



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia

The Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia has been established for the general purpose of providing a basic, broad-based, general education in essential academic skills, in different perspectives on the common culture, in humanities, fine arts, science, mathematics, technology, social sciences, and other academic courses which are appropriate for preparation for the student's major.

The Core Curriculum facilitates the educational progress of students as they pursue baccalaureate degrees within and among the various units of the University System of Georgia. It represents an effort to deal effectively with students' curricular problems resulting from increased enrollments, increased numbers of students enrolled in two-year colleges, increased mobility of student populations, increasing numbers and complexity of major fields of study offered in the four-year schools and universities, and the transfer of credit among units of the University System of Georgia.

The Core Curriculum is composed of 60 required semester hours in several areas of study:

Area A	Essential Skills .....	9 semester hours
Area B	Perspectives .....	4 semester hours
Area C	Humanities and Fine Arts .....	6 semester hours
Area D	Science, Mathematics, and Technology .....	11 semester hours
Area E	Social Sciences .....	12 semester hours
Area F	Courses Appropriate to the Major .....	18 semester hours
<b>Total</b>	.....	<b>60 semester hours</b>

## VSU CORE CURRICULUM

## 60 SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED

Descriptions of the courses in the Core Curriculum are found in the *Courses of Instruction* section, listed in alphabetical order by course prefix.

Any additional hours selected in the Core Curriculum by the student may be counted as electives in the major program, if allowed by the major program.

### **Area A Essential Skills ..... 9 semester hours**

ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101H ..... 3 hours

ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1102H ..... 3 hours

One of the following ..... 3 hours

MATH 1101 3 hours                      MATH 1111 3 hours

MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H            3 hours

MATH 2261 4 hours                      MATH 2262 4 hours

**NOTE:** MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H (or higher) is required of all students majoring in (or intending to transfer within the University System with a major in) architecture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering technology, mathematics, physical therapy, or physics. MATH 2261 (or higher) is required of all students intending to transfer within the University System with a major in engineering.

### **AREA B Institutional Options (Perspectives) ..... 4 semester hours**

Two Courses required, each from a different areas of the Perspectives; all courses carry 2 semester credit hours.

#### **1. Perspectives on Ethics/Values**

PERS 2110, PERS 2120, PERS 2130

#### **2. Perspectives on Tradition and Change**

PERS 2210, PERS 2220, PERS 2230, PERS 2240

#### **3. Perspectives on Human Expression**

PERS 2300, PERS 2310, PERS 2320, PERS 2330, PERS 2340,  
PERS 2350, PERS 2360, PERS 2370, PERS 2380, PERS 2381,  
PERS 2390, PERS 2391, PERS 2392

#### **4. Perspectives on the Environment/Physical World**

PERS 2410, PERS 2420, PERS 2430, PERS 2440, PERS 2450,  
PERS 2460, PERS 2470, PERS 2480

#### **5. Perspectives on Race/Gender**

PERS 2510, PERS 2520, PERS 2530, 2540

#### **6. Perspectives on Cross-Cultural Understanding/Expression**

PERS 2610, PERS 2620, PERS 2630, PERS 2640, PERS 2650,  
PERS 2660, PERS 2670, PERS 2680, PERS 2690

**AREAC Humanities / Fine Arts ..... 6 semester hours**

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ENGL 2110 or ENGL 2110H, ENGL 2120 or ENGL 2120H,  
ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2130H, ENGL 2140

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ARAP 1100 or ARAP 1100H, COMM 1100,  
DANC 1500, MUSC 1100, MUSC 2450,  
TELE 2000, THEA 1100, PHIL 2010 or PHIL 2010H,  
PHIL 2020 or PHIL 2020H, WMST 2010,  
ENGL 2110 or ENGL 2110H, ENGL 2120 or ENGL 2120H,  
ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2130H, ENGL 2140, FREN 1001,  
FREN 1002, FREN 1111, FREN 2001, FREN 2002, GRMN 1001,  
GRMN 1002, GRMN 1111, GRMN 2001, GRMN 2002,  
JAPN 1001, JAPN 1002, JAPN 1111, JAPN 2001,  
JAPN 2002, LATN 1001, LATN 1002, LATN 1111,  
LATN 2001, LATN 2002, RUSS 1001, RUSS 1002,  
RUSS 1111, RUSS 2001, RUSS 2002, SPAN 1001,  
SPAN 1002, SPAN 1111, SPAN 2001, SPAN 2002 or SPAN 2002H

