



Estudiante Asistente Manual

Una guía sobre las políticas y procedimientos para los estudiantes asistentes.

De Igualdad de Oportunidades

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BIENVENIDOS

Estimado estudiante,

Bienvenidos a una organización próspera, único: en el campus de Empleo para Estudiantes. Esperamos que su experiencia de trabajo agradable y gratificante. Como pronto aprenderá, uno de los beneficios más importantes de su trabajo será el crecimiento personal experimentado a través del trabajo. Usted encontrará que su empleo puede ser un activo para su experiencia de aprendizaje para toda la vida.

La información contenida en este manual ha sido elaborado para responder a preguntas sobre las políticas, procedimientos y normas generales que rigen en el campus, empleo a tiempo parcial para estudiantes asistentes a Valdosta State University (VSU). Aunque la información en este manual está en vigor en el momento de la publicación, los cambios futuros en las políticas y procedimientos pueden ser necesarios. Cuando estos cambios ocurren, los estudiantes empleados y supervisores serán notificados.

Si tiene preguntas, comentarios y / o sugerencias respecto a cualquiera de la información contenida en este manual, puede comunicarse con la Oficina de Empleo Estudiantil al (229) 333-7574, o por correo electrónico a studentjobs@valdosta.edu.

Atentamente,

La Oficina de Empleo para Estudiantes

¡Felicitaciones!

Como empleado de VSU, usted es parte de un personal de cerca de 1200 estudiantes asistentes. Esta Universidad está ocupado y complejo, y cada estudiante que trabaja aquí ayuda para que siga funcionando sin problemas.

VSU asistentes estudiantiles son empleados valiosos, que mantienen las oficinas de esta universidad, bibliotecas, laboratorios y centros de operación sin problemas. Del mismo modo, en el campus de empleo a menudo se convierte en una parte importante de la vida de los estudiantes, no sólo como una fuente de ingresos, sino como una forma de ampliar sus conocimientos, habilidades, experiencias y amistades. Otros beneficios pueden incluir:

- Programar las horas de trabajo en torno a las clases.
- Ser más involucrado con la vida universitaria.
- El establecimiento de redes de contactos.
- Mejora de metas académicas y profesionales.
- Exploración de oportunidades de trabajo diferentes.

Puede ser un poco nervioso acerca de cómo iniciar el trabajo. Usted también puede tener dudas o preguntas, tales como:

- ¿Cuáles son mis obligaciones?
- ¿Cómo se visten?
- ¿Qué pasa si no sé cómo hacer algo?

Relájese. Esperamos que este manual le ayudará a sentirse a gusto sobre estas preocupaciones por darle una buena comprensión de lo que puede esperar de su trabajo y lo que se espera de usted.

**Después de leer su ESTUDIANTE AYUDANTE HANDBOOK,
guárdelo para futuras consultas.**

SU NUEVO EMPLEADOR

Valdosta State University y Usted

Una ley especial de la Legislatura de Georgia estableció una institución de educación superior en Valdosta, Georgia, en 1906. Sin embargo, ninguna apropiación fue hecha para el mantenimiento de edificios o hasta el verano de 1911, cuando el Estado se apropió de \$ 30.000 para un edificio y equipo.

Con el entusiasmo de la comunidad que ha continuado, la ciudad de Valdosta donó 60 acres y \$ 50.000 para ser utilizado para el establecimiento de la Universidad. El primer edificio, Converse Hall, fue erigido y decorado con un costo de \$ 55.000.

En 1912, la Legislatura otorgó un crédito anual para el mantenimiento adecuado, y el futuro de la institución estaba asegurado. La Universidad, llamado el sur del estado de Georgia Normal University, abierto a las "señoritas" el 1 de enero de 1913, ofreciendo dos años de trabajo de la Universidad.

Una ley de la Asamblea Legislativa en 1922 cambió el nombre por el de Universidad del Estado de Georgia de la Mujer en Valdosta y autorizó un programa de cuatro años que conduce a la licenciatura.

La Junta de Regentes de la Universidad hizo co-educativa en 1950 y cambió el nombre a Valdosta State University.

El 1 de julio de 1993, Valdosta State University se convirtió en una Universidad regional dentro del Sistema Universitario de Georgia.

