

## Application for Degree

### Minimum Requirements for Undergraduates

120 semester hours (more in selected majors). The academic work must include a minimum of 39 hours of upper division courses (courses numbered 3000 or above), including at least 21 semester hours of upper division work in the major field. Additionally, no more than 60 semester hours from a two-year institution or more than 90 semester hours from another four-year institution may be used for a VSU degree. No more than 30 semester hours may be earned through any combination of CLEP, credit by examination, correspondence courses, extension work, and advanced placement.

### Cumulative GPA

A minimum of 2.0 or better (GPA is calculated from all work attempted at VSU. Transfer credit applied to degree requirements may be used to satisfy hours but is not included in the VSU cumulative GPA requirements for graduation.)

### Grade Requirements

A grade of "C" or better is required in major area courses and in the courses for the minor. Programs may specify other courses in which a grade of "C" or better is required.

### Residency Requirements

Of the 40 semester hours immediately preceding graduation, at least 30 must be taken in residence at VSU. Any student admitted to the University for the final year must be in residence for two semesters and must complete at this time at least 30 semester hours in residence, including 21 hours of senior college work in the major.

### Honors at Graduation

- Honors at graduation are determined by the Registrar's Office. Students, particularly transfer students, should not self-assess honors eligibility. Please direct questions to the Registrar's Office.
- Honors at graduation are based upon all academic work attempted including all courses attempted at other institutions.
- At least 60 hours of the credits used to determine honors must be earned at Valdosta State University.
- To determine eligibility for recognition of graduation with honors at the ceremony, the student's grade point average at the end of the term prior to the graduation ceremony will be used. After graduation and all final grades are recorded and all degree requirements are complete, honors are re-calculated and will be added to diplomas and transcripts if honors are achieved.
- GPA Criteria
  - Cum Laude for an overall grade-point average of 3.50 and a VSU cumulative average of 3.50
  - Magna Cum Laude for an overall grade-point average of 3.70 and a VSU cumulative average of 3.70.
  - Summa Cum Laude for an overall grade-point average of 3.90 and a VSU cumulative average of 3.90.

If you are a transfer student, your Banner GPA is not necessarily your Honors GPA. The Registrar's Office will determine your Honors gpa. Honors shown in the graduation program reflect grades on student transcripts entered through the term immediately preceding graduation. Official honors included on diplomas include all work attempted at VSU and all other institutions, including accepted and non-accepted credit.

TURN APPLICATION IN TWO FULL SEMESTERS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DELAYS IN GRADUATION.