

TUITION, FEES, AND COSTS

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Valdosta State University, as a unit of the University System of Georgia, receives the major portion of its operating funds through appropriations from the State of Georgia. This support enables the University to offer high quality educational programs at a minimal cost to its students.

Each year Valdosta State University offers two terms of instruction: fall and spring, which are collectively called the academic year. Another term is offered in the summer. Charges are in accordance with the regulations and schedules set forth below, the basis of which is the number of hours scheduled. These fees are due and payable as an integral part of the registration process, and students should not commence registration without having money sufficient to pay all fees. For a student to be considered in "financial good standing" at this institution all tuition, fees, library, parking, food service, or other fees must be paid in full. The University reserves and intends to exercise the right to withhold copies of education records, cancel the enrollment of students who owe the University money, or pursue collection for unpaid balances.

The University reserves the right to change without previous notice its fees, charges, rules, and regulations at the beginning of any term. This right will be exercised judiciously.

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**FEE SCHEDULE FOR UNDERGRADUATES
*Effective Fall 2003**

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Students taking 12 or more hours:

<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$1,430
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$4,748

Students taking fewer than 12 hours:

<i>11 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$1,347
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$4,383
<i>10 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$1,254
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$4,014
<i>9 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$1,161
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$3,645
<i>8 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$1,068
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$3,276
<i>7 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 975
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$2,907
<i>6 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 882
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$2,538
<i>5 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 789
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$2,169
<i>4 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 696
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$1,800
<i>3 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 317
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$1,145
<i>2 hours</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 224
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$ 776
<i>1 hour</i>	
<i>In-state tuition</i>	\$ 131
<i>Out-of-state tuition</i>	\$ 407

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All new students who attend the spring or summer orientation program will be charged \$20 to cover the related costs. (No guest fee.) All new students who attend the fall orientation program will be charged \$30 to cover the related costs and \$10 for each guest.

*Fees for 4 or more hours include the Health fee (\$73), the Activity fee (\$99), the Athletics fee (\$109), and the Transportation fee (\$5). Moreover, note that the Technology fee is a flat fee of \$38, assessed for all students, regardless of the number of hours. In accordance with the policies of the Board of Regents, these student fees are assessed students taking 4 or more hours, except those who enroll in all of their courses at Off-Campus Centers. Fees as stated are tentative and subject to change based on Board of Regents policy.

The fee schedule for Graduate Students is printed in the *Graduate Catalog*.

Off-Campus Courses

Off-campus and on-campus fees are the same. Health, Activity, and Athletic student fees, however, are assessed only for on-campus courses.

Audit (non-credit) Fees

Fees for attending class on an audit or non-credit basis are calculated on the same schedule as regular academic fees.

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Other Fees and Charges*

<i>Late Registration or Payment Fee:</i>	
<i>Failure to register or pay fees by specified payment date</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Returned Check Fee: For each check</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>or (5 percent of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater)</i>	
<i>If the check is for tuition fees, an extra \$75 fee will be charged.</i>	
<i>Excess check stop payment and reissue request processing fee</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Key Replacement Charge \$25.00</i>	
<i>Music Lessons, including use of instrument for practice, per term:</i>	
<i>private lessons</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>group lessons</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>Laboratory fee (per course)</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>GLOBE fee (per credit hour).....</i>	<i>\$125</i>
<i>Orientation Fee: charged undergraduates...</i>	
<i>who attend spring or summer orientation program \$20.00</i>	
<i>spring or summer orientation program guest fee</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>who attend fall orientation program</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>fall orientation program guest fee (each)</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Post Office Box</i>	<i>\$6.00</i>
<i>(semester rental for students not living in campus housing and desiring a box)</i>	
<i>Transcript Fees 1-5 copies</i>	<i>no charge</i>
<i>6th and subsequent copies (each)</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>
<i>Priority Fee for Certification Forms/Letters/Transcripts, per copy</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>

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<i>Electronic transmission (FAX) of unofficial transcripts or certification forms/letters, per copy (Official transcripts cannot be FAXed.)</i>	\$10.00
<i>Graduation Fee: Bachelor's or Graduate Degree</i>	\$25.00
<i>(Students who apply for graduation and who do not meet degree requirements must pay appropriate graduation fees again upon re-application.)</i>	
<i>Motor Vehicle Parking Permit (Annual)</i>	\$50.00

