



### Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia

The Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia has been established for the general purpose of providing a basic, broad-based, general education in essential academic skills, in different perspectives on the common culture, in humanities, fine arts, science, mathematics, technology, social sciences, and other academic courses which are appropriate for preparation for the student’s major.

The Core Curriculum facilitates the educational progress of students as they pursue baccalaureate degrees within and among the various units of the University System of Georgia. It represents an effort to deal effectively with students’ curricular problems resulting from increased enrollments, increased numbers of students enrolled in two-year colleges, increased mobility of student populations, increasing numbers and complexity of major fields of study offered in the four-year schools and universities, and the transfer of credit among units of the University System of Georgia.

The Core Curriculum is composed of 60 required semester hours in several areas of study:

Area A	Essential Skills .....	9 semester hours
Area B	Perspectives .....	4 semester hours
Area C	Humanities and Fine Arts .....	6 semester hours
Area D	Science, Mathematics, and Technology .....	11 semester hours
Area E	Social Sciences .....	12 semester hours
Area F	Courses Appropriate to the Major .....	18 semester hours

## General Education in the University System of Georgia

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

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

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

Descriptions of the courses in the Core Curriculum are found in the Courses of Instruction section, listed in alphabetical order by course prefix.

Any additional hours selected in the Core Curriculum by the student may be counted as electives in the major program, if allowed by the major program.

Area A Essential Skills ..... 9 semester hours

ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101H ..... 3 hours

ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1102H ..... 3 hours

One of the following ..... 3 hours

MATH 1101... 3 hours                      MATH 1111... 3 hours

MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H ... 3 hours

MATH 2261 or MATH 2261H ... 4 hours    MATH 2262 ... 4 hours

NOTE: MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H (or higher) is required of all students majoring in (or intending to transfer within the University System with a major in) architecture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering technology, geology, geography (B.S.), forestry, pharmacy, mathematics, physical therapy, physics, or secondary education (biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics). MATH 2261 (or higher) is required of all students intending to transfer within the University System with a major in engineering.

AREAB Institutional Options (Perspectives) ..... 4 semester hours

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

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

AREAC Humanities/ Fine Arts ..... 6 semester hours

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours

ENGL 2110 or ENGL 2110H, ENGL 2120 or ENGL 2120H,

ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2130H, ENGL 2140

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours  
ART 1100 or ART 1100H, COMM 1100, COMM 1110,  
DANC 1500, MUSC 1100, MUSC 1110, MUSC 1120,  
MUSC 1130, MDIA 2000, THEA 1100, PHIL 2010  
or PHIL 2010H, PHIL 2020 or PHIL 2020H, REL 2020,  
WMST 2010, ENGL 2110 or ENGL 2110H, ENGL 2120  
or ENGL 2120H, ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2130H, ENGL 2140,  
FREN 1001, FREN 1002, FREN 1111, FREN 2001,  
FREN 2002, GRMN 1001, GRMN 1002, GRMN 1111,  
GRMN 2001, GRMN 2002, JAPN 1001, JAPN 1002,  
JAPN 1111, JAPN 2001, JAPN 2002, LATN 1001,  
LATN 1002, LATN 1111, LATN 2001, LATN 2002, \\  
RUSS 1001, RUSS 1002, RUSS 1111, RUSS 2001,  
RUSS 2002, SPAN 1001, SPAN 1002, SPAN 1111,  
SPAN 2001, SPAN 2002 or SPAN 2002H

Area D Science, Mathematics, and Technology ..... 11 semester hours

- \*\*Science and mathematics majors must follow D.2.a requirements.
- Nursing majors must follow D.2.b requirements.
- All other students may choose D.1., D.2.a, or D.2.b.

#### AREA D.1

Any two courses from the following ..... 8 hours  
ASTR 1010K, ASTR 1020K, BIOL 1010/1020L,  
BIOL 1030/1040L, BIOL 1951H, BIOL 1952H,  
CHEM 1010, CHEM 1151K, CHEM 1152K,  
CHEM 1211 and 1211L, CHEM 1212 and 1212L,  
GEOG 1112K, GEOG 1113K, GEOL 1121K, GEOL 1122K,  
PHYS 1111K, PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K

Any one course from the following ..... 3 hours  
\*ASTR 1000, BIOL 1050, BIOL 1060, BIOL 1070,  
BIOL 1080, BIOL 1090, ENGR 1010, \*GEOG 1110,  
\*GEOL 1110, MATH 1112, MATH 1261, MATH 2620,  
MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100

- \* Check course restrictions in the course descriptions.

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

Mathematics, above the level taken for Area A ..... 3 hours  
For biology majors: MATH 2261, MATH 2262, or MATH 2620  
For all other science or mathematics majors:  
MATH 2261 or MATH 2262  
(The additional hour of calculus [MATH 2261 & 2262] counts in Area F or in the major.)