**Area D Science, Mathematics, and Technology ..... 11 semester hours**

**\*\*Science and mathematics majors** must follow D.2.a requirements.

**Nursing majors** must follow D.2.b requirements.

**All other students** may choose D.1., D.2.a, or D.2.b.

**AREAD.1**

Any two courses from the following ..... 8 hours

ASTR 1010K, ASTR 1020K, BIOL 1010/1020L,  
BIOL 1030/1040L, BIOL 1951H, BIOL 1952H,  
CHEM 1010, CHEM 1151K, CHEM 1152K,  
CHEM 1211K, CHEM 1212K, GEOG 1112K,  
GEOG 1113K, GEOL 1121K, GEOL 1122K,  
PHYS 1111K, PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K

Any one course from the following ..... 3 hours

\*ASTR 1000, BIOL 1050, BIOL 1060, BIOL 1070,  
BIOL 1080, BIOL 1090, ENGR 1010, \*GEOG 1110,  
\*GEOL 1110, MATH 1112, MATH 1261, MATH 2620,  
MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100

\* Check course restrictions in the course descriptions on pages: 261 & 306.

**AREA D.2.a** Required of astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental geography, mathematics, and physics majors, and all students in the pre-engineering program.

Mathematics, above the level taken for Area A ..... 3 hours

**For biology majors:** MATH 2261, MATH 2262, or  
MATH 2620

**For all other science or mathematics majors:**

MATH 2261 or MATH 2262

(The additional hour of calculus [MATH 2261 and 2262]  
counts in Area F or in the major.)

Science (for all students listed above) ..... 8 hours

BIOL 2010, CHEM 1211K, CHEM 1212K,

PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K

**AREA D.2.b** Required of nursing majors

Two required chemistry courses ..... 8 hours

CHEM 1151K and CHEM 1152K

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ASTR 1000, ASTR 1010K, ASTR 1020K,

BIOL 1010/1020L, BIOL 1030/1040L, BIOL 1050,

BIOL 1060, BIOL 1070, BIOL 1080, BIOL 1090,

CHEM 1010, CHEM 1211K, CHEM 1212K,

GEOG 1110, GEOG 1112K, GEOG 1113K,

GEOL 1110, GEOL 1121K, GEOL 1122K,

PHYS 1111K, PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K,

PHYS 2212K, ENGR 1010, MATH 1112,

MATH 2620, MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100

**Area E Social Sciences ..... 12 semester hours**

POLS 1101 or POLS 1101H ..... 3 hours

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

HIST 2111 or HIST 2111H,

HIST 2112 or HIST 2112H

Any two courses from the following ..... 6 hours

AFAM 2020/WMST 2020, ANTH 1102 or ANTH 1102H,

ECON 1500, ECON 1900H, GEOG 1101, GEOG 1102,

GEOG 1103, HIST 1011 or HIST 1011H, HIST 1012 or

HIST 1012H, HIST 1013 or HIST 1013H, POLS 2101,

POLS 2401 or POLS 2401H, POLS 1102, PSYC 2500 or

PSYC 2500H, SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1101H, SOCI 1160

**Area F Courses Appropriate to the Major ..... 18 semester hours**

Requirements vary according to the major program. See the requirements  
for Area F in the departmental section of your major.

