

ADMISSIONS

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The admission policy of Valdosta State University (VSU) 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. VSU 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. VSU 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. Appeals 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 or at the following website: www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/degrees-and-majors.php.

HOW TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Applications for undergraduate admission are available on line at www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply-now.php or by calling the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 800-618-1878. All completed forms must be either on file or postmarked at least 30 days prior to registration and must be accompanied by a nonrefundable, nontransferable \$40 application fee to cover the expense of processing the application.

A "Certificate of Immunization and Report of Medical History" is required of all applicants seeking admission to courses that carry academic credit. The form is available on line at www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/forms/immunization-medical-history-form.pdf. Admission is not complete until the "Certificate of Immunization and Report of Medical History" has 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. Applications are kept on file for one full year.

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 (CPC). The University System of Georgia requires that high school graduates complete the CPC 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. 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.

JOINT ENROLLMENT / EARLY ADMISSIONS / POST SECONDARY OPTIONS

Minimum SAT score of 1030 on critical reading and math with 500 critical reading / 520 math minimum or minimum score of 22 on Enhanced ACT-Composite with 21 English/21 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 (17 units), and
2. Test requirements (either test):
A minimum total score of 900 SAT (Math and Critical Reading only) or an ACT Composite of 19 and Board of Regents' minimum requirements for each section of the test: 430 Critical Reading/400 Math (SAT subscores) or 17 English/17 Math (ACT subscores)
3. Freshman Index* (FI) 2040
*FI = total SAT Score + (500 x high school GPA)
or (ACT composite x 42) + 88 + (500 x 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)	Grammar and Usage Literature (American, British, and World) Advanced composition skills
Mathematics (4)	Algebra I and II Geometry One higher level course than Algebra II <i>or</i> equivalent math course
Science (4)	Physical Science Two laboratory courses from Biology, Physics, Chemistry, <i>or</i> related areas of science
Social Science (4)	United States Studies World Studies Economics and Government
Foreign Language (2)	Two courses in one language emphasizing speaking, listening, reading, and writing

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 HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

If you have completed your high school program through home school, you may be considered for admission if you meet criteria established by the University System of Georgia and VSU. The following items must be submitted with your application for admission in order to be evaluated. Your application packet should be submitted at least six months prior to your desired term of enrollment.

- Certificate of Immunization
- Official SAT or ACT scores:
 - A minimum SAT score of 1050 on critical reading and math with 430 critical reading/400 math or a composite ACT score of 23 with 17 English/17 math is required for admission.
- Official transcripts from any conventional public or private high school and colleges you may have attended.
- Copy of Declaration of Intent to Home School as filed with your local Board of Education.
- A portfolio that demonstrates satisfactory completion of the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) required for admission of traditional high school graduates. This portfolio must include information about each individual course used to satisfy CPC requirements and must include a list of educational resources used, course outline or syllabus, and appropriate outcomes assessment. Also include any extra-curricular activities and/or academic achievements that support your academic preparedness for college.
- Letter from your primary teacher certifying completion of HS and a date of graduation.
- Two letters of recommendation for admission from non-family members such as an employer, clergy, civic leader, or tutor.

ADMISSION OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

A non-traditional student is defined as a student whose class graduated from high school at least five years ago or who has fewer than 30 semester hours of transferable college credit and has not been enrolled in a college within the past five years. To be eligible for admission under this policy, the student must have earned a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (GED).

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 and minimum placement scores on writing and algebra before admission can be granted. Students who do not pass the mathematics and/or English portion(s) of the Compass and are placed in remedial classes must comply with the Learning Support Requirements. See the section of this catalog related to Academic Student Instructional Support.

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.*

To transfer to Valdosta State University, you 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; and (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 by 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.
4. **Please be aware that admission to Valdosta State University does not guarantee admission to your intended major. See www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/student-information/transfer-students.php.**

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.

ADMISSION OF SECOND DEGREE SEEKING TRANSFER STUDENTS

A second degree seeking student is defined as a student who has completed a bachelor's degree at VSU or elsewhere and is looking to complete a second undergraduate degree. All transcripts from any undergraduate work must be submitted to the Office of Admissions. Admission will award 90 hours of block credit, which classifies the student as a senior. The 60 semester hours of core classes is considered complete; the student is required to take any prerequisites needed for the second degree and the major classes needed to complete the second degree. To meet graduation requirements, a minimum of 30 semester hours must be taken in residence at Valdosta State University, including a minimum of 21 hours of senior college work in the major. Students who transfer from a non-University System of Georgia school are required to meet the legislative requirements for US/GA History and US/GA Constitution (please refer to the VSU catalog for State of Georgia Legislative Requirements).

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 that 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.

Transient students register the day before classes begin by contacting the Office of Admissions.