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PAYMENT OF FEES AT REGISTRATION

Tuition and fees are due and payable as an integral part of the registration process and must be paid on or before the established deadlines. The amount owed is based on the courses for which students are registered, living accommodations on campus, and meal plan selected and is detailed on the registration schedule. Payment is accepted by cash, check, money order, cashier's check, Master Card or Visa, via the mail, Web payment system of the Banner Registration Website, or the 24-hour drop box at the University Bursary. Complete payment for tuition, dorm, apartment, meal plan, "Holds," vehicle registration, etc. must be made to validate registration. The only way registration for classes, campus housing, and meal plan can be activated is by payment of fees by the designated day. Otherwise, cancellation of registration is automatic. The University is not permitted to have accounts receivable for student fees. It is the students' responsibility to determine the balance due on their account and render payment by the fee payment deadlines. The telephone system and Web Registration System are available 24 hours per day for this purpose. VSU only mails invoices to students whose financial aid does not cover all fees and account charges. VSU will also send reminders by mail concerning automatic financial aid validation, fee payment deadlines, and cancellations. However, fee invoices can also be mailed or picked up at the Bursary by request.

Students who have anticipated financial aid should verify their aid is adequate to cover all charges. If aid is adequate, all classes will be automatically validated. **The student is responsible for dropping any classes to avoid unsatisfactory grades and financial liability.**

No partial payments can be accepted.

The entire fee payment instructions with deadline dates are included in the Registration Guide for each term. It is absolutely essential that each student read and adhere to the instructions and dates as stated in each term's fee payment instructions. The Valdosta State University Homepage at <<http://www.valdosta.edu>> is an additional resource for updated information.

All registration fees, including dormitory and cafeteria, are due upon registration.

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The following schedule is an example of the cost per term for a full-time student:

	<i>In-state</i>	<i>Out-of-state</i>
<i>Tuition and Student Fees 12 hrs. +</i>	<i>\$1,430</i>	<i>\$4,748</i>
<i>Dormitory</i>	<i>1,278</i>	<i>1,278</i>
<i>Cafeteria 21 meals/week</i>	<i>1,223</i>	<i>1,223</i>
<i>Estimated cost of books and supplies</i>	<i><u>375</u></i>	<i><u>375</u></i>
<i>Estimated Total</i>	<i>\$4,306</i>	<i>\$7,624</i>
 <i>Two Semesters</i>	 <i>\$8,612</i>	 <i>\$15,248</i>

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PROBLEMS WITH PAYMENTS

Regardless of any problem with the source of funds (Direct Loans, Pell, VA, HOPE, etc.), it is a student’s responsibility to have sufficient money to pay tuition and fees by the established deadlines.

REFUND OF FEES

Students officially withdrawing from the University after paying fees for the term will be issued a 100% refund for tuition, mandatory fees, campus housing, and board meal plans, provided the official withdrawal occurs NO LATER THAN the official drop/add day for refunds. Students officially withdrawing from ALL classes AFTER the official drop/add day will receive a refund based upon the following official refund policy:

The refund amount shall be based on a pro rata percentage determined by dividing the number of calendar days in the semester that the student completed by the total calendar days in the semester. The total of calendar days in a semester includes weekends but excludes scheduled breaks of five or more days and days that a student was on an approved leave of absence. The unearned portion shall be refunded up to the time that the amount earned equals 60%.

Students who withdraw when the calculated percentage of completion is greater than 60% are not entitled to a refund of any portion of institutional charges.

A refund of all non-resident fees, matriculation fees, and other mandatory fees shall be made in the event of the death of a student at any time during the academic session.

Housing fees, post office box fees, and music fees are non-refundable fees. Refunds of elective charges upon withdrawing from the institution during a term will be made on a prorated basis determined by the date of withdrawal. Flex charges and à la carte meal plans are refundable only to the extent they are unspent

It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw officially in accordance with university regulations, which are set out in this *Catalog*. Students receiving funds and financial aid monies will have their refunds restored to the following programs in this precise order: outstanding balances on non-subsidized loans, subsidized loans,, PLUS loans, Pell, SEOG, other Title IV student assistant programs, HOPE, private scholarships, and finally to the student.

No refunds for reduction in academic loads or student services are allowed unless such reductions are necessitated by schedule changes initiated by the University. Students suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons are not entitled to a refund of any deposits or fees paid. Students who are asked to vacate their residence hall rooms as a result of disciplinary actions (but who are allowed to continue attending classes) are not eligible for a refund of that term's room rent.

