



Valdosta State University

Undergraduate Alumni Survey

Valdosta State University is committed to improving our services to our students. Please tell us about your undergraduate experiences at VSU to help us continue to improve experiences for future students. This survey contains 67 questions and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. All responses will be confidential. Aggregate results will be reported.

Return the completed survey in the provided pre-paid envelope to Strategic Research & Analysis no later than April 3, 2009.

YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE AT VSU

Rate the importance of each element and the level of preparation provided by VSU to help you. Select one response on each side of the question.

Level of preparation upon graduation					Importance of item		
Very prepared	Somewhat prepared	Somewhat unprepared	Very unprepared		Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appreciate and understand diversity and other cultures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appreciate history in context to current issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appreciate social, economic, and political forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appreciate the value of literature and the arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appreciate the natural or physical sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Critically analyze information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop a global perspective	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Formulate and present ideas verbally and in writing . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listen effectively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain a sense of mental well-being	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain a sense of physical well-being	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organize information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide effective leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solve problems creatively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Synthesize and integrate knowledge across disciplines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Think creatively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use analytic reasoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use computing and other technologies in your daily life and work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use computing technology in discipline-specific analysis and design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work in teams or groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write effectively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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How would you rate the overall effectiveness of your program/major?

- Very effective Somewhat effective Somewhat ineffective Very ineffective

Rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your education at VSU:

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied
Academic advising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General education (core courses) instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of faculty in general education courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major program instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of faculty in major program courses ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate how important you believe it is for VSU to emphasize the following:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Faculty/student interaction outside of the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic advising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engagement with local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Did you work during college? Yes, full-time Yes, part-time No

GRADUATE STUDY

Have you enrolled in a degree program since graduating from VSU? Yes No

If you have not pursued a graduate degree skip to the next section.

If yes, what is/was your field of study in graduate school? _____

Based on your undergraduate experience at VSU, how prepared were you for graduate or professional school?

- Very prepared Somewhat prepared Somewhat unprepared Very unprepared N/A

EMPLOYMENT

How long did it take you to get your first full-time permanent job after completing your bachelor's degree?

- Employed prior to graduation Less than 2 months More than 6 months
 2 to 6 months N/A

Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?

- Relocated within state Relocated to another state Relocated to another country Did not relocate

Are you currently employed?

- Yes; full-time Yes; part-time No; seeking work No; not seeking work

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If not currently employed, skip to next section.

What is your current field of employment?

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/Nursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | |

What is your current job title? _____

Is your current employment directly related to your major? Yes Somewhat No

What is your annual full-time salary?

- Less than \$20,000 \$20,001 to \$40,000 \$40,001 to \$70,000 \$70,001 to \$100,000 \$100,001 and up

How satisfied are you with your current job?

- Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Somewhat unsatisfied Very unsatisfied

Rate your overall professional preparation at VSU to:

	Very prepared	Somewhat prepared	Somewhat unprepared	Very unprepared
Practice professionally within your discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interview and obtain your first job after graduation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enter the workforce after graduation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contribute professionally in your discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contribute to society as a person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OVERALL IMPRESSIONS OF VSU

In your opinion, is VSU's academic reputation:

- Improving Staying the same Declining

Given the cost of education and your investment of time and effort, how would you rate the value of your education?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you started college again, would you choose to attend VSU?

- Yes Uncertain No

If you started college again, would you enroll in the same program?

- Yes Uncertain No

Would you recommend VSU to others?

- Yes Uncertain No

I am proud to be a VSU Graduate.

- Yes Uncertain No

How connected do you feel to VSU as an alumnus?

- Very connected Somewhat connected Not connected

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Are you familiar with the following sources of VSU news and events? (Mark all that apply.)

- VSU Alumni Voice Spectator (online edition) VSU Alumni Website
 Spectator (printed edition) VSU Website VSU Facebook Website

The VSU Alumni Voice magazine is the only publication VSU distributes to all alumni and supporters. How many issues of the VSU Alumni Voice have you read?

- 0 1 to 2 3 to 5 More than 5

If you have read the VSU Alumni Voice, what type of articles do you most enjoy?

- Campus related news Accomplishments of alumni Current events and how they relate to VSU

Have you visited the VSU campus since you graduated?

- Yes No

If you have visited VSU, what prompted you to return to campus? (Mark all that apply.)

- Athletic event Academic presentation Homecoming Have not visited campus
 Arts or cultural event Alumni gathering Just visiting

Which of following statements best reflects your thoughts on financial donations to VSU?

- I contribute financially to VSU.
 I would like to contribute to VSU, but I do not have the financial resources to do so at this time.
 I am not interested in contributing to VSU.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender: Male Female

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

Race (select one or more):

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Year of undergraduate graduation from VSU: _____

Major in which you graduated: _____

Please write any additional comments in the space below.

Thank you for your feedback!