



**ADMISSIONS**  
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Director of Admissions

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 and psychological tests or other appropriate tests required to determine general fitness for admission to an institution of higher learning.

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 Bulletin.

## **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**

Valdosta State selects its beginning freshmen from two groups of applicants: high school graduates and individuals in possession of a Department of Education Certificate awarded on the basis of the General Education Development Tests.

**High School Graduates.** 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 validate the required College Preparatory Curriculum.

The University System of Georgia requires that high school graduates complete the college preparatory curriculum course work for entrance to regular college programs leading to the baccalaureate degree.

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.

**General Education Development (GED) Tests.** Individuals who did not graduate from high school and individuals who did not graduate from an accredited high school approved by the University may be admitted by presenting a State Department of Education Certificate of High School Equivalency and by validating the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) by making passing scores on SAT II Subject Tests. See College Preparatory Curriculum on page 33. The High School Level GED Test is the testing instrument generally administered to applicants in this group. Satisfactory scores on the SAT or ACT are also required.

## **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.

### **REGULAR FRESHMAN ADMISSION STANDARDS EFFECTIVE SUMMER 1999**

1. Applicant must have completed all College Preparatory Curriculum requirements, and
2. 480 SAT Verbal or ACT English 20, and
3. 440 SAT Math or ACT Math 18, and
4. Freshman Index\* (FI) 2040.  
\*FI = total SAT Score + (500 x high school GPA) or  
(ACT composite x 42) + 88 + (500 x high school GPA)

### **Minimum Freshman Admission Requirements - effective summer 1999**

1. Applicant must have completed at least four areas of the College Preparatory Curriculum, and
2. Two of the following three conditions must be met:
  - a. SAT Verbal 420 or ACT English 16
  - b. SAT math 390 or ACT math 16
  - c. Freshman Index 1820, and
3. A passing score on the Compass Placement Exam for admissions to Valdosta State University is required if:
  - your SAT Verbal score is below 430 (ACT English -16) and/or
  - your SAT math score is below 400 (ACT math -16). and/or
  - you have a deficiency in English or math in the College Preparatory Curriculum.

### **Regular Freshman admission Standards - Effective Summer 2000**

1. Applicant must have completed all College Preparatory Curriculum requirements, and
2. 480 SAT Verbal or ACT English 20, and
3. 440 SAT Math or ACT Math 18, and
4. Freshman Index\* (FI) 2040  
\*FI = total SAT Score + (500 x high school GAP) or  
(ACT composite x 42) + 88 + (500 x high school GPA)

### **Minimum Freshman Admission Requirements - Effective Summer 2000**

1. Applicant must have completed five areas of the College Preparatory Curriculum, and
2. Two of the following three conditions must be met:
  - a. 430 SAT Verbal or ACT English 17
  - b. 400 SAT Math or ACT Math 17
  - c. Freshman Index 1830, and
3. A Passing score on the Compass Placement Exam for admissions to Valdosta State University is required if:
  - your SAT Verbal score is below 430 (ACT English -16) and/or
  - your SAT Math score is below 400 (ACT Math -16).

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.

Passing scores on SAT II Subject Test will be used in lieu of a high school transcript for students from non-accredited high schools, home schooled students, and for students who hold a GED. The following eight SAT II subject examinations or the appropriate exams as determined by the Office of Admissions are required:

1. Writing/English Composition
2. Literature
3. American History and Social Studies
4. World History/European History
5. Math level IC or Math IIC
6. Biology
7. Chemistry or Physics
8. One of the eight foreign language exams (Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish)

**Minimum High School Course Requirements for Unconditional Admissions**  
**— College Preparatory Curriculum —**

<b>Course (Units)</b>	<b>Instructional Emphasis</b>
English (4)	- Grammar and Usage - Literature (American & World) - Advanced composition skills
Mathematics (3)	- Two courses in Algebra and one in Geometry
Science (3)	- Physical Science - At least two laboratory courses from Biology, Physics, Chemistry, or related areas of science
Social Science (3)	- American History - World History - 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.

Those students admitted to Valdosta State University with a deficiency in the College Preparatory Curriculum will make up the deficiency in the following manner:

**English** — Students graduating with fewer than the four required units of English

will be required to take and pass the Compass Placement Exams in English and reading for admission to the University.

**Mathematics** — Students graduating with fewer than the three required units of mathematics will be required to take and pass the Compass Placement Exam in mathematics for admission to the University.

**Science** — Students graduating with fewer than the three required units of science will be required to complete with a grade of “C” or better a course in a laboratory science chosen from the approved laboratory sciences of the System Core Curriculum. A course used to fulfill a deficiency will not apply toward graduation.

**Social Science** — Students graduating with fewer than the three required units of social science will be required to complete with a grade of “C” or better a three-semester-hour course chosen from the approved social science courses of the System Core Curriculum. A course used to fulfill a deficiency will not apply toward graduation.

**Foreign Language** — Students graduating with fewer than the two required units of the same foreign language will be required to complete with a grade of “C” or better a three-semester-hour introductory foreign language course. A course used to fulfill a deficiency will not apply toward graduation.

All students admitted with a College Preparatory Curriculum deficiency must complete the required course(s) to fulfill the deficiency before accumulating 30 semester hours of credit.

## **LEARNING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Students admitted to Valdosta State University who do not meet regular freshman admission requirements but do achieve System minimum scores on the COMPASS Exam will be enrolled in the Learning Enrichment Program. This program is designed to significantly enhance each student’s ability to succeed in college. In addition, the program is designed to convey the excitement and possibilities of the learning experience at VSU.

## **JOINT ENROLLMENT/EARLY ADMISSIONS**

Minimum total SAT score of 1100 with 530 verbal/480 math minimum or minimum score of 24 on Enhanced ACT-Composite with 23 English/20 math minimum and a 3.0 high school academic grade point average.

## **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. Students who have been away from formal education and have attempted fewer than 14 semester hours are also eligible for this category.

1. High school graduates and GED recipients will not be required to submit SAT/ACT scores. These students will be required to take the Compass Placement Exam before Admission can be granted.

## ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

A transfer student is defined as one who terminates enrollment in one institution and subsequently enrolls in another. Students who have been enrolled in other institutions are warned that they may not disregard their records in 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 1.80 on **all** attempted work. If transferring from a University System of Georgia unit, students must have exited any Developmental Studies requirements.
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 as well as 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 satisfy the admission requirements in category one above.

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, working with 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. 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 will not be given credit for more than 90 semester hours of academic credits of work done in other colleges to be applied 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 a satisfactory or superior quality.

Students 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.

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 Office of International Programs, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA 31698:

1. A completed application for Admission form, 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 Office of International Programs.
2. Official copies of all secondary school and college transcripts, as records of past academic work. 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 500 on the TOEFL (173 on the computer version) is required for admission.
4. A completed Certificate of Finances statement guaranteeing that the student will have a minimum of \$15,500 (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 Office of 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. In addition, all foreign students must purchase the VSU medical insurance plan for foreign students to cover the cost of medical treatment while in the U.S.

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.

Additional information on international student admissions at Valdosta State University is available from the Office of International Programs, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA 31698 (912-333-7410).