



## ADMISSIONS

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The admission policy of Valdosta State University is designed to admit those students whose academic backgrounds indicate a reasonable potential for success in the educational program of the university. Acceptance is based upon previous academic record, entrance examination scores, good conduct, and, when deemed necessary, results of personal interviews or other appropriate tests required to determine general fitness for admission to an institution of higher learning. Valdosta State University shall have the right to examine and appraise the character, personality, and qualifications of applicants. In order for this examination and appraisal to be made, applicants shall furnish to the institution such biographical and other information, including references, as may be required. The University reserves the right to refuse admission to any individual, based on the results of such an appraisal.

This policy is administered by the Director of Admissions, who makes the final decision as to an applicant's acceptability, subject to the applicant's right of appeal as provided by the bylaws of the University and of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Any appeal must be made in writing to the Director of Admissions.

The University reserves the right to discontinue accepting admission applications when its enrollment limits have been reached. It reserves the right to reject the application of any individual who is not a legal resident of the State of Georgia. Furthermore, the University reserves the right not to accept the credits of any institution, notwithstanding its accredited status, if the University determines that the quality of instruction available at the institution is for any reason deficient or unsatisfactory.

Payment of fees for the processing of an admission application shall entitle the applicant to have his or her application form reviewed according to normal admissions procedures at the institution. Admission to the institution is not guaranteed by payment of an admissions application fee.

**Please be aware that admission to the University does not guarantee admission to your intended major.** Several programs of study have additional admission requirements. Information on admission to a particular degree program or major may be found in the appropriate section of this Catalog.

## **HOW TO FILE AN APPLICATION**

Admission application forms will be provided by the Director of Admissions on request. All completed forms must be either on file or postmarked at least 20 days prior to registration and must be accompanied by a nonrefundable, nontransferable \$20 application fee to cover the expense of processing the application.

A medical history and certification of immunization form is required of all applicants seeking admission to courses which carry academic credit. Required forms are furnished by the Director of Admissions. An applicant's registration cannot be completed until the medical history and certification of immunization forms have been made available to the University.

Applicants who do not enroll in the semester for which they are accepted must notify the Admissions Office if they wish to enter the University at a later time.

## **ADMISSION OF BEGINNING FRESHMEN**

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or of a high school that has been approved by the University and must have completed the minimum requirements of the State Department of Education for graduation and must complete the required College Preparatory Curriculum.

The University System of Georgia requires that high school graduates complete the college preparatory curriculum course work for entrance.

The College Entrance Examination Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the Assessment Battery of the American College Testing Program (ACT) is required of all applicants seeking admission from high school. The results of these tests must be filed with the Director of Admissions at least 20 days before the registration date of the proposed semester of entrance. Information pertinent to making application to take these tests may be obtained from the high school principal, the high school guidance counselor, or directly from the College Entrance Examination Board (SAT), P.O. Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6200 or the American College Testing Program (ACT), P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243.

## **EVALUATION OF FRESHMEN**

A freshman applicant's potential for success in the educational program of the university is gauged on the basis of ACT or SAT scores, high school curriculum, and high school grade point average. After an application form, SAT or ACT scores, high school transcript, and other required records are received and are found to be complete and in order, the applicant's credentials are evaluated. If the applicant's credentials are satisfactory to the University and if the applicant is judged to be acceptable in all other aspects, a formal letter of acceptance is promptly issued by the Director of Admissions.

## **JOINT ENROLLMENT/EARLY ADMISSIONS/POST SECONDARY OPTIONS**

Minimum total SAT score of 1100 with 530 verbal/530 math minimum or minimum score of 24 on Enhanced ACT-Composite with 23 English/22 math minimum and a 3.0 high school academic grade point average.

