



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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### **Mission Statement**

The College of Arts and Sciences is dedicated to serving students, faculty, the institution, and the region. All programs and services are governed by a commitment to excellence that is the hallmark of the College.

*To serve students.* The College serves students through the Core Curriculum and through various programs of study in preprofessional, transfer, and degree programs. The Core Curriculum, most of which is delivered by departments and programs in Arts and Sciences, provides all students of the University a foundation grounded in the liberal arts disciplines of the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and mathematics. Learning outcomes of the Core are designed to develop critical thinking, written and oral communication skills, and the ability to use technology effectively. Beyond the Core, the mission of the College is to provide quality minors, associate, bachelor, and graduate degrees in these traditional disciplines and in interdisciplinary programs, and to serve students in programs in other Colleges. All programs are characterized by having clearly defined goals, coherent structure, currency, relevance, and rigor, and all prepare students to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

*To serve faculty.* The College serves its faculty by providing an environment in which instructional excellence is expected and valued, service to the university and community is encouraged, and scholarly activity, research, and creative endeavors are supported and rewarded. Through activities as varied as the recruitment of new faculty to the celebration of the contributions of retiring faculty, the College creates a congenial work environment that supports its faculty intellectually and professionally.

*To serve the institution.* Beyond program contributions, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks to serve the university community at large by its participation in the various activities that make up the life of the institution outside the classroom. Students and faculty from Arts and Sciences participate in academic and non-academic extracurricular activities, including governance organizations, and serve on departmental, college, and

university committees that contribute to the effective functioning of the institution. An integral part of the mission of Arts and Sciences is to seek out and support opportunities for collaboration with other units of the university outside of the College.

*To serve the region and beyond.* The College of Arts and Sciences, as the largest academic unit of Valdosta State University, plays a major role in helping the university meet its service mission to the intellectual, cultural, and economic life of the region. Through teaching, research, creative endeavors, and the spectrum of outreach and support activities provided by the students and faculty of the College, Arts and Sciences contributes to an improved quality of life for all citizens of the region.

Eleven academic departments comprise the College of Arts and Sciences: Biology; Chemistry; English; History; Mathematics and Computer Science; Modern and Classical Languages; Office of Academic Student Instructional Support; Philosophy; Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences; Political Science; and Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice.

The degrees of Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of General Studies, Master of Arts, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Science are granted through the College. Four interdisciplinary programs also are housed in the College of Arts and Sciences: African American Studies, Honors, General Studies, and Women's Studies.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major either in art or in music is offered in conjunction with the College of the Arts; the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology, the Bachelor of Applied Science degree with a major in technical studies, the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in sports medicine/athletic training, and the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in psychology are offered in conjunction with the College of Education. Detailed degree requirements may be found in the Valdosta State *Catalog* in sections of the departments of Art, Music, Psychology and Counseling, Adult and Career Education, and Kinesiology and Physical Education.

The Associate of Arts degree may be earned upon satisfactory completion of 60 semester hours of academic credit, to include completion of Areas A through F of the Core Curriculum. Any single Area F may be selected from among departmental listings. The Associate of Applied Science degree cooperative program and the Associate of Applied Science degree in dental hygiene with Valdosta Technical Institute are offered in conjunction with the College of Education.

## **DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **Associate of Arts**

#### **Associate of Applied Science**

VSU Cooperative program with Technical Colleges

VSU/Val Tech Cooperative Program in Dental Hygiene

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

Art	English	French
History	Legal Assistant Studies	Mathematics
Music	Philosophy	Psychology
Political Science	Sociology/Anthropology	
Spanish	Criminal Justice	

#### **Bachelor of Applied Science**

Technical Studies

Applied Information Technology

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Administrative Services	Computer Information Systems	Physics
Applied Mathematics	Environmental Geography	Astronomy
Mathematics	Mathematics/Computer Science Option	Biology
Chemistry	Computer Science	Psychology
	Sports Medicine/Athletic Training	

#### **Bachelor of General Studies**

#### **Pre-Professional Program**

Although degrees are not conferred in pre-professional areas such as pre-medicine or pre-dentistry, programs of study are available that prepare students to enter other institutions where they can complete their professional training. Some programs require students to finish a four-year sequence in a major; others call for students to complete a two- or three-year sequence of study. Since requirements for pre-professional degrees vary according to programs and students' needs, it is important that students declare early their intention to pursue specialized study so that they may receive proper advising. Pre-professional areas and the departments responsible for advising are listed below.

#### **Advising in**

Department of Biology

#### **For Programs in**

Allied Health Programs, Community Health, Nutrition, Dental Hygiene, Medical Records Administration, Medical Technology, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Physician's Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, Preparation for Dental Medicine, Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine

Department of Chemistry	Medicine, Dental Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy
Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences	Preparation for Engineering
Department of Political Science	Preparation for Law
Department of English	Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary
Department of History	Preparation for Law
Department of Philosophy	Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary
Department of Marketing/Economics	Preparation for Law
Department of Sociology, Anthro- pology, and Criminal Justice	Preparation for Law Preparation for Social Work

## REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

### Specific Requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree

1. The Associate of Arts degree may be earned by any student who completes: (a) Areas A, B, C, D, and E of the Core Curriculum, and (b) any Area F of the Core Curriculum. The minimum number of semester hours needed to fulfill these requirements is 60.
2. No more than 40 semester hours of transfer credit may be applied toward degree requirements; a minimum of 20 semester hours of lower division credit must be completed in residence.
3. The minimum cumulative grade point average for graduation is 2.00.
4. Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing by passing the Regents' Testing Program Examination of the University System of Georgia. The test should be taken after completion of English 1102 or no later than the semester following the accumulation of 30 semester hours of earned credit.
5. A State of Georgia Legislative requirement states that degree candidates must possess and demonstrate a reasonable mastery of United States history, Georgia history, the United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These requirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or 1101H and HIST 2111 or 2111H or HIST 2112 or 2112H. The VSU Office of Testing in Powell Hall West offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history or whose political science course did not include Georgia Constitution.
6. Students must apply for and be accepted in the Associate of Arts degree program prior to completion of Associate of Arts degree requirements.
7. Academic advisement of students seeking the Associate of Arts degree shall be the responsibility of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.
8. An application for the degree along with evidence of payment of the graduation fee must be submitted to the Registrar two semesters prior to the anticipated graduation date.

## **Specific Requirements for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of General Studies**

1. A minimum of 120 semester hours of academic work in an approved program is required for graduation. The approved program must include 60 semester hours in the completed Core Curriculum.
2. The degree program requires at least 21 semester hours of upper division courses in the major field and at least 39 semester hours of upper division work overall.
3. Thirty of the last 40 semester hours must be completed in residence at Valdosta State, except in the Medical Technology Program and the Dual Degree Program with the Georgia Institute of Technology.
4. No more than 60 semester hours from a two-year institution, nor more than 90 semester hours from a four-year institution, may be applied toward the degree.
5. Attain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00, and earn no grade lower than a "C" in all courses used to satisfy major field requirements.
6. Several bachelor's degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require the completion of a three-course or four-course sequence in a foreign language.
7. Complete at least 6 semester hours of course work numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside the major.
8. Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing by passing the Regents' Testing Program Examination of the University System of Georgia.
9. The Regents' Testing Program Examination should be taken after completion of English 1102, but no later than the semester following the accumulation of 30 semester hours of earned credit, whether ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 are completed or not.
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11. Not more than a total of 30 semester hours may be earned through any combination of CLEP, credit by examination, correspondence courses, extension work, and advanced placement.
12. The College of Arts and Sciences will not accept transfer credit for capstone requirements.