# ACADEMIC STRUCTURE OF VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY	DEGREES
Biology	Biology	B.S.
Chemistry	Chemistry	B.S.
Dean's Office	General Studies	B.G.S.
English	English	B.A.
History	History	B.A.
Mathematics & Computer Science	Mathematics	B.A.
	Applied Mathematics	B.S.
	Computer Science	B.S.
	Computer Information Systems	B.S.
Modern and Classical Languages	French	B.A.
	Spanish	B.A.
	French Education (K-12)	B.S.ED.
	Spanish Education (K-12)	B.S.ED.
Philosophy	Philosophy	B.A.
Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences	Physics	B.S.
	Astronomy	B.S.
	Environmental Geography	B.S.
Political Science	Political Science	B.A.
	Legal Assistant Studies	B.A.
Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice	Sociology and Anthropology	B.A.
	Criminal Justice	B.A.
College-wide	Associate of Arts	A.A.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting and Finance	Accounting	B.B.A.
	Finance	B.B.A.
Management	Management	B.B.A.
Marketing and Economics	Marketing	B.B.A.
	Economics	B.B.A., B.A.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood & Reading Education	Early Childhood	B.S.ED.
	Health & Physical Education	B.S.ED.
Kinesiology & Physical Education		
	Sports Medicine	B.S.
	Health Fitness	B.S.H.F.
Middle Grades Education	Middle Grades Education	B.S.ED.
Psychology, Counseling and Guidance Secondary Education, Curriculum, and Instructional Technology	Psychology	B.A., B.S.
	Secondary Education	B.S.ED.
	Biology, English, History, Math, Science, Social Sciences	
Special Education and Communication Disorders	Mental Retardation	B.S.ED.
	Speech-Language Pathology	B.S.ED.
Vocational Education	Business Education	B.S.ED.
	Trade & Industrial Education	B.S.ED.
	Administrative Services	B.S.
	Information Processing	A.A.S.

**COLLEGE OF THE ARTS****DEPARTMENTS**

Art

Communication Arts

Music

**MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

Art

Art Education

Speech Communication

Theatre Arts

Music

Music Performance

Music Education

**DEGREES**

B.A., B.F.A

B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.A.

B.M.

B.M.

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Undergraduate Department

Nursing

B.S.N.

**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

College of Arts and Sciences

English

M.A.

History

M.A.

Public Administration

M.P.A.

Sociology

M.S.

Criminal Justice

M.S.

College of Business Administration

Business Administration

M.B.A.

Accountancy

M.Acc.

College of Education

Business Education

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Early Childhood Education

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Reading Education

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Middle Grades Education

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Secondary Education

M.Ed.

English, History, Science, Mathematics,

Spanish, Instructional Technology

Secondary Education

Ed.S.

Biology, English, Social Sciences,

Mathematics

Secondary Education

Ed.D.

Curriculum and Instruction

Special Education

M.Ed.

Mental Retardation

Learning Disabilities

Behavioral Disorders

Speech-Language Pathology

Special Education

Ed.S

Leadership

Master Teacher

Educational Leadership

M.Ed., Ed.S., Ed.D.

School Psychology

Ed.S.

Clinical Psychology

M.S.

Industrial Psychology

M.S.

Counseling/Guidance

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Health &amp; Physical Education

M.Ed.

Vocational Education

M.Ed.

Adult &amp; Vocational Education

Ed.D.

College of Nursing

M.S.N.

College of The Arts

Art Education

M.A.E.

Music Education

M.M.E.

Division of Social Work

M.S.W.

