

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 8, 2025

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, September 8, 2025. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Joseph Pifer, Dr. Haley Sherman, Dr. Colette Drouillard (Proxy for Dr. Taralynn Hartsell), Dr. Luis Gonzalez (Proxy for Dr. Taewon Hwang), Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore (Proxy Ms. Samantha Paul), Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Dr. Haley Sherman (Proxy for Ms. Meg Giddings), Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Jim Nienow, Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Ms. Samantha Paul, Mr. Jason Brown, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Kristy Listler, Ms. Caitlyn Register, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. R. Paul Mihail, and Dr. Kelly Mathis.

Catalog Editor: Dr. Emma Kostopolus

Visitors Present: Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. Alicia Roberson, Dr. Jay Rickman, and Dr. Glenda Swan.

The Minutes of the April 14, 2025, meeting were approved by email on April 18, 2025. (pages 1-3).

**A. College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

1. Revised requirements for the Africana Studies minor were approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 4-8) This had administrative approval to be included in the current catalog on April 17th.
2. Revised requirements for the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 9-13).

**B. College of Business Administration**

1. Revised requirements for the minor in Business Law was approved effective Spring Semester 2026. (pages 14-16).
2. Revised degree requirements for the BBA in Accounting was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 17-19).

**C. College of the Arts**

1. New course, Art History (ARTH) 4170, "Internship in Art History/Neuroscience for Communication Sciences and Disorders", (NEUROSCIENCE FOR CSD – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read ...Department Head. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory." Supervised work experience through a cooperatively... (pages 20-21).
2. Revised course prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3031, "Communication Law and Ethics", (COMM LAW AND ETHICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 22-23).
3. Revised course 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 24-26).
4. Revised course prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3112, "Data Analytics in Communication", (COMM DATA ANALYTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 27-29).
5. Revised course prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 3231, "Health Communication", (HEALTH COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 30-31).
6. Revised credit hours, Communication Arts (COMM) 3311, "Teams, Leadership, and Small Group Communication", (TEAMS LEADERSHIP SMALL GRP COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 32-33).

7. Revised course 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 34-35).
8. Revised course 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 36-37).
9. Revised course prerequisites, Communication Arts (COMM) 4240, “Public Relations Law and Ethics”, (PR LAW AND ETHICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 38-39).
10. Revised course 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 40-41).
11. Revised course 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 42-43).
12. Revised credit hours and 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 44-46).
13. Revised course prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3250, “Public Relations in Health Care”, (PR IN HEALTH CARE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 47-48).
14. Revised credit hours and 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 49-51).
15. Revised credit hours and prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3240, “Strategic Design for Public Relations”, (STRATEGIC DESIGN DIGITAL MEDIA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 52-53).
16. Revised course 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 Spring 2026 with the effective date changed from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. (pages 54-55).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones  
Registrar