSU BlazeNet email account (each student is automatically assigned one upon registering for a course). If you haven't activated your student account, go to the VSU homepage, find "How To ..." on the right-hand side of the page, and click on "Find My Email." You will find complete instructions on accessing and using your account. Once you've activated your student account, go to the VSU home page at [www.valdosta.edu](http://www.valdosta.edu), and click on "WebCT Vista" located in the upper right corner just below the VSU Banner. (You may also just go directly to [www.valdosta.edu/webct/](http://www.valdosta.edu/webct/) )

Your login is your VSU account name, e.g. if your account is [jsmith@valdosta.edu](mailto:jsmith@valdosta.edu), your login is jsmith. Your password is your BlazeNet password. If you have trouble determining your password, or in logging into your course you will need to contact the help desk for assistance ([helpdesk@valdosta.edu](mailto:helpdesk@valdosta.edu)). The MPA office does not have access to your password.

Figure 1: Login Page

The screenshot shows the WebCT Vista login page for Valdosta State University. The page is titled "WebCT Vista" and includes a navigation menu with links for Home, Academic Affairs, Distance Learning, and Vista. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area is divided into several sections: "About Us" with links for Login, Meet Vista Support, and Vista Advisory Board; "Request Forms" with a link for Help; "IT Helpdesk Support Hours" with a table of support hours; "Vista @ Valdosta State University" with a "Getting Started with Vista" section; "Popular Questions" with a list of common issues; "Self-Help" with links for Getting Started, Guides, News, Common Questions, and Status of Known Problems; "How Are We Doing?" with a feedback form; "Site Use" with links for Contact VSU, Disclaimer, Help, and Index; and "Distance Learning Collaborative Programs" with links for VSU eCore Login, European Union Certificate Login, and VSU WebCTA Login. The login form is the central focus, with fields for Name and Password, and radio buttons for selecting the login type. An "OK" button is located at the bottom of the form.

You should be able to enter the course on the first day of scheduled classes. That day is also a registration day, and you may not gain access until a day or two after all registration has been completed.

You should click familiarize yourself with the material under "Popular Questions" and you may need to run a browser check to make sure your computer will work with the system. You will also find several items you may click on to obtain student assistance on this page.

Note that your syllabus and all other course material will be located online. Hard copies of your syllabus or other information will not normally be provided.

Each of us in the MPA program is looking forward to working with you to ensure that your online experience is a good experience. Please let your professor know of any problems you may encounter. You may also contact the MPA Coordinator directly at [nargyle@valdosta.edu](mailto:nargyle@valdosta.edu).