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 to 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 \$40.00 in U.S. currency. Applications are available on line at www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply-now.php or 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 or 69 on the Internet version) is required for admission.
4. A completed Certificate of Finances statement guaranteeing that the student will have a minimum of \$30,000 (for nine months) available for personal and educational expenses. The Certificate of Finances statement form is available on line at www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/student-information/international-students.php. Partial out-of-state 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 tetanus booster within the last ten years; proof of disease or immunization for varicella (chicken pox); and, if under the age of 19 at time of enrollment, proof of hepatitis B series immunization. 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.

The deadlines for receipt of international applications and all of the above required materials are April 1 for Fall Semester, August 1 for Spring Semester, and February 1 for Summer Semester. 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. A copy of the visa must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.

VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE

The Board of Regents of University System of Georgia (USG) has recently instituted new policies that affect all applicants who seek in-state tuition at USG institutions. According to USG policy, individuals who apply for Fall 2011 and beyond must submit documentation of U.S. citizenship or permanent residency before being considered for in-state tuition.

The following documents serve as proof of lawful presence in the United States. One of the following is required before you are eligible for in-state tuition:

- Your completed FAFSA for the current or next financial aid year. Lawful presence can be determined through this process.
- A certified U.S. birth certificate showing the applicant was born in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. *Photocopies are not acceptable.*
- Copy of a current U.S. passport.
- Copy of a current driver’s license issued by the state of Georgia after January 1, 2008.
- Copy of a U.S. certificate of naturalization.
- Copy of a U.S. certificate of citizenship.
- A U.S. certificate of birth abroad issued by the Department of State or a consular report of birth abroad.

Please note: Any applicant whose status cannot be verified is not eligible for in-state tuition regardless of how long he or she has lived in Georgia.

CREDIT BY EXAM

Valdosta State University Office of Admissions evaluates and grants credit on the basis of the following exams: Advanced Placement Exam (AP), International Baccalaureate Exams (IB), and College Level Exam Program (CLEP). Please refer to the following charts for required scores and equivalencies.

A total of 30 semester hours can be earned through any combination of AP, IB, CLEP, credit by departmental exam, correspondence courses and extension work, and prior learning assessments.

VSU ADVANCED PLACEMENT EQUIVALENCIES

College Board AP Test	Score	VSU Course	Hours
Art			
Studio Art-General	3 or better	ART elective	3
Studio Art	3 or better	ART 1010	3
History of Art	3 or better	ART 1100	3

VSU ADVANCED PLACEMENT EQUIVALENCIES

Biology

General Biology	3 or better	BIOL 1010/1020L and 1030/1040L	8
General Biology	4 or 5	BIOL 1107K and 1108K	8

Chemistry

General Chemistry	3	CHEM 1211, 1211L	4
General Chemistry	4 or 5	CHEM 1211, 1211L, 1212, 1212L	8

Computer Science

Computer Sci A	3 or better	CS 1301	3
Computer Sci AB	3 or better	CS 1301 and 1302	6

Economics

Microeconomics	3 or better	ECON 2106	3
Macroeconomics	3 or better	ECON 2105	3

English

English Lang or Lit & Comp	3 or 4	ENGL 1101	3
English Lang or Lit & Comp	5	ENGL 1101 and 1102	6

Geology/Geography

Environmental Science	3 or better	GEOG elective	3
Human Geography	3 or better	GEOG 1101	3

History

*American History	3	HIST 2111 or 2112	3
*American History	4 or 5	HIST 2111 and 2112	6
European History	3 or better	HIST 1012	3
World History	3 or better	HIST 1011	3

Foreign Language

French Language	3	FREN 1002 and 2001	6
French Language	4 or 5	FREN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
French Literature	3	FREN 1002 and 2001	6
French Literature	4 or 5	FREN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
German Language	3	GRMN 1002 and 2001	6
German Language	4 or 5	GRMN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Latin Literature	3	LATN 1002 and 2001	6
Latin Literature	4 or 5	LATN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Latin-Vergil	3	LATN 1002 and 2001	6
Latin-Vergil	4 or 5	LATN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Spanish Language	3	SPAN 1002 and 2001	6
Spanish Language	4 or 5	SPAN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Spanish Literature	3	SPAN 1002 and 2001	6
Spanish Literature	4 or 5	SPAN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9

Mathematics

Calculus AB	3	MATH 1113	3
Calculus AB	4 or 5	MATH 1113, 2261	7
Calculus BC	3	MATH 2261	4
Calculus BC	4 or 5	MATH 2261, 2262	8

Music

Music Theory	3 or better	MUSC elective	3
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Physics

Physics B	3	PHYS 1111K	4
Physics B	4 or 5	PHYS 1111K and 1112K	8
Physics C-Mechanics	4 or 5	PHYS 2211K	4
Physics C-Elect/Magnetism	4 or 5	PHYS 2212K	4

Political Science

* U.S. Gov't/Politics	3 or better	POLS 1101	3
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Psychology

Psychology	3 or better	PSYC 1101	3
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Statistics

Statistics	3 or better	MATH 2620	3
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*Students receiving AP credit from non-Georgia high schools for U.S. Government/Politics (POLS 1101) and/or American History (HIST 2111 and/or HIST 2112) must validate Georgia legislative proficiency by passing an exemption exam offered by the Office of Testing, Powell Hall West. See "State of Georgia Legislative Requirements."