La institución ha sido dirigida por siete presidentes: Richard Holmes Powell (1913-1933), Jere Madison Pound (1933-1935), Frank Reade Robertson (1935-1948), James Ralph Thaxton (1948-1966), Sidney Walter Martin (1966 -1978), Hugh Coleman Bailey (1978-2001), y Ronald M. Zaccari (2002 a 2008), Patrick J. Schloss (2008 - 2011), y William J. McKinney (2012 al presente).

Empleador de Igualdad de Oportunidades

Es política de la Universidad Estatal de Valdosta para emplear estudiantes asistentes de la más alta calidad disponible en función de la capacidad, experiencia, entrenamiento, fitness inteligencia, carácter y físico de acuerdo a las necesidades de los departamentos de la Universidad. Ningún solicitante de empleo estudiante de otra manera calificado para el empleo serán excluidos por motivos de raza, color, sexo, edad, religión, credo, discapacidad física u origen nacional.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Valdosta State University se rige por la Junta de Regentes del Sistema Universitario de Georgia, que prohíbe expresamente la discriminación por motivos de discapacidad. Valdosta State University se compromete a cumplir con las metas y objetivos de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades. Las personas que necesiten alojamiento deben comunicarse con el Asistente del Presidente para la acción afirmativa o el Director de Recursos Humanos.

SU TRABAJO

Responsabilidad Académica

Como asistente de estudiante de la Universidad, usted debe ver su trabajo como algo secundario para los universitarios. Aunque su empleo puede ser una parte significativa de su experiencia universitaria, no debe interferir o ser perjudicial a sus estudios académicos.

Usted debe consultar con su supervisor si su carga de trabajo u horario crea un problema con los académicos. La mayoría de los departamentos a trabajar con usted para reorganizar o reducir los horarios de trabajo en torno a fuertes compromisos académicos como los exámenes finales.

Promedio de Calificaciones obligatoria

Como estudiante asistente, debe mantener un promedio acumulado de calificaciones de 2.0. Los estudiantes cuyo promedio de calificaciones cae por debajo de 2,0 se dará por terminado.

Apariencia

Estudiantes asistentes deben vestirse apropiadamente y de manera consistente con los intereses públicos de la universidad. Estudiantes asistentes que trabajan en el mostrador de recepción deben vestirse profesionalmente y de una manera que es inofensivo para el público que usted está sirviendo.

Conducir

Desde VSU emplea a muchos estudiantes, la conversación extendida y socialización puede ser una distracción para los demás y perturbar el trabajo. Por favor, desalentar amigos y familiares de visita en el trabajo.

Por favor entienda que el contrato podrá ser rescindido por cualquiera de las razones siguientes:

- Insubordination
- Theft
- Entering an unauthorized area at any time
- Wasting materials
- Willful violation of safety regulations
- Continued failure to perform assigned duties
- Negligence
- Falsifying records, reports or information
- Intoxication or drinking on the job
- Habitual absence or tardiness
- Unauthorized absence from assigned work area
- Willful damaging of equipment or property
- Gambling
- Sleeping while on duty

Confidentiality of Student Records

Student assistants are required to maintain VSU's confidentiality policy. All student employees are required to abide by the policies governing review and release of student education records. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 mandates that information contained in a student's education records must be kept confidential, including:

- Student's Class Schedule
- Academic Transcripts
- Grade/GPA Information
- Student ID number (SSN) – may not be given out or posted in any manner

Records must be treated confidentially and professionally. Any student assistant who provides confidential information to anyone outside their specific department will be terminated immediately.

Follow these guidelines to prevent pressure on yourself concerning access to records.

1. Do not let friends, relatives or acquaintances know you have access to confidential data.
2. Do not use computer terminals or files for any purpose other than to perform functions assigned to you by your supervisor.
3. Report to your supervisor anyone's attempts to gain unauthorized access to information.

Continuing Employment

If you do your job well, the department that you work for may continue to employ you during the next academic year. A student assistant that continues with the same department has the opportunity to advance to higher levels of responsibility, better pay, and more challenging work. However, continued employment is never guaranteed. The University reserves the right to make changes in staffing and programs as needed.

Drug-Free Workplace Policy

The following are required of the university and its employees:

1. An employee shall notify his or her supervisor or other appropriate management representatives of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.
2. The university shall notify any federal contracting agency within ten days of having received notice that an employee engaged in the performance of such contract or grant has had a criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace.
3. The university will take appropriate personnel action against any employee who is convicted for a violation occurring in the workplace or will require the employee's satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

For a complete statement of VSU's Drug-Free Workplace policy, consult the Student

Employment Office web site at: <http://services.valdosta.edu/studemp/docs/drugfreepolicy.pdf>.

