



## **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.

**All fees are subject to change according to the policy of the Board of Regents.**

### FEE SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2007\*

\*All charges are based on approved fees and are subject to change according to the policy of the Board of Regents.

	Undergraduates entering Fall 2007	Undergraduates entering Fall 2006	Undergraduates entering prior to Fall 2006
<b>12 or more hours:</b>			
In-state tuition	\$2,019	\$1,820	\$1,885
Out-of-state tuition	\$6,455	\$5,661	\$5,917
<b>11 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,904	\$1,717	\$1,783
Out-of-state tuition	\$5,963	\$5,237	\$5,479
<b>10 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,780	\$1,610	\$1,670
Out-of-state tuition	\$5,470	\$4,810	\$5,030
<b>9 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,656	\$1,503	\$1,557
Out-of-state tuition	\$4,977	\$4,383	\$4,581
<b>8 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,532	\$1,396	\$1,444
Out-of-state tuition	\$4,484	\$3,956	\$4,132
<b>7 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,408	\$1,289	\$1,331
Out-of-state tuition	\$3,991	\$3,529	\$3,683
<b>6 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,284	\$1,182	\$1,218
Out-of-state tuition	\$3,498	\$3,102	\$3,234
<b>5 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,160	\$1,075	\$1,105
Out-of-state tuition	\$3,005	\$2,675	\$2,785
<b>4 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$1,036	\$ 968	\$ 992
Out-of-state tuition	\$2,512	\$2,248	\$2,336
<b>3 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$ 430	\$ 379	\$ 397
Out-of-state tuition	\$1,537	\$1,339	\$1,405
<b>2 hours</b>			
In-state tuition	\$ 306	\$ 272	\$ 284
Out-of-state tuition	\$1,044	\$ 912	\$ 956
<b>1 hour</b>			
In-state tuition	\$ 182	\$ 165	\$ 171
Out-of-state tuition	\$ 551	\$ 485	\$ 507

All new students who attend the spring or summer orientation program will be charged \$20 to cover the related costs. All new students who attend the fall orientation program will be charged \$40 to cover the related costs and \$15 for each guest.

Fees for 4 or more hours include the Health fee (\$87), the Student Activity fees (\$209), the Athletics fee (\$116), the Transportation fee (\$20), and the Parking Facility fee (\$50). 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. Moreover, note that the Technology fee (\$48) and the Access Card fee (\$10) are flat fees, assessed for all students, regardless of the number of hours. 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, Access Card, and Athletic 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.

### Other Fees and Charges\*

Late Payment Fee: Failure to pay fees by specified payment date .....	\$75
Returned Check Fee: For each check .....	\$25
or 5% of the face amount of the check (whichever is greater)	
If the check is for tuition fees, an extra \$75 fee will be charged.	
Excess check stop payment and reissue request processing fee .....	\$10
Music Lessons, including use of instrument for practice, per term:	
private lessons .....	\$50
group lessons .....	\$35
Art Studio Materials fee .....	\$20
Science Laboratory fee (per laboratory) .....	\$30
GLOBE (E-core) fee (per credit hour) .....	\$144
Orientation Fee: charged undergraduates...	
who attend spring or summer orientation program .....	\$20
who attend fall orientation program .....	\$40
fall orientation program guest fee (each) .....	\$15
Post Office Box per semester .....	\$10
Key Replacement Charge .....	\$50
Honors Program Course fee .....	\$20
Student Teaching fee .....	\$100
Nursing Testing Fee .....	\$75
Mandatory Insurance, Annual (Nursing Majors, International Students) .....	\$830
Electronic transmission (FAX) of unofficial transcripts or certification	
forms/letters, per copy (Official transcripts cannot be FAXed.) .....	\$10
Transcript Fees, 1-5 copies .....	no charge
6th and subsequent copies (each) .....	\$2
Priority Fee for Certification Forms/Letters/Transcripts, per copy .....	\$5

Graduation Fee: Bachelor's or Graduate Degree .....	\$25
(Students who apply for graduation and who do not meet degree requirements must pay appropriate graduation fees again upon re-application.)	
Parking Fee--Annual .....	\$50

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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, Visa, Discover, 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 Web Registration System is 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 or financial liability or both.**

**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.

The following schedule is an example of the cost per term for a full-time freshman entering fall 2007:

	<b>In-state</b>	<b>Out-of-state</b>
Tuition and Student Fees 12 hrs.+	\$2,019	\$6,455
Dormitory, Double Occupancy Room	1,525	1,525
Cafeteria 21 meals/week	1,470	1,470
Estimated cost of books and supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Estimated Total	\$5,514	\$9,950
Two Semesters	\$11,028	\$19,990

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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)**

#### **A. United States Citizens**

1. An independent student who has established and maintained a domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term shall be classified as "in-state" for tuition purposes.  
It is presumed that no student shall have gained or acquired in-state classification while attending any postsecondary educational institution in this state without clear evidence of having established domicile in Georgia for purposes other than attending a postsecondary educational institution in this state.
2. A dependent student shall be classified as "in-state" for tuition purposes if either i) the dependent student's parent has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term and the student has graduated from a Georgia high school or ii) the dependent student's parent has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term and the parent claimed the student as a dependent on the parent's most recent federal income tax return.
3. A dependent student shall be classified as "in-state" for tuition purposes if a U. S. court-appointed legal guardian has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term, provided that appointment was not made to avoid payment of out-of-state tuition and the U.S. court-appointed legal guardian can provide clear evidence of having established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term.
4. If an independent student classified as "in-state" relocates temporarily but returns to the State of Georgia within 12 months, the student shall be entitled to retain in-state tuition classification.

5. If the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian of a dependent student currently classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes establishes domicile outside of Georgia after having established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia, the student may retain in-state tuition classification as long as the student remains continuously enrolled in a public postsecondary educational institution in the state, regardless of the domicile of the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian.

## **B. Noncitizens**

Noncitizens initially shall not be classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes unless there is evidence to warrant consideration of in-state classification. Lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, or other eligible noncitizens as defined by federal Title IV regulations may be extended the same consideration as citizens of the United States in determining whether they qualify for in-state classification. International students who reside in the United States under nonimmigrant status conditioned at least in part upon intent not to abandon a foreign domicile are not eligible for in-state classification.

A glossary defining the terms in the tuition classification policy can be found in the University System of Georgia Board of Regents Tuition Classification

## **Out-Of-State Tuition Waivers**

- A. Academic Common Market. Students selected to participate in a program offered through the Academic Common Market.
- B. International and Superior Out-of-State Students. International students and superior out-of-state students selected by the institutional president or an authorized representative, provided that the number of such waivers in effect does not exceed 2% 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.
- C. University System Employees and Dependents. Full-time employees of the University System, their spouses, and their dependent children.
- D. Medical/Dental Students and Interns. Medical and dental residents and medical and dental interns at the Medical College of Georgia (BR Minutes, 1986-87, p. 340).
- E. Full-Time School Employees. Full-time employees in the public schools of Georgia or of the Department of Technical and Adult Education, their spouses, and their dependent children. Teachers employed full-time on military bases in Georgia shall also qualify for this waiver (BR Minutes, 1988-89, p. 43).
- F. Career Consular Officials. Career consular officers, their spouses, and their dependent children who are citizens of the foreign nation that their consular office represents and who are stationed and living in Georgia under orders of their respective governments.
- G. Military Personnel. Military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children stationed in or assigned to Georgia and on active duty. The waiver can be retained by the military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children if the military sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia, as long as the student(s) remain(s) continuously enrolled and the military sponsor remains on active military status (BR Minutes, February 2004).

- H. Border County Residents. Residents of an out-of-state county bordering a Georgia county in which the reporting institution or a Board-approved external center of the University System is located.
- I. National Guard Members. Full-time members of the Georgia National Guard, their spouses, and their dependent children. (BR Minutes, April, 1998, pp. 16-17).
- J. Students enrolled in University System institutions as part of Competitive Economic Development Projects. Students who are certified by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development as being part of a competitive economic development project.
- K. Students in Georgia-Based Corporations. Students who are employees of Georgia-based corporations or organizations that have contracted with the Board of Regents through University System institutions to provide out-of-state tuition differential waivers.
- L. Students in Pilot Programs. Students enrolled in special pilot programs approved by the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall evaluate institutional requests for such programs in light of good public policy and the best interests of students. If a pilot program is successful, the tuition program shall be presented to the Board for consideration.
- M. Students in ICAPP® Advantage programs. Any student participating in an ICAPP® Advantage program.
- N. Direct Exchange Program Students. Any international student who enrolls in a University System institution as a participant in a direct exchange program that provides reciprocal benefits to University System students.
- O. Economic Advantage. As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to a dependent or independent student who can provide clear evidence that the student or the student's parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed guardian has relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment and has established domicile in the State of Georgia. Relocation to the state must be for reasons other than enrolling in an institution of higher education. This waiver will expire 12 months from the date the waiver was granted.  
 As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to a student possessing a valid employment-related visa status who can provide clear evidence of having relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment. Relocation to the state must be for reasons other than enrolling in an institution of higher education. These individuals would be required to show clear evidence of having taken all legally permissible steps toward establishing legal permanent residence in the United States and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. Students currently receiving a waiver who are dependents of a parent or spouse possessing a valid employment-sponsored visa may continue to receive the waiver as long as they can demonstrate continued efforts to pursue an adjustment of status to U.S. legal permanent resident.
- P. Recently Separated Military Service Personnel. Members of a uniformed military service of the United States who, within 12 months of separation from such service, enroll in an academic program and demonstrate an intent to become a permanent resident of Georgia. This waiver may be granted for not more than one year.