THE 62+ PROGRAM FOR GEORGIANS 62 AND OLDER

Georgians 62 years of age and older are eligible to enroll as undergraduate or graduate students on a "space available" basis without paying most of the normal fees or tuition. For complete eligibility requirements and application information, contact the Admissions Office, located at 1413 N. Patterson Street.

RULES GOVERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS AS IN-STATE RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS (OUT-OF-STATE)

1. (a) If a person is 18 years of age or older, he or she may register as an in-state student only upon showing that he or she has been a legal resident of Georgia for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of registration.
(b) No emancipated minor or person 18 years of age or older shall be deemed to have gained or acquired in-state residence status for fee purposes while attending any educational institution in this state, in the absence of a clear demonstration that he or she has in fact established legal residence in this state.
2. If a person is under 18 years of age, he or she may register as an in-state student only upon a showing that his or her supporting parent or guardian has been a legal resident of Georgia for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of registration.
3. A full-time employee of the University System and his or her spouse and dependent children may register on the payment of in-state fees even though he or she has not been a legal resident of Georgia for the preceding twelve months.
4. Out-of-state graduate students who hold teaching or research assistantships requiring at least one-third time service may register as students in the institution in which they are employed on payment of in-state fees.
5. Full-time teachers in the public schools of Georgia and their dependent children may enroll as students in the University System institutions on the payment of in-state fees.
6. All aliens shall be classified as out-of-state students provided that an alien who is living in this country under a visa permitting permanent residence shall have the same privilege of qualifying for in-state status for fee purposes as a United States citizen.
7. The president or his authorized representative may waive out-of-state tuition for international students, provided, however, that the number of such waivers in effect at any time does not exceed one percent of the equivalent full-time students enrolled at the institution in the Fall Term immediately preceding the term for which the out-of-state tuition is to be waived. Such waivers are granted for one year only and must be renewed annually.

8. If the parents or legal guardian of a minor change legal residence to another state following a period of legal residence in Georgia, the minor may continue to take courses for a period of twelve consecutive months on the payment of in-state fees. After the expiration of the twelve month period, the student may continue registration only upon the payment of fees at the out-of-state rate.
9. In the event that a legal resident of Georgia is appointed as a guardian of a out-of-state (non-resident) minor, such minor will not be permitted to register as an in-state student until the expiration of one year from the date of court appointment, and then only upon proper showing that such appointment was not made to avoid payment of the out-of-state fees.
10. Military personnel on active duty and stationed in the state of Georgia, as well as their dependents, shall be assessed tuition at the same rates as a legal resident of the state. Persons severing military service shall be considered non-residents, unless they otherwise qualify for resident status.
11. Permanent legal residents of the Florida counties of Hamilton or Madison, and their dependents shall be assessed tuition at the same rates as a legal resident of the State of Georgia upon the presentation of proof of domicile satisfactory to the institution.

Please Note: In order to avoid delay and inconvenience upon arrival for registration, any question concerning residence status should be clarified immediately upon receipt of acceptance of admission or not later than one month prior to the registration date. Questions for clarification should be addressed to Resident Committee, Registrar's Office, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31698.

Student Responsibilities

- A. **Student Responsibility to Register Under Proper Classification:** The responsibility of registering under the proper residence classification is that of the students. If there is any question of the right to classification as a legal resident of Georgia, it is the student's obligation, prior to or at the time of their registration, to raise the question with the administrative officials of the institution in which he or she is registering and have the classification officially determined. The burden always rests with the student to submit information and documents necessary to support the contention of qualification for in-state residency under Regents' regulations.
- B. **Notification Upon Becoming a Non-Resident:** Students who are classified as residents (in-state) must notify the proper administrative officials of their institution immediately of any change (out-of-state) in their residency status.

Reclassification of Non-Resident Students

Those non-resident (out-of-state) students who believe they have met the resident requirements as previously set forth may complete a Petition for Residence Status, which is available in the Registrar's Office and must be completed and supported by the required documentation before an initial review of status can be conducted.

The initial review is conducted by a member of the Registrar's staff, who will rule on the basis of oral evidence and other documentation supporting the petition for in-state resident status. The results of the initial review, if unfavorable, may be appealed to the Residence Status Review Committee and ultimately to the president, if such action is required.