E-Mail Policy

According to Georgia Statutes, e-mail information is defined as a public record. E-mail created or received by VSU employees in connection with official business, which perpetuates, communicates or formalizes knowledge, is subject to the public records law and open for inspection.

Giving Notice

A two-week notice is generally considered to be a good business practice, so it is important for you to notify your supervisor two-weeks in advance if you decide to resign your position. If you are unable to give a two-week notice, it is advised that you consult with your supervisor as soon as you know that you cannot keep your work commitment.

Grievance Procedures

Because VSU encourages informal resolution of grievances and complaints, your immediate supervisor is available to help you resolve any work-related concerns or misunderstandings.

Performance Evaluation

Your supervisor should evaluate your performance annually. If your work is unsatisfactory, you may be evaluated sooner.

Risk Management

Safety of all employees cannot be stressed enough. Emergency Action Plans will be in place for all departments. Plans should cover the following (where applicable): fire, bomb threat, severe weather, participant/employee injury, fights, etc.

- Be Aware: Always be aware of your surroundings. Try to anticipate any problems and move to correct them as quickly as possible.
- Think Prevention: Take an active role. Use equipment correctly and survey activity area for potential hazards.
- Think Safety: Above all be aware of safety in any activity that you may be involved in.

Safety & Injuries

If you get hurt during working hours, you, your immediate supervisor, and the departmental safety coordinator must contact the Human Resource Department (229-333-5709) before you go to an authorized medical provider, unless your injury requires emergency medical care.

Sexual Harassment Policy Statement

Valdosta State University is committed to a working and learning environment that is free of discriminatory intimidation. The exploitation of institutional, academic, or supervisory authority to sexually harass students, faculty, or staff members is a form of illegal sex-based discrimination in violation of [the] law as well as Valdosta State University policy. Such conduct will not be tolerated on this campus or in connection with any university function wherever conducted.

The Equal Opportunity Commission's Guidelines on sexual harassment state: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to that conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual; or

3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, education, or living environment.

QUID PRO QUO SEXUAL HARASSMENT

1. Explicit or implicit promises of rewards for cooperation via misuse of institutional authority, e.g. to affect a subordinate's employment/admission, professional/academic advancement, salary/financial aid, performance ratings/grades, tenure/graduation, etc.
2. Explicit or implicit threats of punishment for non-cooperation via misuse of institutional authority, e.g., to affect a subordinate's employment/admission, professional/academic advancement, salary/financial aid, performance ratings/grades, tenure/graduation, etc.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual propositions
- Sexually graphic comments about a person's body
- Unwelcome touching, patting, pinching, or leering
- Persistent, offensive, and unwelcome sexual jokes and comments
- Unwelcome displays of sexually graphic pictures

Sexual harassment is illegal under both state and federal law. It is also unlawful to retaliate against an employee or student for filing a complaint of sexual harassment or for cooperating in an investigation of sexual harassment. In some cases, sexual harassment may be subject to prosecution under criminal law.

Telephone Etiquette

The following instructions may be used when answering a departmental phone call:

- Greet the caller- "Good morning (afternoon, evening), Campus Recreation

- Introduce: “This is ...”
- Fact-finding question: “How may I help you?”

Employees are not allowed to use the office telephone for personal calls without their supervisor’s permission, and then it should only be in the event of an emergency.

Cell Phones. You are not allowed to have or carry your personal cell phone with you while working a scheduled shift. If you do bring your cell phone, you need **to turn it off** and store it with your belongings. If violation of the cell phone policy occurs, disciplinary action may follow.

Work Hours

Absences. If you know in advance that you will be late or absent from work, it is your responsibility to notify your supervisor. If you have something unexpected happen that will make you have to miss work or be late, you must contact your supervisor to let them know when you expect to return to work.

Maximum 20 Hours/ Work. The maximum hours that you are allowed to work are 20 hours per week cumulative (in all jobs). This is because you are exempt from Social Security and Medicare taxes as a STUDENT ASSISTANT. If at any time your work hours exceed the 20hrs/wk, we will reassess your classification resulting in your termination as a STUDENT ASSISTANT.