Q. **Nonresident Student.** As of the first day of classes for the term, a nonresident student whose parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months so long as the student can provide clear evidence showing the relationship to the parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has existed for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term.

If the parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian of a continuously enrolled nonresident student establishes domicile in another state after having maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for the required period, the nonresident student may continue to receive this waiver as long as the student remains continuously enrolled in a public postsecondary educational institution in the state, regardless of the domicile of the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian.

**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, Office of Admissions, 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. Bursary hours are Monday-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 Collections Policy, below.

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.

### **COLLECTIONS**

The University recognizes that circumstances may arise to create a balance due to the University. In effort to protect the financial interests of the institution, VSU follows *Business Procedures Manual* of the Board of Regents, chapter 10.0, regarding collection, due diligence procedures, and write-off.

Financial holds are placed on student accounts for balances due. These holds will not allow students to register, graduate, or receive official VSU documents until outstanding balances are paid. Students can check their account status and hold type by visiting the Banner Registration Website.

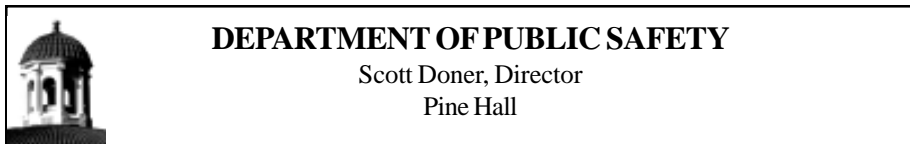
**Generally, student account balances that are past due 120 days and returned checks (NSF) that are over 60 days will be turned over to the University's Collection Agency.**

### **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.



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](http://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](http://www.valdosta.edu/dps)>.



## **AUXILIARY SERVICES**

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As a part of the Office of Finance and Administration, 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, ICard Services, Parking and Transportation, Vending, Health Services 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 ICard Services, the Bookstore, Dining Services, Health Services, Parking and Transportation, or Housing and Residence Life, visit our web pages: < [http:// services.valdosta.edu](http://services.valdosta.edu) >.

Valdosta State University has been defined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a residential institution, and 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." Following Regents' policy, the Auxiliary Services Division is totally self-supporting and receives no state allocations of funds.

### **HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

#### **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 a student has been formally accepted by Valdosta State University. All students applying for campus housing will be required to sign a contract with Housing for the academic year. Apartment residents must sign at 12-month contract. 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 deposit by the deadline established in the Housing Contract. The deposit is a one-time fee that will be refunded once the student decides to no longer reside on campus or upon graduation.

The housing contract outlines conditions under which refunds may be made. Occupancy of a traditional-style residence hall room is terminated at the end of each spring semester. Apartment contracts terminate at the end of summer term. Students currently enrolled should obtain an application for housing at the annual Room Selection Process held in March at the University Center. 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. Requests for release from the housing contract prior to the conclusion of the academic year will be considered after the student resident completes a *Request for Release from Contract*, available in the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

**Freshman Residency Program**

Valdosta State University administers a Freshman Residency Program which requires that all freshmen live on campus. To obtain an exemption from this requirement, a student must apply for exemption and meet one of the following criteria: (a) 30 semester hours of earned academic credit and sophomore status; (2) age 20 by September 30 of the current academic year; (3) married; (4) single parent; or (5) residing with parent(s), grandparent(s), or legal guardian within a 50 mile radius of Valdosta. Exemption forms are available online: <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> or at the Office of Housing and Residence Life, located on the 1st floor of Powell Hall East, telephone 229-333-5920.

**Residence Hall Fees**

Traditional residence halls offer double-occupancy rooms opening onto conventional hallways with community bathrooms. The rate of \$1,525 per semester for 2007-2008, which includes the Housing Activity Fee (\$20) and Post Office Box Fee (\$10), is in effect for Georgia, Langdale, and Reade Halls. The rate of \$1,615 is in effect for Brown, Lowndes, and Patterson Halls. This rate is based on dual occupancy. 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.

**Apartments**

Converse Hall and Centennial Hall apartments are available to upperclassmen. Students should note that the number of class hours earned and GPA will establish priority for apartment assignment. Students interested in the apartments must complete an application and apartment contract available in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Prices include Housing Activity Fee (\$20) and Post Office Box fee (\$10).

Converse Efficiency (one person only) .....	\$1,985
One Bedroom (with two people, per person) .....	\$1,705
Centennial One Bedroom (only person only) .....	\$2,215
Two Bedroom (per person) .....	\$2,125
Four Bedroom (per person) .....	\$2,005

Housing charges are assessed on a semester basis and must be paid in full during the registration process at the beginning of each semester. Rates include all utilities. Rates for future academic years will be posted at <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> and available on campus once the rates have been established. All charges are based on approved fees and are subject to change according to policy of the Board of Regents.

## **DINING SERVICES**

Valdosta State dining is available for all resident students and for non-resident students who desire to be on a meal plan. For the students' convenience and life style, there are more than seven locations in four different buildings, and meal plans are offered in an all-you-care-to eat format in the dining hall. All students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan as part of the housing contract.

Students may choose from the following meal plans:

### **Meal Plans**

The following meal plans are \$1,470. Students living on campus are asked to choose from the following plans at registration. If you do not choose a plan, the Blazer Plus plan will be chosen for you.

**The Blazer Plus with \$125 Blazer Bucks:** This plan offers unlimited access to the dining hall for meals and snacks throughout the week and includes \$125 in Blazer Bucks.

**14 Meal Plan with \$225 Blazer Bucks:** This plan offers 14 meals a week at any of the on-campus dining locations and includes \$225 in Blazer Bucks

**10 Meal Plan with \$370 Blazer Bucks:** This plan offers 10 meals a week at any of the on campus dining locations and includes \$370 in Blazer Bucks.

### **A La Carte Plans**

**\$800 A La Carte Plan:** \$800 declining balance available to students officially ranked as sophomores or above.

**\$400 A La Carte Plan:** \$400 declining balance available ONLY to students residing in Converse or Centennial Hall.

### **Commuter Meal Plans**

In addition to the above meal plans, we have added commuter meal plans. Students living off campus, faculty, and staff members are welcomed to choose from one of the following plans:

**100 Meals + \$100 Blazer Bucks:** Allows 100 meals at Palms Dining Center and \$100 in Blazer Bucks to use all semester, at \$500.

**75 Meals + \$75 Blazer Bucks:** Allows 75 meals at Palms Dining Center and \$75 in Blazer Bucks to use all semester, at \$395.

**25 Meals + \$25 Blazer Bucks:** Allow 25 meals at Palms Dining Center and \$25 in Blazer Buck to use all semester, at \$275.

**Note: Additional Blazer Bucks can be added at any time throughout the semester to ANY meal plan.**

## **Blazer Bucks**

Blazer Bucks act like an automated checking account. Each time students make a purchase with the 1Card, the amount is automatically deducted from their account. Blazer Bucks can be used to make purchases at The Loop Pizza Grill, Einstein's Café in the Education Building, Jazzman's Cafe in the library, Palms Retail units, the University Center Food Court, and the Langdale or Sustella Street Markets and to purchase additional meals at Palms Dining Hall.

For the latest dining information, visit <<http://services.valdosta.edu/dining>>.

## **CONVENIENCE STORES**

There are two convenience stores located on campus, Langdale Market and Sustella Street Market. Langdale Market is located on the first floor of Langdale Hall (west side) and Sustella Street Market is located on the first floor of Centennial Hall East. They provide a variety of snacks, grocery items, health and beauty items, and drinks.

## **UNIVERSITY STORES**

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, and imprinted clothing. 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 \$525, depending on the student's designated area of study.

In addition, VSU has added a Tech Shop for most of your software and electronic needs. The Tech Shop is located on the first floor of Langdale Hall (east side). The Bookstore accepts cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and the Campus 1Card. Customers can shop on the web at <[www.thevsubookstore.com](http://www.thevsubookstore.com)>. Tel. 229-333-5666.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

The Farber Health Center, located north of the Palms Dining Hall on North 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, nurse practitioners, registered and licensed practical nurses, a pharmacist, a medical technologist, and office staff. All students living in campus housing are required to pay the Health Fee, regardless of the number of hours in which they are enrolled.

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 page <[www.vsuparking.com](http://www.vsuparking.com)>.

### **“VSU 1Card” SERVICES**

The VSU 1Card is your official Valdosta State University ID and so much more! Your VSU 1Card is also your on-campus debit card through your assigned FLEX Account. The FLEX Account allows you to deposit funds 24 hours a day through our secure technology. A FLEX Account is automatically created when your VSU 1Card is produced and is non-transferable. In addition to the debit account, the card also includes access to privileges for which you have paid or been assigned. Everyone must visit the VSU 1Card Office, be a registered student, provide government issued photo identification (such as driver’s license, passport, military ID) to obtain your first card. Replacement cards are made upon payment of the current replacement fee (\$15) and the required photo identification. Please visit our website at [www.vsu1card.com](http://www.vsu1card.com) for more information regarding the VSU 1Card.





## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Kurt J. Keppler  
Vice President for Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is charged with responsibility for student life outside the classroom and includes a number of areas: office of the Dean of Students, cooperative education, counseling, alcohol and other drug education, student conduct, financial aid, housing, health promotions, Access Office for Students with Disabilities, orientation, student employment, career services, Greek life, event services, campus recreation, student organizations, student publications, student government, the University Union, University Center, student life, and testing. It is the division's philosophy that students' non-academic experiences are important to both their formal education and their personal development.

The Vice President for Student Affairs coordinates the activities within the Division of Student Affairs. His office is available to serve the needs of students as well as parents, alumni, faculty, and staff with student concerns. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs is located in 1150 Nevins Hall. Telephone: 229-333-5359. Valdosta State University is committed to the idea that total education involves more than academic pursuit. More information is available at <[www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/](http://www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/)>.

### **OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS**

The Office of the Dean of Students is responsible for the supervision of the following departments, programs, and services: Campus Recreation, Student Conduct, Orientation and Leadership Development, Student Life (Homecoming, Volunteer Services, Greek Life, student organizations and Campus Activities Board), Student Government Association, school mascot (Blaze), medical withdrawals for students, Who's Who, and all budgets funded by student activity fees. Valdosta State has over 180 registered student organizations ranging from social to religious in nature. Campus Recreation provides year-round leisure opportunities and is located in the new Student Recreation Center. The new outdoor intramural fields complex opened during the 2006 spring semester. The Orientation and Leadership Department coordinates activities for all incoming and transfer students and has an award-winning "Emerging Leader" program that was recognized as a "Best Practice" by the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia.

### **STUDENT LIFE**

The Office of Student Life is located in the University Union, offering a wide variety of extracurricular programs and services in which students are urged to participate. Telephone 229-333-5674.

University Union houses conference rooms, Campus Mail Service, a game room, and the Loop Pizza Grill. Also located in the Union are offices for the Dean of Students, Greek Life, Volunteer Services, Orientation and Student Leadership Development, Student Conduct, the Student Government Association (SGA), and the Campus Activities Board (CAB). The SGA is the student voice and addresses issues and concerns of the student population. The CAB is responsible for providing educational and social programs for the students.

### **Volunteer Services**

The Office of Volunteer Services provides numerous volunteer opportunities. The primary mission of the Volunteer Services program is to foster an active culture at Valdosta State University by promoting and facilitating opportunities for building partnerships between VSU and the community through service, while encouraging a sense of civic responsibility among students through critical engagement and participation in the Valdosta community.

### **Campus Ministry Organizations**

The following registered campus organizations form the core of VSU's campus religious life community: Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), , Believers Out Uniting Testimonies in Truth (BOUTIT), Campus Outreach, Canterbury Club, Catholic Student Center, Christian Student Center, Evangelistic Outreach Ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Latter Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA), Presbyterian Student Center, TEAM JESUS, and Wesley Foundation (Methodist).

### **Student Publications**

The University also provides opportunities for experience in journalism through *The Spectator*, the campus newspaper, and other student publications, which provide a forum for presenting current issues and also generate spirit within the student body.

### **EVENT SERVICES**

Event Services is located in the north end of the University Center. The primary mission of Event Services is to provide quality facilities and services to meet the needs of the diverse population of the campus community, specifically, VSU departments and registered student organizations. Our secondary mission is to accommodate non-university organizations that provide educational programs or public service events in a manner consistent with the educational goals and mission of the University. The office is also responsible for providing specific guidelines for facilities use, for collaborating with other campus departments on the development of policies regarding campus events, and for making this information available to the public.

Valdosta State University's growing population has lead to an increase in campus special events and programs. Because of the higher volume of facility usage, organizations are encouraged to request facility needs at least two weeks in advance. Event Services not only reserves facilities but also coordinates catering, audio-visual, furniture set-up, and other programming needs for events. Our facilities accommodate a wide

variety of event types and sizes, including small meetings and conferences. In addition, outdoor venues, gyms, sporting fields, and pools are available. Also super cooker grills, tents, and tablecloths can be reserved through our office. For more information call 229-333-5998 or visit our website at <[www.valdosta.edu/eventservices](http://www.valdosta.edu/eventservices)>.

### **University Center**

University Center-North, recently renovated in 2006, is a conference facility open daily year-round. This facility now provides registered student organizations, VSU departments, and the Valdosta community with state-of-the-art conference space, including several banquet rooms, conference rooms, large multi-purpose room, and a theatre.

Building managers and event assistants at the Information Desk located in the main lobby oversee events in the building. Open seating lounges and a computer area off the main lobby provide our guests with a relaxed atmosphere in which to conduct business. For added convenience, the University Center-North also has a 200-seat food court with several dining options including Chic-Fil-A. Located on the exterior of the building is a 24-hour full-service automated teller machine. For information on scheduling this facility, call Event Services at 229-333-5998 or visit see <[www.valdosta.edu/eventservices](http://www.valdosta.edu/eventservices)>. The Information Desk may be reached at 229-259-2510.

### **Clubs and Organizations**

There is a diversity of clubs and student organizations at the University, including 10 national sororities, 12 national fraternities, various service organizations, honor societies, and department clubs. All students are members of the Student Government Association (SGA). The purpose of this organization is to work for the best interests of the students; cooperate with the VSU administration, faculty, and staff in all matters of common interest to the University; approve and coordinate campus student organizations, and provide a means of communication between the students and all areas of their university. Representatives are elected in annual campus elections and meet weekly.

Organizations such as Marching Band (Blazin' Brigade), Concert Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Spotlighters, and Concert Band are listed under "College of the Arts."

### **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The Department of Campus Recreation offers a variety of services, such as an aquatics program, intramural sports program, club sports, informal recreational outdoor trips, fitness consulting, and aerobics. All are based in the Student Recreation Center (SRC), located at 1300 Sustella Avenue. These activities are open to all students who register for four or more academic hours or who have a least one hour and have paid the student fees.

The SRC facility is top-notch and state-of-the-art. The facility includes three multi-purpose basketball courts, an indoor jogging and walking track, a 9,000-square-foot weight room featuring free weights and cardiovascular equipment, and indoor pool, three racquetball courts, a large multipurpose aerobics room, and a 27-foot, custom-built climbing wall.

The Intramural Sports program is designed to provide all students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to participate in organized recreational competitions. Structured leagues and tournaments are offered in a diverse array of sporting activities, such as flag football, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, racquetball, and ultimate Frisbee. The Intramural Sports program offers over 30 different activities during the entire academic year.

The Club Sports program and Outdoor Programs are constantly growing to meet the needs of a diverse campus population. VSU currently has Men's and Women's Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and Racquetball Clubs. Several other clubs will be organized in the near future. If there is any activity that we don't offer and you have the interest in starting, please come by and let's work on it. Outdoor trips, such as horseback riding, sea kayaking, canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, white water rafting, and snorkeling with manatees take place throughout the year.

The mission of the Department of Campus Recreation is to provide students, faculty, staff and other members of the community the opportunity to enjoy lifelong activities while enhancing their well being by promoting fitness and wellness as a positive outlet to relieve stress. For more information, see <[www.valdosta.edu/recreation](http://www.valdosta.edu/recreation)> or call 229-333-5898.

## **ACCESS OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Access Office is responsible for coordination of services for students with disabilities. The primary objectives are to provide reasonable accommodations and assure that campus programs and activities are accessible to students with disabilities. Some of the services available to meet the needs of students include classroom and testing accommodations, textbooks in alternate formats, instruction in learning strategies, access to adaptive technology, and referral to other services.

Eligibility for provision of services requires students to provide current documentation of a disability that meets criteria established by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. All of the services are provided at no charge. The Access Office is located at 1115 Nevins Hall. For more information, call 229-245-2498 (V/VP), 229-219-1348 (TTY) or visit the website at <[www.valdosta.edu/access](http://www.valdosta.edu/access)>.

## **CAREER SERVICES**

Valdosta State University understands the special needs that university students have in determining their career goals. The Career Services Office is available to assist VSU students in choosing their major programs of study and career objectives and in obtaining satisfactory employment upon graduation.

Individual career counseling is available for students who wish to explore how their abilities, values, and interests match particular career fields. Also, group workshops and seminars on career-related topics are offered each semester.

Students may utilize the varied resources that are in the Career Library: printed career materials, audio and video tape descriptions of occupational opportunities, and computer-assisted career exploration programs.

Various career-oriented workshops are offered each semester. Job vacancy listings of interest to seniors and graduate students are posted. On-campus interviews are scheduled with employers interested in interviewing students and alumni for professional employment. Seniors are encouraged to register with the office the first semester of their senior year so that the office can best assist in their employment search.

The Career Services Office is located on the second floor of Powell Hall-West. Telephone 229-333-5942 or 229-333-5414. <[www.valdosta.edu/career](http://www.valdosta.edu/career)>.

## **COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

Valdosta State University offers students the opportunity to integrate their classroom instruction with practical work experience as part of their academic program. The Cooperative Education Office works with local, state, and national agencies and employers to give students an opportunity to complement their academic and vocational interests and to gain valuable experience in their chosen fields prior to graduation while also earning an income for their educational expenses. Students also develop professional work habits and can make valuable career contacts.