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION STANDARDS

1. Applicant must have completed all College Preparatory Curriculum requirements (16 units), and
2. 430 SAT Verbal and 400 SAT Math or ACT English 17 and ACT Math 17, and
3. Freshman Index\* (FI) 2040

$$\text{*FI} = \text{total SAT Score} + (500 \times \text{high school GPA}) \text{ or} \\ (\text{ACT composite} \times 42) + 88 + (500 \times \text{high school GPA})$$

The College Preparatory Curriculum requirements apply to all students who graduated from high school within the last five years. Transfer students who have not completed a minimum of 30 transferable semester hours are also subject to these requirements if they graduated from high school within the last five years.

### — College Preparatory Curriculum —

Course (Units)	Instructional Emphasis
English (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grammar and Usage</li><li>- Literature (American, British and World)</li><li>- Advanced composition skills</li></ul>
Mathematics (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Algebra I and II</li><li>- Geometry</li><li>- One higher level course than Algebra II</li></ul>
Science (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Physical Science</li><li>- Two laboratory courses from Biology, Physics, Chemistry, or related areas of science</li></ul>
Social Science (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- United States Studies</li><li>- World Studies</li><li>- Economics and Government</li></ul>
Foreign Language (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Two courses in one language emphasizing speaking, listening, reading, and writing</li></ul>

The University System will accept algebra I, physical science, and foreign language taken in the eighth grade to fulfill its College Preparatory Curriculum requirements.

Out-of-state high school students may be granted some flexibility in the Social Science area only.

## ADMISSION OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

A non-traditional student is defined as a student who has been graduated from high school for a minimum of five years or a student who holds a General Education Diploma (GED) and his or her class has graduated at least five years ago.

Non-traditional applicants are not required to submit SAT/ACT scores. These students will be required to take the Compass Placement Exam and achieve a passing score on the reading portion before admission can be granted. Students who do not pass the mathematics and/or English portion(s) of the Compass must comply with Learning Support Requirements. See the Learning Support section on page 258 of this *Catalog*.

## ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

A transfer student is defined as one who terminates enrollment at one institution and subsequently enrolls in another. Students who have been enrolled in other institutions are warned that they may not disregard their records at these institutions. Failure to report previous college attendance is considered to be sufficient cause for cancellation of the student's registration and of any credits earned. *Students who are enrolled in a Developmental Studies Program within the University System of Georgia are not eligible for transfer admission at Valdosta State University.*

Students who are enrolled in joint high school and college programs while still in high school must meet the joint enrollment requirements of the University System of Georgia before credit will be awarded. Current requirements are a minimum SAT of 970 or ACT composite score of 21 and a high school grade point average of 3.00 (B) on a 4.0 scale.

To transfer to Valdosta State University, students must:

1. Request that the Registrar from each institution attended, regardless of length of attendance or amount of credit earned, send an official transcript to VSU's Office of Admissions.
2. Request that your high school counselor send a copy of your high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores if you have earned fewer than 30 semester hours of academic credit.

Admissions applications will be evaluated in accordance with one of the following categories:

1. Students who have completed at least 30 semester hours of academic credit must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on **all** attempted work. If transferring from a University System of Georgia unit, students must have exited any Developmental Studies requirements and must have completed any College Preparatory deficiencies. Please note that classes taken to satisfy deficiencies are in addition to the minimum requirement of 30 semester hours.
2. Students who graduated from high school within the last five years who have earned fewer than 30 semester hours of academic credit are considered *Transfer Freshmen* and must satisfy the regulations governing the admission of beginning freshmen and may be subject to those listed in category one above.
3. Students who have been graduated from high school five years or more and have earned fewer than 30 semester hours of academic credit must submit a high school transcript or GED. These students may be required to satisfy requirements in category one above as well as freshman placement testing.

As a rule, students entering from institutions which are not members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or other regional associations of equal standing must take examinations on the work presented. However, students may be granted the same transfer credit as that accepted by the principal state university in the state in which the credit was earned. Necessary adjustments between students' academic work done at another institution and the requirements for their major program at Valdosta

State University shall be the responsibility of each student and the head of the department of the student's major, subject to the approval of the dean or director of the appropriate College or Division.

