ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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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

General Education in the University System of Georgia

From the origins of intellectual study to the present, general education has been a key to a fulfilling life of self-knowledge, self-reflection, critical awareness, and lifelong learning. General education has traditionally focused on oral and written communication, quantitative reasoning and mathematics, studies in culture and society, scientific reasoning, and aesthetic appreciation. Today, general education also assists students in their understanding of technology, information literacy, diversity, and global awareness. In meeting all of these needs, general education provides college students with their best opportunity to experience the breadth of human knowledge and the ways that knowledge in various disciplines is interrelated.

In the University System of Georgia, general education programs consist of a group of courses known as the Core Curriculum as well as other courses and co-curricular experiences specific to each institution. The attainment of general education learning outcomes prepares responsible, reflective citizens who adapt constructively to change. General education programs impart knowledge, values, skills, and behaviors related to critical thinking and logical problem-solving. General education includes opportunities for interdisciplinary learning and experiences that increase intellectual curiosity, providing the basis for advanced study in the variety of fields offered by today's colleges and universities.

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- For General Education in the University System of Georgia http://www.usg.edu/admin/accaff/newcore/
- For additional information on the Core Curriculum Principles and Framework: http://www.usg.edu/admin/acadaff/handbook/section2/2.04/2.04.phtml
- To consult the Common Student Learning Outcomes for the Core Curriculum: http://www.usg.edu/admin/acadaff/newcore/outcomes.html
- To read the General Guidelines for Core Curriculum Areas A-E: http://www.usg.edu/admin/acadaff/handbook/section2/2.04/2.04.01.phtml

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	ırs
ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1102H	ırs
One of the following	ırs
MATH 1101 3 hours MATH 1111 3 hours	
MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H 3 hours	
MATH 2261 or MATH 2261 H 4 hours MATH 22624	hours
NOTE: MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H (or higher) is red	quired 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, geology, geogr	aphy (B.S.),
forestry, pharmacy, mathematics, physical therapy, phy	sics, or sec-
ondary education (biology, chemistry, mathematics,	or physics).
MATH 2261 (or higher) is required of all students intendir	ig to transfer
within the University System with a major in engineering	

AREAB Institutional Options (Perspectives)4 semester hours

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

- 1. Perspectives on Ethics/Values
- 2. Perspectives on Tradition and Change
- 3. Perspectives on Human Expression
- 4. Perspectives on the Environment/Physical World
- 5. Perspectives on Race/Gender
- ${\bf 6.} \quad {\bf Perspectives\ on\ Cross-Cultural\ Understanding/Expression}$
- 7. Perspectives on the World of Work

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

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.

AREA D.1

^{*} Check course restrictions in the course descriptions.

AREA D.2.a Required of majors in of astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental geosciences, mathematics, physics, secondary biology education, secondary chemistry education, secondary mathematics education, secondary earth and space science education, secondary physics education, and all students in the preengineering program.

Mathematics, above the level taken for Area A		
BIOL 2010, CHEM 1211and 1211L, CHEM 1212 and 1212L, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K		
AREA D.2.b Required of nursing majors Two required chemistry courses		
PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K,		
ENGR 1010, MATH 1112, MATH 2620, MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100		
Area E Social Sciences		
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 1100, 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 2501, PSYC 2500 or		
PSYC 2500H, SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1101H, SOCI 1160		
Area F Courses Appropriate to the Major18 semester hours		

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

DEGREES OFFERED AT VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

COI	LLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES		
001	DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY	DEGREES
	Biology	Biology	B.S.
	Chemistry	Chemistry	B.S.
	English	English	B.S. B.A.
	History	History	B.A.
		Mathematics	В.А. В.А.
	Mathematics & Computer Science		
		Applied Mathematics	B.S.
		Computer Science	B.S.
		Computer Information Systems	B.S.
	Modern and Classical Languages	French	B.A.
		Spanish	B.A.
	Philosophy and Religious Studies	Philosophy and Religious Studies	B.A.
	Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences	Physics	B.S.
		Astronomy	B.S.
		Environmental Geosciences	B.S.
	Political Science	Political Science	B.A.
		Legal Assistant Studies	B.A.
	Sociology, Anthropology,	Sociology and Anthropology	B.A.
	and Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice	B.A.
	College-wide	Associate of Arts	A.A.
		General Studies	B.G.S.
COI	LLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRAT		D.O.D.
	DEPARTMENTS		DEGREES
	Accounting and Finance	Accounting	B.B.A.
		Finance	B.B.A.
	Management	Management	B.B.A.
	Marketing and Economics	Marketing	B.B.A.
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	Adult and Career Education	Business Education	B.S.Ed.
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		Industrial Education	B.S.Ed.
		Administrative Services	B.S.
		Technical Studies	B.A.S.
		Cooperative Technical Program	A.A.S.
		Dental Hygiene	A.A.S.
	Early Childhood and Reading Education	Early Childhood Education	B.S.Ed.
	Kinesiology and Physical Education	Exercise Physiology	B.S.E.P.
		Health & Physical Education	B.S.Ed.
		Sports Medicine/Athletic Training	B.S.
	Middle Grades and Secondary	Middle Grades Education	B.S.Ed.
	Education	Secondary Education	B.S.Ed.
		Biology, English, French, History,	
		Math, Chemistry, Earth and	
		Space Science, Physics,	
		Political Science, and Spanish	
	Psychology and Counseling	Psychology	B.A., B.S
	Special Education and	Communication Disorders	B.S.Ed.
	Communication Disorders	Special Education/Mild Disabilities	B.S.Ed.
	Communication Disorders		
		Special Education/Mental Retardation	
		Special Educ./Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
		Special Education/Interrelated	B.S.Ed.
		Special Education/Early Childhood	
		American Sign Language/Interpreting	B.S.Ed.