The co-op program is offered as an option for students. In order to be eligible, students must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and be in good academic standing. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. Students may work on a full-time basis during alternate semesters, a part-time continuous basis, or during a one-to-three semester internship. Opportunities exist to earn academic credit as part of the co-op program. Interested students are encouraged to apply as early as possible in their university career to enhance the prospects of placement in the best possible position. The Co-op Office is located in Powell Hall West, 2nd floor. Telephone 229-333-7172. The Web site is <<http://coop.valdosta.edu>>.

## **COUNSELING CENTER**

In an effort to enhance personal growth and development, the Counseling Center offers a variety of services to all students, prospective students, staff, and faculty at VSU free of charge. Professionally trained counselors are available to assist with personal, social, or educational concerns. The Counseling Center offers an atmosphere in which individuals may discuss their problems with the assurance that all counseling information will remain confidential.

Individual counseling is available for those who wish to discuss and explore their thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and lifestyles. In addition, group counseling provides an opportunity for individuals to grow in their communication, social, and interpersonal skills with others who have similar goals and interests. The Center also provides consultation to staff and faculty in addition to offering outreach programs to various target groups on campus, in residence halls, and in the community.

The Counseling Center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. It is located in Powell Hall East, and appointments may be made in person or by calling 229-333-5940. When necessary, referrals will be made on campus or in the community so that all available resources are utilized.

## **OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG EDUCATION**

The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education is dedicated to taking a proactive approach in addressing the issue of substance use and abuse in the VSU community and its potential impact on academic, professional, and social development.

We provide assessments and accurate up-to-date information in the areas of prevention, education, and referral. We encourage student involvement through Peer Education (KARMA, a for-credit class) and substance-free social programming (Natural High). Educational opportunities include presentations to classes and organizations as well as “Alcohol 101 Plus” and “Prime for Life: On Campus Talking About Alcohol.” Certification is available to students through Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS). Videos and print resources are also available through our office.

AOD sponsors and participates in several campus awareness campaigns, including the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and Safe Spring Break Fair.

Our services are available to students, faculty, and staff. We are located in Powell Hall East, 2nd floor and may be contacted by phone at 229-259-5111 or e-mail at <mfwillia@valdosta.edu>. Our web site is <www.valdosta.edu/aode/>.

### **KARMA (Knowledge, Awareness, Respect, Maturity, & Achievement)**

**The Peer Education Program.** Students are trained as Peer Educators to give presentations in classes, residence halls, Greek organizations, and to other campus groups as requested. Topics of discussion include alcohol abuse, drug use, how to help a friend with an alcohol or other drug problem, self-esteem, eating disorders, sexual assault, HIV/AIDS, and date rape drugs.

**Natural High.** Natural High provides activities for students on weekdays and at times of high stress. All activities are alcohol-free and provide students with a safe environment in which to have fun. Activities include dances, midnight bowling, skate nights, bingo, and others as decided by the students on the advisory council. All Natural High events are open to all students.

**National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.** The Office of AOD Education provides a week long event educating students on issues related to alcohol. Throughout the week, students have opportunities to attend lectures, workshops, and other events designed to inform students about the hazards associated with high risk drinking behavior. The week culminates with an Alcohol Awareness Fair that draws hundreds of students and community members.

## **OFFICE OF TESTING**

Numerous standardized tests are administered by the Office of Testing to assist students with their testing requirements. The Valdosta State University Office of Testing is responsible for administering many tests: to entering students for the purpose of admission and placement, to undergraduate students for proficiency, to teacher education majors for certification, and to graduate students for admission to specialized programs. Testing programs designed for students to earn college credit hours by examinations are also available. As a designated national test center, the Testing Office administers testing programs for the Educational Testing Service, The Psychological Corporation, the Law School Admissions Council, The American College Testing Program, the

State of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia, as well as for other educational and governmental agencies.

The yearly testing calendar offers 27 testing programs with many general and specialized components. Beyond the regular group testing dates, individual test administrations are also given on a weekly or monthly basis. All tests are administered by the paper and pencil method except the CLEP, COMPASS, DANTES, Major Field Test, Miller Analogies Test (MAT) and TOEFL, which are computerized.

Prospective registrants should check with the appropriate offices at VSU to determine the required tests needed for admission to a specific discipline and the deadline for test score submission.

The Office of Testing is located in Powell Hall-West, First Floor, Room 1120. You may contact us by telephone (229-245-3878) or at <[www.valdosta.edu/testing](http://www.valdosta.edu/testing)>.

Some tests available to entering students are the Scholastic Assessment (SAT I & II), American College Testing Program (ACT), Computer-Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System (COMPASS). Other tests for undergraduate include the Regents' Testing Program (RTP), the Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers Series (PRAXIS), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES, eCore testing, the Independent Study Program (ISE) and the Major Field Test for Biology majors. Some tests required for graduate admissions include the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). Credentialing exams such as the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) examinations are available. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is administered on a national and institutional basis.

Assessment and certification examinations are also administered for other educational and governmental institutions, including the Georgia Department of Corrections, International Code Congress, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

The Veterans Affairs Office is part of the Office Financial Aid. A full-time counselor assists all veterans in completing applications for benefits, making adjustments in payments, providing tutorial assistance, updating enrollment certifications, and with other services to assist veterans with their education. Veterans enrolled in physical education courses can be certified to the Veterans Administration for VA benefits when the courses will be credited toward the completion of their approved educational program. It must be documented that credit cannot be granted for the courses based upon prior military training or experience. Veterans should refer any problems to the Veterans Office for assistance. Telephone 229-333-5935.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT OFFICE**

The primary responsibility of the Student Conduct Office (SCO) is to oversee and conduct the student disciplinary process on campus. SCO deals mostly with individual violators but is also called on to assist with groups that violate the Code of Conduct. SCO is located on the first floor of the University Union in the Office of the Dean of Students. SCO assists students, staff, and faculty in the determination of the appropri-

ate response needed relative to alleged violations of the Student Handbook's Student Code of Conduct. SCO's primary mission is to get students back on track regarding the completion of their degree program. For more in-depth SCO information, please call 229-333-5941 or visit SCO's webpage at <<http://www.valdosta.edu/judicial/>>.

## **HEALTH PROMOTIONS**

The Office of Health Promotions is located in Centennial Hall 135B. The mission of the office is to empower Valdosta State University students to make healthier lifestyle choices through prevention education. The goal is to provide wellness education through interactive formats and to assist students in connecting with various resources throughout the VSU community. For more information call 229-245-3896.

## **HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

The Mission of the Office of Housing & Residence Life at Valdosta State University is to provide affordable quality housing in a safe and secure environment. Our caring and competent staff members are committed to serving students by creating a holistic living and learning community that fosters education, diversity, civic engagement, recreation, and personal growth through programming and leadership opportunities.

Valdosta State University houses approximately 2,100 students on campus in six traditional residence halls and two apartment communities. Traditional residence halls offer double-occupancy rooms opening onto conventional hallways with community bathrooms. Brown, Georgia, Langdale, Lowndes, Patterson, and Reade are the traditional residence halls. The two apartment style residence halls are Centennial Hall and Converse Hall. Centennial Hall is a newer community that opened in 2005. These apartment communities are available for upper-class students. Brown, Lowndes, and Patterson were renovated in 2004, 2005, and 2006 respectively. There are plans to renovate Hopper Hall beginning summer 2007 and re-open the facility in fall 2008 and to renovate every hall within the next few years.

National research shows that freshmen who live in the residence halls tend to experience greater academic and personal success during their college career. Our experience at Valdosta State University has been consistent with these findings. For this reason, VSU has a program for all incoming freshmen to live in the residence halls. After their first year students may choose to live in Centennial Hall or Converse Hall, if space is available. Our Housing staff strives to pair students together, according to their preferences marked on the housing applications. Students also have the option of rooming with a friend who will also be attending VSU. All students have to do is to mutually request each other by placing their requested roommate name(s) on their housing application. The Housing office does their best to accommodate all requests.

Where you choose to live during your college years is paramount in defining your college experience. Housing and Residence Life provides a distinctive and dynamic living and learning environment. Campus living is convenient, with all residence halls being just a short walk from classes, labs, the library, entertainment, and dining. But, living on campus is about so much more than just proximity. It is about lifelong friendships, opportunities for involvement and employment, 24-hour staff support, and leadership development. We encourage you to explore all the benefits of campus living.



### **The Role of the Residence Hall Staff**

The Complex Director, Residence Hall Director, Graduate Hall Director, and Resident Assistants in your residence hall have been chosen for their ability to facilitate learning and growth. Their primary duties are to encourage and stimulate meaningful activity; to assist residents in working out the problems that occur in group living; to provide information about campus services, activities, and residence hall and university procedures; to perform certain managerial tasks such as check-in, check-out, and property inventory; and to serve as an interested person when someone wishes to discuss matters of personal concern. The Complex Director, Residence Hall Director, and Graduate Hall Director supervise the Resident Assistants and oversee the activities within the residence hall. This staff member is present to assist you with your needs in the residence hall.

### **Students with Disabilities**

Specially equipped facilities for students with disabilities are available. Students requesting modified housing because of a disability must register with the Access Office for Students with Disabilities in 1115 Nevins Hall, telephone 229-245-2498. The Access Office for Students with Disabilities will notify Housing and Residence Life of any reasonable accommodations required to meet a resident's housing needs.

