



STUDENT AFFAIRS AND SERVICES DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Valdosta State University is committed to the ideal that total education involves more than academic pursuit. Therefore, the University provides a variety of extra-curricular activities to supplement the academic program. Most student activities are specifically planned to meet the cultural, social, and recreational needs of students in a coeducational atmosphere. The University Union and University Center are designed for group activities: informal dances, sorority and fraternity meetings, departmental club meetings, and films and activities sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center, located in Powell Hall East, offers a variety of services to all students, faculty, and staff at the University, free of charge. A staff of professionally trained counselors is available to assist with personal, social, or educational concerns. The Counseling Center offers an atmosphere in which students may discuss their problems with the assurance that all counseling information will remain confidential.

Individual counseling is available for students who wish to discuss and explore their thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and life styles. Group counseling provides an opportunity for students to grow in their communication, social, and interpersonal skills with others who have similar goals and interests. Tests for assessing students' interests, personality, aptitude, or abilities are administered and interpreted by the Counseling Center staff. The Center also provides consultation to faculty and staff in addition to offering outreach programs to various groups on campus and in the residence halls. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 229-333-5940. When necessary, appropriate referrals will be made to use all available resources to meet student needs.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

The University understands the needs of university students to establish career goals. The Office of Career Planning and Placement, located in Powell Hall West, assists

students in the choice of major programs of study, career objectives, and obtaining satisfactory employment upon graduation. Individual career counseling helps students explore how their abilities, values, and interests match particular career fields. Also, group workshops and seminars on career-related topics are offered each quarter.

Students may utilize the varied resources available in the Career Library: printed career materials, audio and video tape descriptions of occupational opportunities, and a computer-assisted career exploration program. Workshops in résumé preparation, job-interview skills, and job search strategy are offered each quarter. Job vacancy listings of interest to seniors and graduate students are posted. On-campus interviews are scheduled with employers interested in interviewing students.

The Office of Career Planning and Placement is located on the second floor of Powell Hall West, Telephone 229-333-5942 or 229-333-5414.

OFFICE OF TESTING

The University is designated as a national test center for the administration of standardized tests. The Office of Testing, in Powell Hall West, assists students with university requirements. Many tests are given in specific areas to students for placement, proficiency, or admission to specialized programs. Information about specific tests and their administration is available in the Office of Testing. Some of the available tests are Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing Program Assessment (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Law School Admission Test (LSAT), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), National Teacher Examination (NTE), Collegiate Placement Examinations (CPE), Regents' Testing Program (RTP), and Independent Study Examinations (ISE). In addition, other College Board and Educational Testing Services examinations are available.

OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG EDUCATION

The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education began in the Fall of 1996. VSU acknowledges the fact that alcohol and other drugs can have a significant impact on the university community. We are taking a proactive stance in educating students on issues related to alcohol misuse and drug use, preventing students from developing substance abuse problems, and providing referrals for those who become chemically dependent. Through a variety of services, the Office of AOD Education is helping VSU affirm itself as an institution that provides a safe and healthy environment for students to receive a quality education. The following services are available:

Assessment and Referral. If you or someone you know has a problem with alcohol or other drugs, you can obtain an assessment, at no cost, to determine the extent of the substance abuse problem. Upon completion of the assessment, a referral to an appropriate agency will be made. It is up to the individual to follow through on the referral. All phases of this process are voluntary.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Veterans Affairs Office, a part of the Office Financial Aid, is located in Powell Hall East. 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.

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

The Judicial Affairs Office is responsible for the non-academic student disciplinary process on campus. The office is located in Powell Hall-West, first floor (333-5941). The office assists students, staff, and faculty in the determination of the most appropriate disciplinary measures needed regarding alleged violations of the VSU Student Handbook's Student Code of Ethics. The office's primary mission is to redirect student behavior toward the ultimate goal of the university, the successful completion of degree requirements and productive participation in today's society.

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 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 Ethics 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.



Equal Opportunity Statement

Valdosta State University is an equal opportunity educational institution. It is not the intent of the institution to discriminate against any applicant for admission or any student or employee of the institution based on the sex, race, religion, color, national origin or handicap of the individual. It is the intent of the institution to comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and subsequent executive orders as well as Title XI in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Equal Opportunity Programs and Multicultural Affairs

Students who feel they have been discriminated against on the basis of their sex, race, religion, color, national origin or handicap, should contact the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and Multicultural Affairs. Through the use of due process procedures appropriate action will be taken to address instances of discrimination and sexual harassment. For more information, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs/Multicultural Affairs Office, 1208 North Patterson Street, Phone (229) 333-5463.

Special Services Program

The Special Services Program is committed to helping students pursue their educational goals to the fullest extent of their abilities. The program 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, individual tutoring, 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 Georgia Board of Regents criteria. All of the services are provided at no charge. For more information, contact the Special Services Program, 1115 Nevins Hall, phone 245-2498 (voice) 219-1348 (TTY).