

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
January 12, 2026

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, January 12, 2026. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Joseph Pifer (Proxy Ms. Chalise Ludlow), Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Taewon Hwang (Proxy Dr. Byeonghwa Park), Ms. Smanatha Paul, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Dee Ott, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. R. Paul Mihail, Dr. Jim Nienow, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Dr. Joseph Pifer, Dr. Haley Sherman, Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Shaun Ault, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Mr. Jason Brown, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Luis Gonzalez, and Dr. Kelly Mathis.

Catalog Editor: Ms. Monica Close

Visitors Present: Dr. Mike Savoie, Dr. M. J. Kasper, Dr. Krishnendu Roy, Dr. David Nelson, Dr. Arrington Stoll, Dr. Michael Black, Dr. Donna Sewell, Ms. Sandi Wooward, and Dr. A J Ramirez.

The Minutes of the November 10, 2025, meeting were approved by email on November 14, 2025. (pages 1-3).

**A. Graduate School**

1. Revised maximum course loads and other restrictions was approved effective Summer 2026. (pages 4-6).

**B. College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

1. Revised catalog narrative and degree requirements for the Associate of Applied Science – Dental Hygiene was approved effective Summer Semester 2026. (pages 7-11).

**B. Honors College**

1. Revised college narrative and requirements for the Certificate in University Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 12-20).
2. Revised course title, credit hours, and description, Honors (HONS) 4990, “Honors Portfolio Seminar”, (HONORS PORFOLIO SEMINAR –0 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 0 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 21-22).

**C. College of Humanities and Social Science**

1. Revised requirements for the BA in Political Science – Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 23-24).
2. Revised prerequisites, Womens and Gender Studies (WGST) 3100, “Feminist Theory”, (FEMINIST THEORY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer. (pages 25-26).
3. New course, Native Amer/Indigenous Studies (NAIS) 4900, “Internship in Native American and Indigenous Studies”, (NAIS INTERNSHIP – 3-6 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-6 lab hours, and 3-6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer 2026. Pages (27-29).

**D. College of Education and Human Services**

1. Revised narrative for the Tier I Certificate in Educational Leadership and requirements was effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 30-34).

2. Revised narrative and degree requirements for the MED in Educational Leadership – P-12 School Leadership was approved Fall Semester 2026. (pages 35-39).
3. Revised degree requirements for the EDD in Curriculum and Instruction – P-12 Concentration was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 40-42).

**E. College of Science and Mathematics**

1. New track for the BS in Computer Science – Artificial Intelligence was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 43-45).
2. New track for the BS in Computer Information Systems (face-to-face and eDegree) – Artificial Intelligence was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 46-47).
3. New course, Computer Science (CS) 3800, “Foundations of Artificial Intelligence”, (FOUNDATIONS OF AI – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (48-54).
4. Reactivation of MATH 1262 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 55-56).

**F. College of the Arts**

1. Revised prerequisites, Music (MUSC) 5101, “Graduate Diction I”, (GRADUATE DICTION I – 2 credit hours, 1 lecture hour 2 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (57-58).
2. Revised prerequisites, Music (MUSC) 5102, “Graduate Diction II”, (GRADUATE DICTION II – 2 credit hours, 1 lecture hour 2 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (59-60).
3. Revised requirements for the BA in Communication and the addition of Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 61-66)
4. Additon of the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track for the MAC degree was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 67-71).
5. New course, Communications Arts (COMM) 4550, “Communication Capstone”, (COMMUNICATION CAPSTONE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (73-76).
6. Revised course description and credit hours, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7999, “Thesis or Project”, (THESIS OR PROJECT – 1-9 credit hours, 1-9 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 1-9 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (77-78).

\*\*\*\*Pending Graduate Executive Committee approval\*\*\*\* Items F7 thru F14.

7. Revised course title, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6300, “Crisis and Risk Communication”, (CRISIS AND RISK COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (79-80).
8. Revised course description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7700, “Special Topics”, (SPECIAL TOPICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (81-82).
9. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6000, “Strategic Integrated Communication”, (STRATEGIC INTEGRATED COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (83-84).
10. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6100, “Communication Leadership and Process Management”, (COMM LDRSH & PROCESS MGNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read ...practices. The course emphasizes interpersonal... Pages (85-86).

11. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6150, “Entrepreneurship and Applied Communication”, (ENTREPRENEURSHIP & APPLIED COM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read ...challenges. The course emphasizes applying... . Pages (87-88).
12. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6250, “Emerging Communication Strategies and Design”, (EMERGNG COMM STRATGIES/DESIGN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read ...platforms. The emphasizes AI-assisted... . Pages (89-90).
13. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7300, “Global Media Systems and Policy”, (GLOBAL MEDIA SYSTEMS/POLICY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026.. Pages (91-92).
14. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7800, “Communication, Ethics, Law, and Civic Engagement”, (COMM ETHICS/LAW/CIVIC ENGMNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (93-94).
15. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3011, “Argumentation and Advocacy”, (ARGUMENTATION AND ADVOCACY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (95-96).
16. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3021, “Persuasion and Social Influence”, (PERSUASION AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (97-98).
17. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3111, “Applied Communication Research”, (APPLIED COMM RESEARCH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (99-100).
18. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3112, “Data Analytics in Communication”, (DATA ANALYTICS IN COMMUNITION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (101-102).
19. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3311, “Teams, Leadership, and Small Group Communication”, (TEAMS LDRSHP SMALL GRP COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (103-104).
20. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3321, “Conflict Management”, (CONFLICT MANAGEMENT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (105-106).
21. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3411, “Visual Communication and Aesthetics”, (VISUAL COMM AND AESTHETICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (107-108).
22. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3421, “Social Media Strategies”, (SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (109-110).
23. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4401, “Advanced Interpersonal Communication”, (ADV INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (111-112).
24. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4421, “Nonverbal Communication”, (NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall

2026. Pages (113-114).

25. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4431, “Listening and Interviewing”, (LISTENING AND INTERVIEWING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (115-116).
26. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4501, “Organizational Communication”, (ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (117-118).
27. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4511, “Professional Communication”, (PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (119-120).
28. Revised prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4521, “Crisis Communication and Management”, (CRISIS COMM & MANAGEMENT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (121-122).
29. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3210, “Strategic Design for Public Relations”, (STRATEGIC DESIGN PUB RELATIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (123-124).
30. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3220, “Strategic Writing for Public Relations”, (STRATEGIC WRITNG PUB RELATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (125-126).
31. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3240, “Strategic Design for Digital Media”, (STRATEGIC DESIGN DIGITAL MEDIA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (127-128).
32. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 4200, “Public Relations Research”, (PUBLIC RELATIONS RESEARCH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (129-130).
33. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 4220, “Integrated Communication”, (INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (131-132).
34. Deactivation of COMM 1500, 4441, 4461, 4561, and PREL 4240 effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 133-134).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones  
Registrar