### **Residence Hall or Apartment Contract**

The application and contract contain items and conditions of occupancy for which you are legally responsible. Please see those documents for further details.

### **Student Conduct Code**

All rules listed under Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook apply to residence hall living. All resident students must also abide by the Community Living Guidelines found on the Housing website and in the Student Success Planner.

The University reserves the right to remove any student from housing who is delinquent in the payment of bills to the University, has demonstrated an unwillingness to abide by the University Code of Conduct and Community Living Guidelines, violates any section of the Housing contract or published Residence Life rules and regulations, or exhibits behavior that is incompatible with the maintenance of order and propriety in the residence halls.

### **Building Security**

The Residence halls are locked 24-hours a day, beginning the first day of class each semester. You may gain admission to your residence hall by using your VSU identification card. For your own protection, nonresidents are not allowed in the halls unless they are guests of residents or are on official business. Students should be aware of this non-trespass policy and should assist the residence hall staff in maintaining the privacy and security of the halls. In order for guests to contact residents, they may call residents from the courtesy phones located outside each residence hall.

The University can assume no responsibility for missing or stolen articles. Parents' insurance policies may cover resident belongings while students are at college. Check with your insurance provider for more information. Students should leave family heirlooms and valuables at home and keep their room locked when they are not present.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life is located on the first floor of Powell Hall East. For more information on Housing and Residence Life, please visit the website at <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> telephone 229-333-5920 or via email at <[housing@valdosta.edu](mailto:housing@valdosta.edu)>.

## **REGULATIONS**

### **General Expectations**

Inasmuch as Valdosta State University is an institution committed to the quest for knowledge, truth, and wisdom, all students are expected:

- ♦ to examine critically and otherwise to evaluate themselves, their knowledge, and their society;
- ♦ to commit themselves to genuine enlightenment rather than to inflexible adherence to limited knowledge;
- ♦ to respect the regulation and order of the university community, which must exist for real learning to take place;
- ♦ to respect and obey the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States;
- ♦ to respect and obey the Code of Conduct as set forth by the Student Government Association in the University Handbook;
- ♦ to assume full responsibility for their individual and collective actions;
- ♦ to participate seriously and purposefully in campus life as both student and person;
- ♦ to make mistakes because they are "students," but to profit from these mistakes by maturing eventually into fully-participating, responsible, educated leaders in whatever careers they select.

## **DRUGS**

Valdosta State University, as a regional university within the University System of Georgia and recipient of federal funds, supports and complies with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, and the Drug Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990.

Faculty, staff, and students of Valdosta State University are advised that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illicit drugs and alcohol is prohibited, and violations of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action, to include suspension or termination.

Faculty, staff, and students are expected to adhere to the policies of the institution, observe the basic rules of good conduct, and observe all local, state, and federal regulations relative to illegal drugs and alcohol. Violations of such regulations, including misdemeanor or felony convictions during the course of one's employment or enrollment, will result in appropriate disciplinary action. This policy is subject to modifications,

and said changes will be publicized. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the Office of Personnel or the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

## **STUDENT DISSENT**

Valdosta State University will not permit any demonstrations or protests that would disrupt any academic or regularly scheduled non-academic pursuits. Dissent which is voiced in a constructive way and is manifested in an orderly and peaceful manner is acceptable. Threats, demands, and coercion are not acceptable. All students affiliated with Valdosta State University are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct.

## **BOARD OF REGENTS STATEMENT ON DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR**

The following is the policy of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia regarding disruptive behavior in any institution of the University System:

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia reaffirms its policies to support fully freedom of expression by each member of the academic community and to preserve and protect the rights and freedom of its faculty members and students to engage in debate, discussion, peaceful and nondisruptive protest and dissent. The following statement relates specifically to the problem described below. It does not change or in any way infringe upon the Board's existing policies and practices in support of freedom of expression and action. Rather, it is considered necessary to combat the ultimate effect of irresponsible disruptive and obstructive actions by students and faculty which tend to destroy academic freedom and the institutional structures through which it operates.

In recent years, a new and serious problem has appeared on many college and university campuses in the nation. Some students, faculty members, and others have on occasion engaged in demonstrations, sit-ins, and other activities that have clearly and deliberately interfered with the regular and orderly operation of the institution concerned. Typically, these actions have been the physical occupation of a building or campus area for a protracted period of time or the use or display of verbal or written obscenities involving indecent or disorderly conduct.

These actions have gone beyond all heretofore recognized bounds of meetings for discussion, persuasion, or even protest, in that: (1) acquiescence to demands of the demonstrators is the condition for dispersal, and (2) the reasonable and written directions of institutional officials to disperse have been ignored. Such activities thus have become clearly recognizable as an action of force, operating outside all established channels on the campus, including that of intellectual debate and persuasion which are at the very heart of education.

The Board reaffirms its belief that all segments of the academic community are under a strong obligation and have a mutual responsibility to protect the campus community from disorderly, disruptive, or obstructive actions which interfere with academic pursuits of teaching, learning and other campus activities.

The Board of Regents understands that this policy is consistent with resolutions adopted by the American Association of University Professors in April, 1968, by the Association of American Colleges in January, 1968, and by the Executive Committee of the Association for Higher Education in March, 1968, condemning actions taken to disrupt the operations of institutions of higher education.

The Board of Regents is deeply concerned by this new problem. Under the Constitution of the State of Georgia, under all applicable court rulings, and in keeping with the tradition of higher education in the United States, the Board is ultimately responsible for the orderly operation of the several institutions of the University System and the preservation of academic freedom in these institutions. The Board cannot and will not divest itself of this responsibility. Of equal or greater importance, such action of force as has been described above destroys the very essence of higher

education. This essence is found in the unhampered freedom to study, investigate, write, speak, and debate on any aspect or issue of life. This freedom, which reaches its full flowering on college and university campuses, is an essential part of American democracy, comparable to the jury system or the electoral process.

For these reasons and in order to respond directly and specifically to this new problem, the Board of Regents stipulates that any student, faculty member, administrator, or employee, acting individually or in concert with others, who clearly obstructs or disrupts, or attempts to obstruct or disrupt any teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary or public service activity, or any other activity authorized to be discharged or held on any campus of the University System of Georgia is considered by the Board to have committed an act of gross irresponsibility and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, possibly resulting in dismissal or termination of employment.

**Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights  
and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)  
for Post-Secondary Institutions Dealing with Student Educational Records**

In accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia and under the provisions of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Valdosta State University maintains various educational records for each matriculating student. VSU affords students certain rights with respect to these educational records, and these rights include:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, the dean of the appropriate college, the head of the appropriate academic department, or other appropriate official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed. VSU's official contact person for such record requests is the Custodian of Official Records in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. There will be a nominal fee for the retrieval and reproduction of any record requests.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the student believes are inaccurate. Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the university decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the University may disclose education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory information: Valdosta State University publishes student information in the form of directories, programs, etc. Students who desire that directory information not be released without consent should notify the Office of the Registrar. The following is considered directory information unless notification is received to the contrary:

Student's name, address (local and home), telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, class schedule, photograph, full- or part-time status, e-mail address, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Educational records may be furnished to a requesting party in compliance with a judicial order or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena.

- (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failure by Valdosta State University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605, (202) 260-3887.

The following are exceptions within FERPA, and students should take note of them:

- A. Students do NOT have access to the financial records of parents of students.
- B. Students do NOT have access to letters of recommendation placed in records prior to January 1, 1975.
- C. Personal records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel are NOT open for review and inspection by students.
- D. The professional records of the institution's medical staff are not open for review and inspection by students. However, physicians or other appropriate professionals of the student's choice can review these records.



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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4121 University Center

The purpose of the student aid program is to help make higher education a reality for persons who would be unable to attend without financial assistance. However, financial aid is awarded only to eligible students who have been admitted to the University. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be submitted at any time.

Financial aid applications are accepted and processed throughout the academic year, but priority is given to those submitted by May 1.

This material was prepared in advance of the 2005-2006 academic year and is subject to changes in state or federal laws or regulations.

### GRANTS

**Federal Pell Grant.** Gift aid, with no repayment required. Available to undergraduate students who show financial need and who have not received a bachelor's degree. A FAFSA is required.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).** Gift aid, with no repayment required. Available to undergraduate students who show financial need and who have not received a bachelor's degree. First priority goes to students who also qualify for a Federal Pell Grant and have the greatest need. A FAFSA is required.

**LEAP (Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership) Program.** LEAP is a federal/state grant program available to Georgia residents working on their first undergraduate degree program. Eligibility requirements are: demonstrate substantial need, be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant, maintain satisfactory academic progress, be at least a half-time student (6 semester hours or more), have not borrowed in excess of the annual or aggregate limits for federal student loan programs, have no defaulted student loan or overpayment due on state or federal financial aid, and not have received LEAP assistance for more than 8 semesters. A FAFSA is required.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance.** Vocational Rehabilitation provides assistance to students with physical limitations. Usually fees are paid for eligible students. Apply through your local office of Vocational Rehabilitation, a division of the Department of Human Resources.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS

**Veterans Financial Aid Services.** The Veterans Affairs Office, a part of the Office of Financial Aid, is located in the University Center. A full-time counselor assists all veterans in completing applications for educational benefits, making adjustments in payments, providing tutorial assistance, updating enrollment certifications, and with other services to assist veterans with their education.