Such petitions and appeals must be completed no later than 60 days following registration for the academic term for which residence status is to be effected. If the petition is granted, reclassification will not be retroactive to prior terms.

Should it be determined that the student has misrepresented or omitted material facts which results in classification or re-classification as a resident student, retroactive charges for out-of-state tuition will be made and must be paid prior to the close of the academic term in which they are levied.

CHECK CASHING SERVICE

All checks and money orders must be payable through a United States Bank. To accommodate students, the University will cash one personal check per day, per student for \$50.00 or less at the Bursary. The Bursary's hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Checks will not be cashed if the student has a "Hold" on his or her student account. Checks drawn for cash only must be made payable to "VSU-CASH." The University will not accept two-party checks for cashing. Parents who send their son or daughter spending money by check should make their check payable to VSU, with the student's name on the "for" section of the check.

Checks issued to the University in payment of fees, purchases of books, etc., or to be cashed for personal convenience must be paid upon presentation to the bank on which they are drawn. Checks returned to the University for insufficient funds, account closed, stopped payment, or for any other reason will be handled in accordance with the State Laws of Georgia.

Briefly, the Georgia Code requires the following procedure: The official notice of a returned check will be sent by certified letter instructing the writer either to bring cash or to send a certified check, money order, or cashier's check in the amount of the returned check, plus the returned check fee(s) to the Cashier in the University Bursary to clear the university record. The returned check fee is \$25.00, or 5% of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater. The returned check fee applies to each returned check. If the returned check is for registration fees, the late registration fee of \$75.00 is also assessed. **The law grants ten (10) days from receipt of the official certified letter to tender payment in full for the returned check(s) and the service charges. Unless the full amount is paid within ten (10) days from date of receipt of this letter, the holder of the check or instrument may turn over the dishonored check or instrument and all other available information relating to this incident to the magistrate for the issuance of a criminal warrant or citation or to the district attorney or solicitor for criminal prosecution.** Immediate action will be taken against a person who issues a check on a closed account or who stops payment on a check.

Additionally, the University can suspend the student from class and from any facilities of the University for a returned check of any reason. Suspension from class will not relieve the student from the obligation for payment of the returned check and fees.

CANCELLATION OF STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR CAUSE

The University reserves the right to cancel the registration of any student who fails to meet his or her financial responsibility, according to the rules and regulations of the University. The rules and regulations provide that:

1. All fees are due and payable upon completion of registration. Students should not report for registration without having sufficient funds available to pay their fees. The payment instructions are in each term's Registration Guide.
2. Any check issued to the University in payment of fees, or to be cashed for personal convenience, must be paid upon presentation to the bank on which it is drawn. A student who issues a check on a bank without having sufficient funds on deposit in that bank has violated the statutes of the State of Georgia and may be prosecuted.
3. All fines for violations of the rules related to parking and traffic, and charges related to the library and other facilities such as laboratory breakage, etc., must be paid promptly. Those students having outstanding obligations will not be allowed to enroll in subsequent terms.
4. Misuse of an I.D. card may result in suspension from classes of all involved students.
5. Students who have secured short term loans must have this obligation paid in full according to the terms agreed upon with the Loan Officer to avoid suspension or possible cancellation of the term's registration.
6. Students who misrepresent the facts pertaining to their qualifications to live off-campus may be suspended from classes. In each instance, students will be given proper notice to comply with the housing regulations before action is taken to effect cancellation of their registration.
7. The University reserves and intends to exercise the right to withhold copies of education records and/or to cancel enrollment of students who owe the University money.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Scott Doner, Director
Pine Hall

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for the protection of life and property for the Valdosta State University community. The department, consisting of both Police Services and Environmental Health and Safety, is located in Pine Hall and is open 24 hours a day. The emergency telephone number is 229-259-5555. For information, call 229-333-7816. For additional information about Public Safety: <www.valdosta.edu/dps>.

Annual Security Report - Clery Act

The annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the university, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. A copy of the report is available in the Department of Public Safety in Pine Hall and on the Internet: <www.valdosta.edu/dps>.