Science (for all students listed above) ..... 8 hours  
BIOL 2010, CHEM 1211and 1211L,  
CHEM 1212 and 1212L, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K

AREA D.2.b Required of nursing majors

Two required chemistry courses ..... 8 hours  
CHEM 1151K and CHEM 1152K

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours  
ASTR 1000, ASTR 1010K, ASTR 1020K,  
BIOL 1010/1020L, BIOL 1030/1040L, BIOL 1050,  
BIOL 1060, BIOL 1070, BIOL 1080, BIOL 1090,  
CHEM 1010, CHEM 1211and 1211L,  
CHEM 1212 and 1212L, GEOG 1110,  
GEOG 1112K, GEOG 1113K, GEOL 1110,  
GEOL 1121K, GEOL 1122K, PHYS 1111K,  
PHYS 1112K, PHYS 2211K, PHYS 2212K,  
ENGR 1010, MATH 1112, MATH 2620,  
MATH 2261, MATH 2262, PHSC 1100

Area E Social Sciences ..... 12 semester hours

POLS 1101 or POLS 1101H ..... 3 hours

One required course from the following ..... 3 hours  
HIST 2111 or HIST 2111H,  
HIST 2112 or HIST 2112H

Any two courses from the following ..... 6 hours  
AFAM 2020/WMST 2020, ANTH 1102 or ANTH 1102H,  
ECON 1500, ECON 1900H, GEOG 1100, GEOG 1101, GEOG 1102,  
GEOG 1103, HIST 1011 or HIST 1011H, HIST 1012 or  
HIST 1012H, HIST 1013 or HIST 1013H, POLS 2101,  
POLS 2401 or POLS 2401H, POLS 2501, PSYC 2500 or  
PSYC 2500H, SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1101H, SOCI 1160

Area F Courses Appropriate to the Major ..... 18 semester hours

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

# DEGREES OFFERED AT VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY	DEGREES
Biology	Biology	B.S.
Chemistry	Chemistry	B.S.
English	English	B.A.
History	History	B.A.
Mathematics & Computer Science	Mathematics	B.A.
	Applied Mathematics	B.S.
	Computer Science	B.S.
	Computer Information Systems	B.S.
Modern and Classical Languages	French	B.A.
	Spanish	B.A.
Philosophy	Philosophy	B.A.
Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences	Physics	B.S.
	Astronomy	B.S.
	Environmental Geography	B.S.
Political Science	Political Science	B.A.
	Legal Assistant Studies	B.A.
Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice	Sociology and Anthropology	B.A.
	Criminal Justice	B.A.
College-wide	Associate of Arts	A.A.
	General Studies	B.G.S.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY	DEGREES
Accounting and Finance	Accounting	B.B.A.
	Finance	B.B.A.
Management	Management	B.B.A.
Marketing and Economics	Marketing	B.B.A.
	Economics	B.B.A.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENTS	MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY	DEGREES	
Adult and Career Education	Business Education	B.S.Ed.	
	Technical, Trade, and Industrial Education	B.S.Ed.	
	Administrative Services	B.S.	
	Technical Studies	B.A.S.	
	Cooperative Technical Program	A.A.S.	
	Dental Hygiene	A.A.S.	
	Early Childhood and Reading Education	B.S.Ed.	
	Kinesiology and Physical Education	Exercise Physiology	B.S.E.P.
		Health & Physical Education	B.S.Ed.
	Middle Grades and Secondary Education	Sports Medicine/Athletic Training	B.S.
Middle Grades Education		B.S.Ed.	
Secondary Education		B.S.Ed.	
Biology, English, French, History, Math, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics, Political Science, and Spanish			
Psychology and Counseling Special Education and Communication Disorders	Psychology	B.A., B.S.	
	Communication Disorders	B.S.Ed.	
	Special Education/Mild Disabilities	B.S.Ed.	
	Special Education/Mental Retardation	B.S.Ed.	
	Special Educ./Deaf & Hard of Hearing	B.S.Ed.	
	Special Education/Interrelated	B.S.Ed.	
	Special Education/Early Childhood American Sign Language/Interpreting	B.S.Ed.	

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

DEPARTMENTS

Art

Communication Arts

Music

MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Art

Art Education

Interior Design

Mass Media

Speech Communication

Theatre Arts

Music

Music Performance

Music Education

DEGREES

B.A., B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.F.A.

B.A.

B.M.

B.M.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Undergraduate Department

Nursing

B.S.N.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

DEPARTMENTS

College of Arts and Sciences

Biology

English

History

Political Science

Sociology, Anthropology  
and Criminal Justice

College of Business Administration

College of Education

Adult and Career Education

Curriculum & Instructional

Early Childhood and Reading  
Education

Educational Leadership

Kinesiology & Physical Education

Middle Grades and  
Secondary Education

Psychology and Counseling

Special Education and  
Communications Disorders

College of Nursing

College of The Arts

Art

Music

Division of Social Work

Library and Information Science

MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Biology

English

History

Public Administration

Criminal Justice

Marriage and Family Therapy

Sociology

Business Administration

Adult and Career Education

Business Education

Career Education

Instructional Technology

Curriculum and Instruction

Early Childhood Education

Reading Education

Educational Leadership

Educational Leadership

Health & Physical Education

Middle Grades Education

Secondary Education

English, History, Science,  
Mathematics, Spanish

Clinical Psychology

Industrial Psychology

School Counseling

School Psychology

Special Education, Mild Disabilities

Early Childhood Special Education

Interrelated Spec.Ed/Early Childhood

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Special Education, Mental Retardation

Special Education

Communication Disorders

Nursing

Art Education

Music Education

DEGREES

M.S.

M.A.

M.A.

M.P.A.

M.S.

M.S.

M.S.

M.B.A.

Ed.D.

M.Ed.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Ed.D.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Ed.D.

M.Ed.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

M.Ed.

M.S.

M.S.

M.Ed., Ed.S.

Ed.S.

M.Ed.

M.Ed.

M.Ed.

M.Ed.

M.Ed.

Ed.S.

M.Ed.

M.S.N.

M.A.E.

M.M.E.

M.S.W.

M.L.I.S.

## University Course Designation Abbreviations

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