**Veterans Administration Assistance.** Veterans, service personnel, and eligible dependents may qualify to receive benefits through the Veterans Administration. Applications may be made through the VSU Office of Veterans Affairs. Veterans enrolled in physical education courses can be certified to the Veterans Administration for VA benefits when the courses will be credited toward the completion of their approved educational program. It must be documented that credit cannot be granted for the courses based upon prior military training or experience. Veterans should refer any problems to the Veterans Office for assistance. Telephone 229-333-5935.

**Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty).** This program of education benefits is for students who enter active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985. The student must, with certain exceptions, serve continuously on active duty for three years of a 3-year enlistment, or for a lesser benefit, two years of an initial active duty obligation of less than three years. A student also may qualify for benefits by initially serving two continuous years on active duty, followed by four years of Selected Reserve Service.

**Montgomery GI Bill (Selected Reserve).** This program of education benefits is for Reservists of the armed forces as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. To be eligible for this program, a reservist must have a 6-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve, complete Initial Active Duty for Training, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and remain in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve Unit.

If a student has a parent who is a military veteran with a disability, the student may qualify for help from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Benefits may be awarded for pursuit of associate, bachelor, or graduate degrees at colleges and universities. Details are available in the Office of Veterans Affairs of Valdosta State University.

## **LOANS**

**The Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan.** This loan allows students enrolled at least half-time to borrow money at low interest for educational expenses. There are two types of Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans: (1) Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford/Ford Loans and (2) Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans. The Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford/Ford Loans is need based, and the Federal Government subsidizes and pays the interest on this loan while the student is in school and during the six-month grace period. The unsubsidized loan is not need-based. This loan was created for borrowers who do not qualify for federal interest subsidies. The student either pays the interest while in school and during the six-month grace period or it is added to the balance of the loan. A FAFSA is required.

**Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund** is a nonprofit, noncommercial educational trust fund created to assist full-time undergraduate students in fields of study other than law, medicine, or the ministry. Low interest loans with deferred payments are made to qualified residents of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Virginia. The deadline for submitting applications is July 1. For information and application forms write to: Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund, Inc., Post Office Box 8169, Columbus, Georgia 31908.

**VSU Short-Term Loans.** Short-term emergency loans are available from the Office of Business and Finance each semester. Apply to the VSU Office of Student Accounts located in the Bursary.

**Federal Direct Parent (PLUS) Loan.** This loan is an educational loan for parents of dependent undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time. Financial need is not an eligibility requirement, but good credit is required. Loan eligibility is based on the cost of attendance minus other aid received. A FAFSA is required.

## **WORK**

**Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP).** The University participates in the Federal Work-Study Program. Eligible students may work part-time during the academic year. To apply for and be considered for the FWSP, the students must complete and submit all required financial aid documents to the Office of Financial Aid. Priority is given to those students who have completed financial aid applications by May 1.

**Student Assistant Program.** On-campus jobs, financed by the University, are also available. Each department has its own funds for this program. Inquiries should be made to Student Employment Services, located in Powell Hall West, 2nd floor.

**Other Employment.** The Job Location and Development Program, administered through the Office of Student Employment Services, Powell Hall West, 2nd Floor, assists students in obtaining part-time employment off-campus.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Regardless of your family's income or your potential for a scholarship, complete all financial aid applications required by the VSU Office of Financial Aid. VSU General Scholarship Applications are due in the Office of Financial Aid by March 1 and are available on line at <[www.valdosta.edu/finaid](http://www.valdosta.edu/finaid)>. Other scholarship information is available at this website.

### **STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following scholarships, available to Georgia residents only, are awarded by state committees.

**Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia Scholarship.** Full tuition awarded throughout the State of Georgia on a rotating basis. Must be a Georgia resident undergraduate with superior academic achievement, good citizenship and financial need. Apply to the VSU Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Ty Cobb.** Awarded annually to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. To qualify, one must be a Georgia resident, demonstrate financial need, and possess at least a "B" average. Applications available from: Ty Cobb Foundation, P.O. Box 725, Forest Park, Georgia 30051, or by e-mail, <[tycobb@mindspring.com](mailto:tycobb@mindspring.com)>.



**HOPE Scholarship (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)** is funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is available to eligible Georgia 1993 or later high school graduates. HOPE covers tuition, fees and a book allowance (\$150 for 6 hours or more; \$75 for 5 hours or less).

### **HOPE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

Georgia Residency. Students receiving a tuition waiver must also have graduated from a Georgia high school.

Grade point eligibility for entering freshmen is based on a final high school GPA of 3.0 or better as determined by the high school and reported to the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA). GSFA will submit to VSU a final list of the freshmen who are eligible to participate in the program in July.

Regardless of high school graduation or high school grade point average, students with a cumulative grade point average at the 30th, 60th, or 90th attempted hour are eligible to participate in the Program; if they were Georgia residents at the time they first enrolled in a post-secondary institution in Georgia.

Maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average while in college. This requirement covers all prior colleges attended as well as VSU. The grade point average is reviewed at the 30th, 60th, and 90th attempted hour and at the end of each spring semester. Be advised, the HOPE Scholarship Regulations for public institutions are different from those at the private and technical institutions.

If you lose the HOPE Scholarship after your Freshmen year because your grade point average drops below 3.0, you are eligible to reapply for the HOPE at the 30th, 60th, or 90th attempted hour, provided your cumulative grade point average is a 3.0.

If you have not attempted more than 127 hours at VSU and/or any other college(s) combined, you may be eligible. Attempted hours include any letter grade for A, B, C, D, F, W, WF, I, IP, U, S, V. The HOPE scholarship is limited to 127 paid hours. Paid hours include all hours paid for by the Accel program, HOPE grant program since summer 2003, and the HOPE Scholarship Program.

Full-time enrollment is not a requirement.

All students who meet the HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements and wish to apply for the HOPE Scholarship are required to complete the FAFSA and provide any additional documents as requested by the OFA for verification purposes.

For the complete HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations, visit the Georgia Student Finance Commission web site at [www.gsfc.org/](http://www.gsfc.org/) or if you have questions, you may contact the VSU HOPE Scholarship Coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid 229-333-5935, or contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at 1-800-505-GSFC.

### **UNIVERSITY-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Valdosta State University offers academic scholarships each year to incoming Freshmen. Various criteria are considered, such as SAT or ACT scores and high school grades. The Office of Admissions notifies eligible students of their selection and the amount of their scholarship. There is no application for these scholarships, as eligible students are automatically selected by the VSU Office of Admissions. The scholarships offered are as follows:

**The Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created by Dr. Hugh C. Bailey, President of Valdosta State University from 1978 to 2001, to support academic excellence and achievement in every academic discipline through participation in the University Honors Program. Bailey Scholarships are available to full-time students who have been admitted to the Honors Program and who have completed between 45 and 75 semester hours, including at least 10 semester hours in the VSU Honors Program. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.6 for all courses completed, including Honors courses taken at VSU, and must exemplify the spirit of inquiry and service that characterizes the Honors Program. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year. The number offered each year will vary with the earnings of the endowment fund. Recipients are selected by the Honors Program Advisory Council. Applications are available through the University Honors Program and are due by March 1.

**R. B. Whitehead Scholarship.** Provided from funds donated to the University by the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitehead of Valdosta. The Whiteheads were enthusiastic supporters of the University, donating money not only to scholarships but to campus beautification. Selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

**John and Gertrude Odum Scholarships.** Provided from funds donated to the University by the late John and Gertrude Odum. Mrs. Odum was a Professor of English at VSU for many years and a long-time supporter of academic excellence. Selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON MAJOR**

**Most scholarship applications should be submitted before March 1 of each year. On any scholarship in which financial need is a criteria for consideration, the student must have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form on file with the Office of Financial Aid.**

**Application forms are available at < [www.valdosta.edu/finaid](http://www.valdosta.edu/finaid) >. Students without access to the Web should contact the Office of Financial Aid at 229-333-5935.**

#### **College of the Arts**

**Robert F. Barr Scholarship.** Funds are available for scholarship awards for promising instrumentalist Music and Music Education majors through the Robert F. Barr Scholarship Fund. Recipients are selected on the basis of audition by the Department of Music.

**Lee M. Bennett Art Scholarship.** VSU students majoring in art, who meet certain criteria are eligible to apply for this scholarship, created by Mrs. Bennett's will. Apply to the Art Department.

**Wesley Ren Christie Scholarship.** A scholarship for up to the amount of full tuition for Communication Arts majors. High school seniors must have a combined SAT score of at least 1100. Applications for this scholarship will be chosen on the basis of SAT or ACT scores, the academic average and standing in high school or junior college, and an original essay. Apply to the Department of Communication Arts.

**Elene D. Dorminy Scholarship.** One full tuition scholarship from funds provided by the John Henry Dorminy Foundation. Awarded annually to an undergraduate music major,

based on musical ability and potential. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

**Tammy Lee Fortner Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Tammy Lee Fortner by her parents and family. The scholarship is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors majoring in art. It is renewable. The scholarship will be awarded based upon a combination of need and academic merit, and recipients are selected by the Department of Art Scholarship Committee.