Students will be permitted to transfer academic credits earned with grades of "D" at other accredited institutions and apply them toward degree requirements in the Core Curriculum or lower division if allowed for native students by the department. Credits with the grade of "D" earned in upper division work will be transferred, and the department of the student's major will determine if those credits are acceptable toward a degree.

Academic credit allowed for work done in another institution within a given period of time may not exceed the normal amount of credit that could have been earned at this University during that time. Courses required at the senior college level should not be taken in junior colleges.

Applicants for advanced standing may not apply more than 90 semester hours of academic credits from other colleges toward a degree from Valdosta State University. Of those, only 60 semester hours may be junior college courses. Additionally, no degree credit will be given for work earned more than 30 years prior to admission to VSU.

## **ADMISSION OF TRANSIENT STUDENTS**

Transient admission is defined as admission for a limited period of time of students who are regularly enrolled in another institution and who ordinarily expect to return to that institution.

To be considered for transient admission to Valdosta State University, a student must be regularly enrolled in an accredited or approved institution and must have an academic record of satisfactory or superior quality.

Students in remedial studies, on scholastic probation, academic suspension, or disciplinary suspension may not be eligible for consideration.

Applicants for transient admission must supply the Director of Admissions a statement from the Registrar of the institution where they are regularly enrolled, which clearly sets forth their current status and recommends their acceptance.

Since the primary obligation of Valdosta State University is to its regularly enrolled students, it will consider accepting students applying for transient admission only when their admission will cause no hardship or inconvenience to either the University or its regularly enrolled student body. In any case, transient admission will be granted for only one academic semester. Students desiring to continue in the University beyond that point must apply for admission as transfer students and comply with transfer regulations.

Transcripts must be requested in writing and appropriate fees paid in order for copies of the academic record of transient students to be mailed to another institution.

## **READMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Former students who have not been in attendance within the last calendar year and were in good standing at the time of their withdrawal or students who have attended another institution must apply to the Director of Admissions or to the Registrar for readmission. Upon readmission, students become subject of the current catalog to fulfill degree requirements.

Students seeking readmission following an academic suspension must also apply to the Director of Admissions or to the Registrar.

## **ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Valdosta State University encourages applications from international students. At Valdosta State University, international students are defined as citizens of countries other than the U.S., who require a visa in order to enter this country. To be considered for admission, international students must submit the following materials to the Center for International Programs, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA 31698:

1. A completed application for admission, with a check or money order for \$20.00 in U.S. currency. A copy of the application form is included in the back of this catalogue; copies can also be obtained by writing directly to the Center for International Programs.
2. Certified copies of all secondary school and college transcripts, as records of past academic work. Certified copies in English of these transcripts must be sent directly from the educational institutions to the Office of Admissions.
3. Proof of having completed ELS Language Centers' Level 109 or official results from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if the applicant's first language is other than English. A minimum score of 523 on the TOEFL (193 on the computer version) is required for admission.
4. A completed Certificate of Finances statement guaranteeing that the student will have a minimum of \$16,500 (for nine months) available for personal and educational expenses. The Certificate of Finances statement form is available from the Office of Admissions. Tuition-waiver scholarships are available for international students on a limited basis. Please inquire at the Center for International Programs.
5. Completed medical form - VSU requires that prior to registration all students present proof of two vaccines for measles and one for mumps and rubella. A doctor or nurse must verify these immunizations. New students must complete a VSU medical form, which will be mailed to students after application for admission is submitted.
6. All international students must purchase the VSU medical insurance plan for students to cover the cost of medical treatment while in the U.S.
7. All transcripts from international colleges and universities must be submitted to a professional evaluation service in the United States. Applications for these services are available through the Office of Admissions.

Once these materials are received, the Admissions Office will evaluate the international applicant's credentials and make an admissions decision. The applicant will be notified of the University's decision and, if admitted, will be issued an I-20 certificate of eligibility. This form must be taken to the nearest U.S. Embassy or consular office, which will issue a visa for entry to the United States.