AUXILIARY SERVICES

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As a part of the Office of Business and Finance, the Auxiliary Services Division is responsible for providing support services to students, faculty, and staff members of the University. The Division includes the Bookstore, Dining Services, 1 Card Services, Parking and Transportation, Vending, Health Services (financial management), and Housing and Residence Life (financial management). Administrative offices are located at 103 East Brookwood Place. Telephone 229-333-5706; fax 229-333-7419. For information about 1 Card Services, the Bookstore, Dining Services, Health Services, Parking and Transportation, or Housing and Residence Life, please visit our web pages: < <http://services.valdosta.edu/>>. Additional information about Health Services or Housing and Residence Life may be found at < <http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/dept/stuaff/>>.

Valdosta State University has been defined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a residential institution: the University must provide on-campus housing and dining service. All undergraduate students who live in residence halls are required to participate in the meal program. The policy is a part of the total “Living-Learning” concept of the University and is supported by an amendment to the Georgia Eighteen-Year-Old Bill which reads, “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the powers of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the government, control, and management of the University System; nor shall this Act be construed so as to limit the authority of any institution in the University System of Georgia to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing housing, conduct, discipline, and other related activities of the student body.” By Regents’ Policy, the Auxiliary Services Division is totally self-supporting and receives no State allocations of funds.

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE — FRESHMAN RESIDENCY POLICY

Valdosta State University administers a Freshman Residency Policy which requires that all Freshmen live on campus, when space is available. To be exempted from this requirement, a student must apply for exemption and meet one of the following criteria: thirty semester hours of earned academic credit and sophomore status, age 19 by September 30 of the current academic year, or residing with parent(s), spouse, or legal guardian. Exemption forms are available at the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Telephone 229-333-5920. The Freshman Residency Policy has been suspended for the 2004-2005 academic year while Phase I of the Housing Project is under construction.

Housing Application and Contract

The Housing Application and Contract forms are sent to students after their acceptance to the University. Housing applications may be submitted only after the student has been formally accepted by Valdosta State University. All students applying for

campus housing will be required to contract for housing for the academic year. All students who plan to live in campus housing must pay an application fee of \$25.00 when they submit their Housing Application and Contract. Additionally, each student must pay a \$300.00 reservation fee by the deadline established in the Housing Contract. This reservation fee is applied to the student's spring semester fees. The housing contract outlines conditions under which refunds may be made. Occupancy of a room is terminated at the end of each spring semester. Students currently enrolled should obtain an application for housing at the Office of Housing and Residence Life, in Powell Hall East.

Refer to the housing contract for specific terms and conditions. Please read the contract carefully: it constitutes a fully binding legal agreement with the University. Any resident desiring release from the contract prior to the conclusion of the academic year must complete a *Request for Release from Contract*, available in Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Residence Hall Schedule

The Housing rate per semester includes the Residence Hall Activity Fee (\$17) and Post Office Box Fee (\$6). The rate for 2004-2005 was not available at press time. For your planning purposes, the rate of \$1,278 for dual occupancy was effective for 2003-2004. The University reserves the right to require students to accept dual occupancy or, if a private room is available and requested, to pay an additional private room fee. It is the University's option to close any of its residence halls in any given semester or to reassign students to rooms at any time. Rates for future academic years will be posted on our web pages and available on campus once the rates have been established.

Apartments

Converse Hall and Phase I apartments are assigned on a point system and are generally available only to students who have previously lived on campus. Students interested in the apartments must complete an apartment interest form available through the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Rates include the Residence Hall Activity Fee (\$17) and Post Office Box fee (\$6). Rates for future academic years will be posted on our web pages and available on campus once the rates have been established. For your planning purposes, the following rates were effective for 2003-2004.

<i>Efficiencies (one person only)</i>	\$1,689
<i>One Bedroom (one person only)</i>	\$2,871
<i>(two people, \$1,447 each)</i>	\$2,984

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Housing charges are assessed on a semester basis and must be paid in full as part of the registration process at the beginning of each semester. Rates include all utilities.

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DINING SERVICES

Dining Services provides a nutritionally balanced, appealing selection of foods to meet the varying dietary needs, desires, and lifestyles of its customers. The Palms Dining Center, located between Hopper Hall and Langdale Hall on the main campus,

houses the administrative offices of Dining Services. All students who live in residence halls are required to purchase a basic meal plan each semester. All students, faculty, and staff may purchase meal plans; individual meals may be purchased at reasonable prices. Dining Services programs* are as follows:

Board Plan A	\$1,142
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7 days a week	
Board Plan B	\$1,112
Any two meals Monday through Sunday	
Board Plan C	\$1,225
Ten meals a week (7 days), with \$300 credited to a discretionary account.	
A la carte Meal Service (valid at all Dining Services locations) Available to students officially ranked as sophomores or above; minimum deposits are as follows:	
Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors	\$600