**Bernard L. Linger Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Bernard L. Linger and is awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior majoring in music, art, or communication arts. The recipient must have carried a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours per semester during the year prior to application and must have maintained an overall 3.5 GPA. Renewable for up to three years if the student maintains a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and continues to major in music, art, or communication arts. Apply to the College of the Arts.

**Ola Lee Means Scholarship.** This non-renewable scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the field of English and those enrolled in a program in the School of the Arts. In even numbered years, the award will be made to a student majoring in English. In the odd numbered years, the award will be made to a student enrolled in a School of the Arts major of study. Recipients will be selected from the appropriate school or department. Complete a Valdosta State University General Scholarship Application.

**Louise Sawyer Theatre Scholarship.** This scholarship fund established in memory of Louise Sawyer is awarded to a student pursuing a degree in theatre arts. Applicants are selected by the Department of Theater Arts.

**LaForrest Eberhardt Theatre Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to theatre majors based on a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. Apply to the VSU Theatre Department.

**Golden Circle Theatre Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to theatre majors based on a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. Apply to the VSU Theatre Department.

**Lucy Martin Stewart Scholarship.** Awarded each year to a vocal music major. Selection is made solely on promise as a performer. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

#### **College of Arts and Sciences.**

**Alpha Kappa Delta Scholarship.** This annual endowed scholarship is available to undergraduates and graduates based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need. The scholarship was established to promote interest in the study of sociology at Valdosta State University. Recipients are chosen by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, where application may be made.

**Harold S. Gulliver, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Harold S. Gulliver, Sr. and is awarded based on academic ability and

financial need. Preference will be given to English and Humanities majors. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**James E. Martin Scholarship.** This scholarship was created to honor the memory of James E. Martin. The scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in physics. The scholarship can be renewed for up to three years if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA in all courses required for the physics major. Recipients are selected by the Physics Department.

**Andy Kopyy Memorial Scholarship.** This annual endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Andy Kopyy and is awarded to students majoring in computer science who are also minoring in German. The recipients must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses and are chosen annually on the basis of ability, promise, and need, by a decision made by the Department Head of Mathematics and Computer Science and the senior Professor of German in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Apply to the Department of Math and Computer Sciences.

**Ola Lee Means Scholarship.** See awarding criteria listed in College of the Arts section.

**Julia Wisenbaker Sumerford Scholarship.** This non-renewable, full tuition scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the fields of chemistry and nursing. In the even numbered years, the award will be made to a student majoring in the field of chemistry. In the odd-numbered years, the award will be made to a nursing student. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Harley Langdale, Jr.**  
**College of Business Administration**

**Steele Scholarship.** The premier scholarship of the Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration, this endowed Scholarship was created in 2002 to honor the memory of Rea and Lillian Steele. Steele Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding incoming freshmen and transfer students majoring in one of the five business disciplines. Minimum requirements for consideration include an SAT score of 1230 and a high school or transfer grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Involvement in activities, leadership, service to the community, and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid) are also considered. A Steele Scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years for recipients maintaining a 3.25 average while continuing to pursue a B.B.A. degree. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Belk-Hudson Management Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship provided by Belk-Hudson of Valdosta, awarded to an outstanding management major, is renewable if the student maintains a 2.75 GPA and is making satisfactory progress toward completion of the B.B.A. degree. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Citizens Community Bank Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded by the Office of Financial Aid based on student recommendations by the Langdale College of Business. Preference will be given to recipients who reside in Lowndes, Brooks, Cook, Echols, or

Lanier Counties in Georgia. Minimum requirements include an SAT score of 1000 or higher and high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. A current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) should be on file at the Office of Financial Aid. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**James L. Dewar, Sr. –Park Avenue Bank Scholarship.** Created in honor of Mr. Dewar, Sr., this scholarship invites applications from students who graduated from Lowndes County schools and are majoring in one of the fields of business administration. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**John Henry Dorminy Scholarship.** This scholarship is provided by the Dorminy Trust Fund. Incoming freshmen at VSU who will be majoring in the College of Business Administration are eligible. This scholarship is renewable. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Bank of America Scholarship.** Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Preference is given to business majors, who must be in good academic standing. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Max Stephenson Scholarship.** Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Preference is given to business administration majors, who must be in good academic standing. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Georgia Gulf Sulfur Business-Athlete Scholarship.** This scholarship established by the Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation to recognize outstanding performance in the classroom and the field of competition is awarded to an incoming freshman at Valdosta State University, majoring in a Langdale College of Business discipline and participating in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic teams. A minimum 950 SAT is required, and the scholarship can be renewable up to three additional years if the student maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA, continues to pursue a College of Business degree program, and continues to participate in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic sports. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Connie C. Fredenberger Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded by the Office Financial Aid and is based on student recommendations by the Langdale College of Business. The scholarship recipient must be a non-traditional female management major who demonstrates financial need. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**J-M-E Accounting Scholarship.** This scholarship was created to provide one annual scholarship for a VSU accounting student. The scholarship recipient must be a rising junior accounting student at VSU. Recipients must have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 after completing their sophomore year curriculum. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**GAR Foundation Scholarship.** This scholarship is partially funded by the GAR Foundation to fund one annual scholarship for a VSU business student. The scholarship recipient must be a declared business major with a grade point average of 3.0 or more. This scholarship is renewable for one year. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Henderson International Scholarship.** This scholarship was created for the purpose of assisting international business students. Recipients must be an international student who is not receiving any athletic scholarship funds. The scholarship recipient must be majoring in business administration and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher after completing his or her sophomore curriculum. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Henderson & Godbee Scholarship Fund.** This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding accounting student. Recipient must be a rising senior accounting student at Valdosta State University. The scholarship recipient must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 after completing his or her junior year curriculum in accounting. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Justin T. Hobdy Accounting Scholarship.** This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Justin T. Hobdy, a former Langdale College accounting student. Recipient must be a junior accounting major at VSU who demonstrates financial need. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**First State Bank and Trust Study Abroad Scholarship.** This Scholarship is awarded to assist a student majoring in business who is participating in a study abroad program. Student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 after completing his or her sophomore curriculum and must be seeking financial assistance for a study abroad program. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Apply to the Langdale College Study Abroad Scholarship Committee.

**Steele Study Abroad Scholarship.** This Scholarship is awarded to assist students majoring in business who are participating in a study abroad program. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 or have been admitted to the Langdale College of Business and must be seeking financial assistance for a study abroad program. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Apply to the Langdale College Study Abroad Scholarship Committee.

### **College of Education**

**Ola M. Brown Minority Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship for a minority student majoring in Education is available to a student in good academic standing and demonstrates financial need (must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection will be determined by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

**Mattie H. Dewar Scholarship.** This annual endowed scholarship was created by her family members to honor the memory of Mattie Hendry Dewar. The scholarship is awarded to students pursuing service occupations in the fields of education, welfare, and religious activities. For application and deadline, contact the College of Education.

**Catherine Hensley McDonald Memorial Scholarship.** The members of the Valdosta Junior Service League established this scholarship in memory of Catherine Hensley McDonald. The scholarship is available to students majoring in the Business-Vocational Education program, who have completed 50 semester hours, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and have demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). The scholarship is renewable for one year if the recipient maintains the 2.5 GPA. Selection is made by the Department of Adult and Career Education Scholarship Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

**HOPE Promise Scholarship.** Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is a component of the HOPE Scholarship Program. The purpose of this program is to attract high-achieving undergraduates into the teaching profession and provide them with financial assistance beginning the junior year and continuing through the senior year. Scholarship recipients agree to teach in a Georgia public school at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level after graduation. If a recipient fails to meet this obligation, the scholarship becomes a loan, which must be repaid in cash, with interest. Applications should be available late spring semester. Complete HOPE Scholarship Program regulations and a printable application form are available from Georgia Student Finance Commission at <[www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)> or call 770-724-9030 or toll-free at 1-800-505-GSFC, or contact the VSU Office of Financial Aid at 229-333-5935 and request a HOPE Promise Scholarship Application.

**Saralyn Sammons Scholarship.** The Saralyn Sammons Scholarship was established to honor of Miss Sammons, Head of the Department of Business Education for 26 years. The scholarship is awarded to a student in the Department of Adult and Career Education who has completed 30 hours at VSU, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Student Aid, FAFSA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recommendations for this scholarship are made by the Department of Adult and Career Education Scholarship Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

**Speech and Language Pathology Scholarship.** The members of the Valdosta Junior Service League have established this scholarship for an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in communication disorders, who has completed 50 semester hours, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has demonstrated financial need (Applicants must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. Contact the Special Education and Communication Disorders Department for application information.

**Jim and Mary Threatte Scholarship.** This annual scholarship was established by Jimmy '65 and Quay Allen of Tifton, in honor of Mrs. Allen's parents. The recipient must be pursuing a degree in education, have a minimum of 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

## College of Nursing

**Virginia McCraw Gaskins Scholarship.** One scholarship is offered each year from funds provided in memory of Virginia McCraw Gaskins. Preference is given to students who are pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in nursing. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Kiwanis Club of Valdosta Scholarship.** One nursing scholarship is sponsored annually by the Kiwanis Club of Valdosta. This scholarship is renewable, and recipients are recommended by the College of Nursing. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Thomas H. Moseley, M.D., Nursing Scholarship.** A scholarship is provided in memory of Dr. Thomas H. Moseley, Sr. It is awarded to a senior nursing student, with consideration given to academics and financial need (must have FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Julia Wisenbaker Sumerford Scholarship.** See awarding criteria listed in College of Arts and Sciences section.