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University Course Designation Abbreviations

ACCT	Accounting	LEAD	Educational Leadership
ACED	Adult and Career Education	LEAS	Legal Assistant Studies
AFAM	African American Studies	LIBS	Library Science
ANTH	Anthropology	LING	Linguistics
ARED	Art Education	MATH	Mathematics
ARID	Interior Design	MBA	Master of Business
ARST	Special Topics in Art		Administration
ART	Art Studio & Art Appreciation	MDIA	Mass Media
ARTH	Art History	MFTH	Marriage and Family Therapy
AS	Aerospace Studies	MGED	Middle Grades Education
ASTR	Astronomy	MGNT	Management
BIOL	Biology	MKTG	Marketing
BUSA	Business Administration	MLIS	Master of Library and
CHEM	Chemistry		Information Science
CIED	Curriculum and Instruction	MSED	Middle & Secondary Education
CISM	Computer Information	MUE	Music Education
0101.1	Systems Management	MUSC	Music
CIT	Computer Information	NURS	Nursing
CII	Technology	NUTR	Nutrition
COMD	Communication Disorders	PADM	Public Administration
COMM	Communication Arts	PERS	Perspective Courses
COOP	Cooperative Education	PHIL	1
	Criminal Justice		Philosophy Physical Science
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CRWR	Creative Writing	PHYS	Physics
CS	Computer Science	POLS	Political Science
DANC	Dance	PSYC	Psychology and Counseling
ECED	Early Childhood Education	READ	Reading Education
ECON	Economics	REL	Religious Studies
EDUC	Education	RGTE	Regents' Testing Program -
ENGL	English		Essay
ENGR	Engineering	RGTR	Regents' Testing Program -
ENSL	English for International Students		Reading
FIN	Finance	RSCH	Research
FLED	Foreign Language Education	RUSS	Russian
FREN	French	SCHC	School Counseling
GENS	General Studies	SCI	Science
GEOG	Geography	SEEC	Secondary Education and
GEOL	Geology		Early Childhood
GRMN	German	SEED	Secondary Education
HIST	History	SOCI	Sociology
HONS	Honors	SOWK	Social Work
INTL	International/Intercultural Studies	SPAN	Spanish
ITED	Instructional Technology	SPEC	Special Education
JAPN	Japanese	THEA	Theatre
JOUR	Journalism	VSU	Freshman Orientation
KSPE	Kinesiology & Physical Education	WMBA	Web-based MBA
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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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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 and Religious Studies; 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, General Studies, and Women's Studies.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major either in art or in music is offered in conjunction with the College of the Arts; the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology, the Bachelor of Applied Science degree with a major in technical studies, the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in sports medicine/athletic training, 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 *Catalog* in sections of the departments of Art, Music, Psychology and Counseling, Adult and Career 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 PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate of Arts

Associate of Applied Science

VSU Cooperative program with Technical Colleges VSU/Val Tech Cooperative Program in Dental Hygiene

Bachelor of Arts

Art	English	French
History	Legal Assistant Studies	Mathematics
Music	Philosophy and Religious	Studies

Music Philosophy and Religious Studies
Psychology Political Science Sociology/Anthropology

Spanish Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science

Administrative Services	Computer Information Systems	Physics
Applied Mathematics	Environmental Geosciences	Astronomy
Mathematics	Mathematics/Computer Science Option	Biology
Chemistry	Computer Science	Psychology

Sports Medicine/Athletic Training

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	For Programs in
Department of Biology	Allied Health Programs, Community
	Health, Nutrition, Dental Hygiene, Medical
	Records Administration, Medical Technol-
	ogy, Occupational Therapy, Optometry,
	Physical Therapy, Physician's Assistant,
	Respiratory Therapy, Preparation for Dental
	Medicine, Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary
	Medicine
Department of Chemistry	Medicine, Dental Medicine, Veterinary
	Medicine, Pharmacy

Department of Physics, Astronomy, Preparation for Engineering

and Geosciences

Department of Political Science

Preparation for Law Department of English Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary

Department of History Preparation for Law

Preparation for Law, Theology, or Seminary Department of Philosophy

and Religious Studies

Department of Marketing/Economics Preparation for Law Department of Sociology, Anthro-Preparation for Law

pology, and Criminal Justice Preparation for Social Work

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Specific Requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree

- 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.
- 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.
- The minimum cumulative grade point average for graduation is 2.00.
- 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.
- A State of Georgia Legislative requirement states that degree candidates must possess and demonstrate a reasonable mastery of United States history, Georgia history, the United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These requirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or 1101H and HIST 2111 or 2111H or HIST 2112 or 2112H. The VSU Office of Testing in Powell Hall West offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history or whose political science course did not include Georgia Constitution.
- Students must apply for and be accepted in the Associate of Arts degree program prior to completion of Associate of Arts degree requirements.
- Academic advisement of students seeking the Associate of Arts degree shall be the responsibility of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.
- 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Attain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00, and earn no grade lower than a "C" in all courses used to satisfy major field requirements.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Complete at least 6 semester hours of course work numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside the major.
- 8. Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing by passing the Regents' Testing Program Examination of the University System of Georgia.
- 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.
- 10. A State of Georgia Legislative requirement states that degree candidates must possess and demonstrate a reasonable mastery of United States history, Georgia history, the United States Constitution, and the Georgia Constitution. These requirements are met by the successful completion of POLS 1101 or 1101H and HIST 2111 or 2111H or HIST 2112 or 2112H. The VSU Office of Testing in Powell Hall West offers an exemption test to transfer students whose American history course did not include Georgia history or whose political science course did not include Georgia Constitution.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The College of Arts and Sciences will not accept transfer credit for capstone requirements.