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The Loop Pizza Grill, located in the University Union, serves lunch and dinner featuring pizza, salads, burgers, wraps, sandwiches, a variety of desserts, malts, and shakes. The Food Court, located at the University Center, features a variety of fare, including deli sandwiches, salads, selections from the grill, hot bar, and a “grab and go” Chick-Fil-A Express. The Oasis Snack Bar, located in the Education Center offers hot and cold sandwiches, chips, and a variety of snacks. The Palms Dining Center, VSU’s dining center, is located on main campus, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Friday. The Palms offers a vegetarian line, deli line, comfort food line, nacho bar, salad bar, potato bar, soup bar, and yogurt bar for lunch and dinner. Blazer Cakes, in the Palms Dining Center, handles specialty cakes for all occasions. The Night Owl Convenience Store, located in Langdale Hall, carries a variety of snacks, grocery items, health and beauty aid products, and drinks.

BOOKSTORE

The VSU Bookstore, located at 1306 Patterson Street, provides quality products and services to enhance the educational and social experiences of the students, faculty, and staff of the University. In addition to providing all course-related textbooks and materials, the Bookstore offers stationery, limited fraternity and sorority items, imprinted clothing, and software. Graduation announcements and class rings are also available through the Bookstore. The Bookstore sponsors a textbook buy-back service during the first three days of class and at the end of the semester during final examinations.

The average semester cost for all course-related textbooks, materials, and supplies is approximately \$375, depending on the student’s designated area of study. The Bookstore accepts cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and the Campus 1Card. Customers can shop on the web at <www.vsubookstore.com>. Telephone 229-333-5666.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Farber Health Center, located north of the Palms Dining Hall on N. Oak Street, provides routine health care, along with some emergency care, for all students who have satisfied the health fee requirement. Health care is provided by a physician, a nurse practitioner, registered nurses, a pharmacist, a medical technologist, and office staff.

All students living in campus housing, regardless of the number of hours in which they are enrolled, are required to pay the Health Fee.

All new students are required to provide evidence of inoculation for mumps, measles, and rubella. The University Health Service recommends additional inoculations for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, influenza, meningitis, and chicken pox.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

All motor vehicles parked on campus must properly display a current parking permit at all times. Parking on campus is by permit only and is a privilege which may be withdrawn for cause at any time. All campus community members (students, faculty, staff, and visitors) are responsible for knowing and obeying parking regulations. Moreover, campus citizens are responsible for their guests and should ensure that they as well are aware of regulations. A parking regulations brochure (available to students, faculty, staff, and visitors) may be obtained at the Parking and Transportation Department. Detailed information about parking lots and instructions is also available on our web pages. Campus parking and traffic regulations are enforced under the authority of Georgia Code, Section 20-3-21. Parking Policies will be in effect and uniformly enforced at all times. Citations will be issued for infractions of parking policies. Fines may be paid at the Departmental Office at 114 Georgia Avenue. Telephone: 229-293-PARK.

VSU operates a shuttle bus service. A Blazer Express Shuttle Guide, available at the Parking and Transportation Department, indicates stops, routes, and operating hours. Maps may also be found at each bus stop and on our web pages.

“VSU 1Card” SERVICES

The VSU 1 Card is a multipurpose identification and on-line debit card. The card bears a student’s name, student identification number, signature, photograph, bar code, and magnetic strip. All cards are made in the VSU 1Card office. Everyone must provide a form of photo identification to obtain a VSU 1Card.

The initial VSU 1Card is issued at no charge to the student; however, replacement cards are \$15 each. Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their card and should protect it as a credit card or driver’s license. The VSU 1Card allows students to access their FLEX account for dining, vending, laundry, bookstore and convenience store purchases, parking purchases, payment of student health services not covered by fees, and purchases in the 1Card Office. The VSU 1Card is also used to access all meal plans, residence hall doors, athletic and student activity events, library materials, and check-cashing services. Students are required to present their VSU 1Card when taking the Regents’ Testing Program. All accounts on the VSU 1Card are for use on the VSU campus only; these accounts are subject to individual contracts and agreements that must be signed by the card bearer to receive these services.

Please visit our website at <http://services.valdosta.edu/one_card.html>.