**Jane Parramore Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to senior nursing majors based on academics and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate female students, in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recipients are selected by the College of Nursing. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

**Air Force ROTC.** Scholarships are available to students enrolled in ROTC at VSU and are based on performance, academic achievement and leadership potential. For further information contact the VSU Air Force ROTC Office at 229-333-5954.

**Beth Burnette Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship is created to honor the memory of Beth Burnette. The scholarship is available to students who are graduates of Valdosta High School. Recipients will be selected by the Office of Financial Aid based upon a combination of financial need and academic merit. The scholarship is renewable for three years. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Paul A. Burnette Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship established in memory of Paul A. Burnette, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnette, will be awarded annually to a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The recipient must have a 2.5 GPA and demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Griffin LLC Scholarship.** The Griffin Corporation has established this endowed scholarship to assist the dependent child of a Griffin Associate. Incoming freshmen, as well as students enrolled at VSU, with a Griffin employed parent, are eligible for this scholarship.



This scholarship is renewable if the student maintains a 15-credit hour enrollment at VSU, a 2.0 GPA, is making satisfactory progress toward a degree, and the parent is maintaining employment with the Griffin Corporation. Applications are available through the Griffin Corporation Human Resources Department and are due April 1.

**Lorene Joiner Memorial Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was established by Mr. And Mrs. John W. Thomas, in memory of Mrs. Thomas' mother, Lorene Joiner. The scholarship is intended to benefit students with demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Clare Philips Martin Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to a student currently enrolled at VSU who has completed no fewer than 60 semester hours at VSU with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. To qualify, a student must have demonstrated intellectual growth and leadership through involvement in clubs, organization, projects, and work experience while in college. This award is presented during the University Honors Day program, during spring semester. The deadline for application is March 1. The application form is available at <[www.valdosta.edu/finaid](http://www.valdosta.edu/finaid)> from January 1 to March 1 each year.

**Paul Scott Marty Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Paul Scott Marty, son of Mr. And Mrs. Chester Marty. The recipient must be an Air Force ROTC cadet who will be entering the junior year and will not be receiving the Air Force ROTC Scholarship. For further information, contact VSU Air Force ROTC.

**Dr. Joseph Durrenberger Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship is available to deserving undergraduate students, with preference given to those who are considered non-traditional, having reached the age of 25, maintaining a 2.5 grade point average, and enrolled full time. This scholarship is renewable. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Sallie Hutchinson Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to deserving undergraduate students, with preference given to female students who permanently reside in one of the following counties: Berrien, Cook, Lowndes, Thomas, or Brooks. This scholarship is renewable. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Roy L. "Butch" Pierce Scholarship.** Awarded each year based on academic excellence and financial need. May be renewed. Preference given to residents of Seminole County, Georgia, and the surrounding area. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Walter R. and Dorothy S. Salter Scholarship.** This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in a pre-medical program of study. Recipients are selected by the trustee of the estate of Mrs. Salter. Students must be enrolled full time, have a 3.0 GPA, be a declared pre-med major having completed two major level courses in both chemistry and biology (4 courses). Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Barbara Pearlman Soshnik Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearlman to honor the memory of their daughter. This scholarship is awarded by the VSU Office of Financial Aid to a deserving student with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**James D. Walker Scholarship.** Awarded to a junior transfer student. Based on academic excellence and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid ). May be renewed for the senior year. Preference given to residents of Suwannee County, Florida. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Milton M. Ratner Foundation Scholarship.** This scholarship is intended to benefit students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need. Applicants must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid . Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**VSU Minority Alumni Scholarship.** This scholarship was established by the VSU Minority Alumni Association (VSUMAA) and is awarded to students in good academic standing and demonstrated financial need. They must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid. The recipients are selected by the VSUMAA. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application form.

**Frances Wood Wilson Foundation, Inc. Scholarship.** This scholarship is intended to benefit students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Athletic Scholarships.** For scholarship information regarding a particular sport, contact the VSU Athletic Office.

**Georgia Gulf Sulfur Athletic Scholarship.** These scholarships were established to assist academically and athletically talented students who are members of the VSU Men's or Women's basketball team. Selection is made by the coaching staffs of the basketball programs and the athletic director.

**Billy Grant Scholarship.** This scholarship was established in memory of Billy Grant, for his many contributions to the VSU Athletics Program. The scholarship is awarded to a member of the VSU golf team based on recommendations from the golf coach and athletic director.

**Jesse F. Tuggle Scholarship.** The Jesse F. Tuggle Scholarship was established as an endowed scholarship, to assist members of the VSU football team. Recipients of the scholarship must be in good academic standing. Selection is determined by the football coaching staff and the athletic director.

## **FINANCIAL AID ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, students must be making satisfactory academic progress, both in quality and quantity, to qualify for and continue to receive Title IV federal financial aid. The satisfactory academic progress standards for federal financial aid recipients at Valdosta State University are as follows:

### **Undergraduate Students**

**Qualitative.** All students are expected to maintain the academic standards outlined in the official Catalog of Valdosta State University. Students who fail to meet these standards will be placed on academic suspension. Students receiving financial aid who are placed on academic suspension will have their financial aid terminated. Financial aid applicants who were placed on academic suspension at the end of the last semester they attended are not eligible for financial aid.

**Quantitative.** In addition to maintaining the specified grade point average, students receiving financial aid must complete their degree within an acceptable number of attempted hours and successfully complete a minimum percentage of credit hours each academic year.

To maintain financial aid eligibility at Valdosta State University, a student must complete their degree program by the time they have attempted 150% of the number of semester hours required to earn the degree. Examples: Students pursuing a degree which requires 120 semester hours may not receive financial aid after they have attempted 180 hours. If the degree requires 130 semester hours, students will be expected to have earned the degree after having attempted no more than 195 hours.

Students must successfully complete 67% of the courses for which they register in any academic year. The grades of A, B, C, D, and S count as the successful completion of a course. The grades of F, W, WF, I, IP, U, NR, and V do not count as the successful completion of a course.

### **Remedial Course Work**

No student may receive financial aid for more than 30 hours of remedial course work, which includes all College Preparatory Curriculum deficiencies and developmental courses. Federal financial aid cannot be disbursed based on enrollment in Regents' Test preparation courses.

### **Monitoring of Satisfactory Progress**

Qualitative academic requirements will be checked at the end of each semester and at the time the student applies for financial aid. The limitation of total hours attempted and the 67% completion requirements will be checked at the end of the spring semester. The grade point average of students who apply during the academic year will be checked as of the last semester attended; the limitation on the total hours attempted and the 67% completion requirement will be checked as of the end of the previous spring semester.

### **Summer Semester**

Courses taken during the summer are counted exactly the same as courses taken during any other semester.

**Transfer Students**

Transfer students will be considered as incoming freshmen for the initial awarding and disbursement of financial aid until transcripts arrive and are evaluated. Only grades earned at Valdosta State University will be used to determine the grade point average for financial aid eligibility. Hours transferred to Valdosta State University will be counted as total hours attempted at the end of the academic year.

**Repeated Courses, Remedial Courses, Withdrawals, and Incompletes**

Students should be careful in repeating courses, as all attempts at a course are counted in the maximum hours allowed to obtain a degree. Students are also reminded that withdrawing from a course does not count as successful completion and does not count in the required 67% completion rate each academic year. Incompletes also do not count as the successful completion of a course, and excessive incompletes can result in the termination of financial aid. Students can receive financial aid for no more than 30 hours of remedial course work (including remedial courses and courses to satisfy deficiencies in the College Preparatory Curriculum). However, students required to take remedial course work may have their eligibility extended by the number of remedial hours taken, up to a maximum of 30 hours.

**Reinstatement of Aid**

Reinstatement of Financial Aid depends upon availability of financial aid funds at the time of the application for reinstatement and other factors:

Students terminated from aid because of academic suspension or failure to complete 67% of their courses in an academic year may apply for reinstatement of aid after they have completed 9 or more semester hours with a grade or “C” or better in each course, at their own expense, at Valdosta State University, and be in good academic standing. Students terminated from aid for failure to exit Learning Support within 30 semester hours may apply for a reinstatement of aid after exiting Learning Support.

**Appeals**

Students wishing to appeal may do so by filling out a Satisfactory Progress Petition and presenting it to the Financial Aid Office, along with any supporting documentation. The Financial Aid Office staff may take into consideration illness, death in the immediate family, or any other extenuating circumstances. Students will be notified, in writing, of the decision. Students wishing to appeal the decision of the Financial Aid Office may do so by writing to the Student Financial Aid Committee.

**Financial Obligations Resulting from Academic Load Changes**

Financial aid recipients who have loans and reduce their academic load to below half-time will have a financial obligation to the University. The undergraduate half-time load is six hours; the graduate half-time load is five hours. Students receiving a Pell Grant who drop classes to reduce their academic load may also have a reduction in their Pell Grant and thus incur a financial obligation to the University.

Students who add classes through the appeal process after the announced Drop/Add dates may incur a financial obligation, which is due upon receipt of the approval of the added classes. Classes added and not paid for are subject to cancellation.

All these financial obligations are due within five working days after the processing of the load changes and are payable at the Bursary.