



Campus & Student Guide

What is SmartPath Core?

SmartPath Core is VSU's new innovative option for completing the core for non-science majors. SPC offers a map toward core completion empowering students to personalize their progression pace in an online environment developed and taught by VSU faculty. Courses are developed, endorsed, and taught by VSU faculty. For students who just need to pick up a few classes in the core, SmartPath offers courses focused on student learning and student success.

What sets SmartPath Core apart from the others?

- Directed path through the general core for non-science majors
- Developed, taught, and endorsed by leading VSU faculty
- 8-week sessions for flexible scheduling
- Classes are designed to let students focus on learning – not technology
- Guaranteed seats - no student is turned away because a course is full
- Course materials chosen with affordability in mind
- Guaranteed rotation – no guesswork in planning ahead
- Personalized scheduling and support

How much will it cost?

For students taking only online courses:

- \$250 per credit hour
- \$65 Technology Fee
- \$295 Institutional Fee

Who can take SmartPath Core classes?

Any admitted VSU student - of any age - at any stage in life.

- Online and 8-week flexible scheduling support the school-life balance needed by many students including working professionals, parents, and even our more traditional students
- On-campus students who need to supplement their core or who wish to keep taking classes when returning home over the summer
- Active duty military and Veterans
- Dual enrollment and homeschooled students who want to complete college credit before graduating high school

How do I find the classes in Banner?

SmartPath Core classes can be identified by their unique section code and by a note stating "This is a SmartPath Core course" inside Banner. The section codes will also help identify when the course is offered. For example: short session 1 (first 8-weeks) section codes: P01-P59 and Short Session 2 (second 8-weeks): P60 and up.



When are they offered?

- The first 6 courses in the SmartPath Core classes begin Fall '16.
- Short Session 1 (Aug-Oct and Jan-Mar) and Short Session 2 (Oct-Dec and Mar-May)
- Fall '16 SmartPath Core registration is currently open!

What is the admission process?

The VSU Admissions Office has identified specific requirements students must meet to be eligible for admission. For information on the admissions process and a list of the requirements, please contact Admissions at 229-333-5791 or admissions@valdosta.edu.

Are SmartPath Core classes eligible for Financial Aid?

Yes. Qualified students may receive financial aid for SmartPath Core classes. Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the admission application process.

Who advises SmartPath Core students?

- Under 30 Credit Hours: Sam Dunham, Centralized Advising, 229-245-4378 or sedunham@valdosta.edu
- 30 Credit Hours or More: Academic Advisor in the Department/College of Major

Where can I get more information?

Online Student Support Team

The OSST is available to prospective students and current students with questions regarding SmartPath Core.

VSU Extended Learning & eLearning Teams

We are available to support faculty, staff, and administrators with questions about SmartPath Core.

Contact the OSST or Extended/eLearning Teams by phone, email, or visit us on the Web.

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