VSU INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EQUIVALENCIES

Valdosta State University recognizes the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB). College credit will be awarded for exam scores completed at the higher level as shown in the chart below. Standard level exam scores of 5 or higher will be considered for college credit for IB diploma completers only. The most frequently received HL exams are listed below. To receive credit, students need to request that official IB examination results be sent directly to the Admissions Office.

The University is authorized by the Board of Regents to accept a maximum of 24 semester hours of IB credit.

HIGHER LEVEL EXAM	SCORE	VSU COURSE	HOURS
Anthropology, Social	4 or higher	ANTH 1102	3
Biology	4 or 5	BIOL 1010 and 1020L	4
		BIOL 1030 and 1040L	4
Biology	5(HL) or 6(SL)	BIOL 1107K	4
Biology	6(HL) or 7(SL)	BIOL 1107K and 1108L	8

Biology	6 or 7	BIOL 1010 and 1020L	4
		BIOL 1030 and 1040L	4
		or BIOL 1107K	4
Chemistry	4	CHEM 1211 and 1211L	4
Chemistry	5 or higher	CHEM 1211 and 1211L	4
		CHEM 1212 and 1212L	4
Computer Science	4 or higher	CS 1301	4
Economics	4 or higher	ECON 2106 or 2105	3
English	4 or 5	ENGL 1101	3
English	6 or higher	ENGL 1101 and 1102	6
French	4	FREN 1002 and 2001	6
French	5 or higher	FREN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Geography	4 or higher	GEOG 1102	3
German	4	GRMN 1002 and 2001	6
German	5 or higher	GRMN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
History and America*	4	HIST 2111	3
History and America*	5 or higher	HIST 2111 and 2112	6
History and Europe	4 or higher	HIST 1012	3
Latin	4	LATN 1002 and 2001	6
Latin	5 or higher	LATN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Math	4 or higher	MATH 2261	4
Physics	4	PHYS 1111K	4
Physics	5 or higher	PHYS 1111K and 1112K	8
Psychology	4 or higher	PSYC 1101	3
Spanish	4	SPAN 1002 and 2001	6
Spanish	5 or higher	SPAN 1002, 2001 and 2002	9
Theatre Arts	4 or higher	THEA 1100	3
Visual Arts	4 or higher	ART 1020	3

*Students receiving IB credit for U.S. Government/Politics and/or American History from non-Georgia high schools must validate Georgia legislative proficiency by passing a Georgia history exemption exam offered by the Office of Testing. See “State of Georgia Legislative Requirements” in the Undergraduate Catalog.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

Valdosta State University students may receive college credit for certain courses based on scores on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). VSU will accept up to 30 semester hours for subject examinations under the CLEP Program. The Office of Testing coordinates the administration dates for the examinations. The criteria for credit awarded for CLEP subject examinations are listed below. The only General Examination accepted is English Composition With Essay, and a minimum score of 500 is required.

VSU will grant credit for DANTES/DSST exams determined to be equivalent to CLEP. The same score minimums will apply to these tests as the CLEP.

CLEP SUBJECT EXAMINATIONS—EFFECTIVE FOR COMPUTER EXAMS BEGINNING JULY 2001

The tests and equivalents shown below are for the new College Board Computerized Exams. Contact the Office of Admissions for the course equivalents of CLEP exams taken prior to July 2001.

CLEP TEST	SCORE	VSU COURSE	HOURS
College Algebra	50	MATH 1111	3
Precalculus	50	MATH 1113	3
*American Government	50	POLS 1101	3
American Literature	50	Course title	3
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	Course title	3
Biology	50	BIOL 1010	3
Calculus with Elementary Functions	50	MATH 226 and 2262	8
College Composition Modular	50 + passing essay	ENGL 1101	3
English Literature	50	Course title	3
French, Level I	50	FREN 1002 and 2001	6
German, Level I	50	GRMN 1002 and 2001	6
*History of the United States I	50	HIST 2111	3
*History of the United States II	50	HIST 2112	3
Human Growth & Development	50	PSYC 2700	3
Info Systems & Computer Applications	50	Course title	3
Introductory Psychology	50	PSYC 1101	3
Introductory Sociology	50	SOCI 1101	3
Financial Accounting	50	ACCT 2101	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	ECON 2105	3
Principles of Microeconomics	50	ECON 2106	3
Spanish, Level I	50	SPAN 1002 and 2001	6
Western Civilization I	50	HIST 1012	3
Western Civilization II	50	HIST 1013	3

*Students receiving CLEP credit for American Government and/or History of the United States must validate proficiency of legislative requirements by passing an exemption exam offered by the VSU Office of Testing. A passing score on the CLEP examinations in American Government and in History of the United States I and II does not include credit for the student's having satisfied the Georgia history requirement or the Georgia constitution requirement. See "State of Georgia Legislative requirements."