## University Course Designation Abbreviations

ACCT	Accounting	JAPN	Japanese
AFAM	African American Studies	JOUR	Journalism
ANTH	Anthropology	LATN	Latin
ARAP	Art Appreciation	LEAD	Educational Leadership
ARED	Art Education	LEAS	Legal Assistant Studies
ARHS	Art History	LIBS	Library Science
ARST	Art Studio	LING	Linguistics
ARTX	Other Art Courses	MATH	Mathematics
AS	Aerospace Studies	MCL	Modern and Classical Languages
ASTR	Astronomy	MFTH	Marriage and Family Therapy
BIOL	Biology	MGED	Middle Grades Education
BUSA	Business Administration	MGNT	Management
BVED	Business and Vocational Education	MKTG	Marketing
CHEM	Chemistry	MUED	Music Education
CIED	Curriculum and Instruction	MUSC	Music
CISM	Computer Information Systems Management	NURS	Nursing
COMD	Communication Disorders	PADM	Public Administration
COMM	Communication Arts	PERS	Perspective Courses
COOP	Cooperative Education	PHIL	Philosophy
CRJU	Criminal Justice	PHSC	Physical Science
CRWR	Creative Writing	PHYS	Physics
CS	Computer Science	POLS	Political Science
DANC	Dance	PSYC	Psychology, Counseling and Guidance
ECED	Early Childhood Education	READ	Reading Education
ECON	Economics	REL	Religious Studies
ENGL	English	RGTE	Regents' Testing Program - Essay
ENGR	Engineering	RGTR	Regents' Testing Program - Reading
FIN	Finance	RSCH	Research
FLED	Foreign Language Education	RUSS	Russian
FREN	French	SCI	Science-Early Childhood
GENS	General Studies	SEED	Secondary Education
GEOG	Geography	SOCI	Sociology
GEOL	Geology	SPAN	Spanish
GRMN	German	SPEC	Special Education
HIST	History	TELE	Telecommunications
HONS	Honors	THEA	Theatre
KSPE	Kinesiology and Physical Education	VOED	Vocational Education
INTL	International/Intercultural Studies	VSU	Freshman Orientation
ITED	Instructional Technology	WMST	Women's Studies



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Thomas E. Dasher, Dean

### **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, Interdisciplinary Studies and Women’s Studies.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in economics is offered in conjunction with the College of Business Administration. The Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in art or music is offered in conjunction with the College of the Arts; the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology, and the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in technical studies, the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in sports medicine 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 *Bulletin* in sections of the departments of Economics; Art; Music; Psychology and Counseling ; Vocational 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 PROGRAM OFFERED THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**Associate of Arts**

**Associate of Applied Science**

VSU Cooperative program with Vocational Technical Institutes

VSU/Val Tech Cooperative Program in Dental Hygiene

**Bachelor of Arts**

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

## **Bachelor of Applied Science**

Technical Studies

## **Bachelor of Science**

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

## **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

Department of Chemistry

Department of Physics, Astronomy,  
and Geosciences

Department of Political Science

Department of English

Department of History

Department of Philosophy

Department of Marketing/Economics

Department of Sociology, Anthro-  
pology, and Criminal Justice

### **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,

Medicine, Dental Medicine, Veterinary  
Medicine

Preparation for Engineering

Preparation for Law

Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary

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Preparation for Law

Preparation for Law

Preparation for Social Work

## MINORS

Minors require 15 to 18 semester hours of course work with at least 9 hours from courses 3000 or above. They are offered by the following departments: Art, English; History; Mathematics and Computer Science; Modern and Classical Languages (French, Spanish, German); Philosophy; Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences; Political Science; Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, and in African American Studies and Women's Studies as interdisciplinary minors. See descriptions of minors in the departmental sections of the Bulletin. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in each course comprising the minor, and all prerequisites for specific upper-division courses must be met.

Minors are available in the following Arts and Sciences program areas.

African American Studies		Environmental Geography
French		Geology
	Professional/Applied Ethics	Physics
Anthropology	Political Science	
Astronomy	German	Public Administration
History	Human Resources	Human Services
Religious Studies		
	International/Intercultural	Sociology
Computer Science	Journalism	Creative Writing
Legal Assistant Studies	Spanish	
Criminal Justice	Mathematics	Mathematics (Statistics)
Women's Studies		
English	Philosophy	Professional Writing

## 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, and United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These re-

quirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or POLS 1101H and HIST 2111/HIST 2111H or HIST 2112/HIST 2112H. The Department of History offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history.

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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Attain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00, and earn no grade lower than a "C" in all courses used to satisfy the major field requirements.
5. 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.
6. Complete at least 6 semester hours of course work numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside the major.
7. Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing by passing the Regents' Testing Program Examination of the University System of Georgia.
8. 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.
9. A State of Georgia Legislative requirement states that degree candidates must possess and demonstrate a reasonable mastery of United States history, Georgia history, and United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These requirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or POLS 1101H and HIST 2111/HIST 2111H or HIST 2112/HIST 2112H. The Department of History offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history.
10. 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.