

Accessing BlazeVIEW Courses for the MPA Program

Course Access

Each student must have a VSU Windows Live email account (each student is automatically assigned one upon registering for a course). If you haven't activated your Live account, go to the VSU homepage, and find **IT Helpdesk** from the Quick Links section on the left side of the page. Select **Windows Live eMail Guides**, and click on **Live @ VState Portal** on the left side of the page. **You** will find complete instructions on accessing and using your account. Once you've activated your Live account, go to the VSU home page at www.valdosta.edu, and click on **BlazeVIEW** located at the bottom of the main menu on the left side of the screen. (You may also just go directly to blazeview.valdosta.edu)

Your login is your VSU Live name, e.g. if your account is jsmith@valdosta.edu, your login is jsmith. To determine your password, click on the **Self Service Password Reset**. The MPA office does not have access to your password.

The screenshot shows the BlazeVIEW website for Valdosta State University. The header includes the university logo and the BlazeVIEW logo. Below the header are three navigation tabs: "BlazeVIEW for Students", "BlazeVIEW for Instructors", and "How to Get Help". The main content area is titled "Welcome to BlazeVIEW!" and contains several sections: a paragraph explaining that Valdosta State University uses BlazeVIEW (Blackboard Vista 8 Course Management System) to provide an online learning environment; a "Login to BlazeVIEW" button; a "Scheduled Maintenance" section stating that regular weekly maintenance occurs every Friday night at 11:45 p.m. until Saturday morning at 2:00 a.m.; a "USG Collaborative Programs" section with a list of links for Georgia on My Line Login, VSU eCore Login, EU Certificate Login, and VSU WebMSA Login. The footer contains contact information for eLearning and Valdosta State University, including phone numbers and a "BlazeVIEW Login" link.

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.