Lunch. Employees working more than six consecutive hours must take a 30-minute, off the clock, lunch break. Your supervisor sets your lunch break.

Rest Periods/Breaks. Employees who work four consecutive hours are entitled to and should take a 15-minute rest period. During this period, you are encouraged to leave your work station and relax. Rest periods may NOT be accumulated to extend your lunch hour, arrive late or leave early.

Scheduling Work Hours. Let your supervisor know in advance if you need to work

fewer hours or plan to take some time off. Plan to make up any work you miss. You will have some flexibility in scheduling work around your class schedule, but remember to discuss any schedule changes with your supervisor by the first day of class each semester.

Working More Than One Job

Students are limited to working no more than two, student assistant jobs on campus during one semester. In addition, student assistants may not hold a student assistant classification in addition to a “temporary laborer” and “graduate assistant.”

YOUR PAY

Eligible students are required to complete **all necessary payroll forms within three (3) days of hire or rehire.** (*Note: No payment of earnings will be released until all payroll forms are complete and returned to the Student Employment Office.*)

All student assistants are required to select Direct Deposit or CashPay during completion of the Employment Packet.

- **Direct Deposit** is for those employees who have or plan to establish a savings or checking account with a banking institution of their choosing. You will need to present a voided check and/or a deposit slip at the time you complete your form.
- **CashPay** is for those employees who opt not to have a banking relationship with any banking institution. You do not need to have an existing bank account to participate in CashPay. Once you sign up, it will take approximately 2 weeks for you to receive your CashPay Card.

Under both plans, VSU will electronically deposit your pay directly into your account on payday. You will receive an “Advice Slip” indicating the amount of money deposited into your account, your gross pay, taxes, and any deductions/reductions taken. The following are benefits of both plans: For additional information, you may visit the following website:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/financial/directdepositmemo.shtml>

Taxes

All earnings are subject to statutory state and federal income tax regulations. Students, who are enrolled for 6 credit hours or more during the academic year, are exempt from FICA and FICA Med taxes.

The maximum hours a student assistant can work is 20 hours per week cumulative (in all jobs). This is because he/she is exempt from Social Security and Medicare taxes as a student assistant. If the student assistant is working hours in excess of 20hrs/wk, we will reassess his/her

classification resulting in termination as a *Student Assistant*; however, supervisors have the option to refer the student to the Human Resources Department to be hired as a *Temporary Laborer* which will result in earnings being subject to FICA Med tax.

YOUR SUPERVISOR

Your supervisor's primary responsibility is to provide you with adequate guidance, training and support.

The following detail some of the responsibilities of your supervisor:

1. Provides a job description that includes the purpose of the job, the duties and responsibilities, and the name of the student's supervisor.
2. Allocates job assignments. If you are scheduled to work, expect a work assignment to be ready for you to complete during the scheduled hours.
3. Certifies and approves e-time. The certification must include or be supported by a time record showing the hours worked in clock time sequence and total hours worked per day. Certification implies direct knowledge of the student having worked the hours reported.
4. Coordinates work schedule which is acceptable to both student and supervisor. Standard policy is that students are not allowed to work during scheduled class hours, even if class is cancelled or dismissed early. Instruction will be provided regarding procedures to be followed if you cannot report for scheduled work.

QUESTIONS

Don't be afraid to ask questions or ask for help. It's better to admit you don't know something but are willing to learn than to give someone incorrect information.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Student Employment Office at 229-333-7574, or by e-mail at studentjobs@valdosta.edu.

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Temporary Labor

Temporary labor is twelve month position which requires a 30 day (consecutive) break. Employee may work a maximum of 40 hours per week. No benefits are associated with this classification. Laborers must pay Georgia Define Contribution which is 7.5%; this is a retirement system for temporary, seasonal, and part-time employees of the State of Georgia who were not eligible for membership in the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) or the Teachers Retirement System (TRS).

For further information, please visit the Human Resource Department's website, http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/human_resources/, or contact Freda Wade at 229-333-5709.

Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program

Federal Work-Study is available through the Financial Aid Department; and this employment program is based on established financial need. Jobs are located on and off campus and work schedules can be planned around your class schedule. Assignments are made for the entire academic year.

For further information, please visit the Financial Aid Department's website, <http://www.valdosta.edu/financialaid/>, or contact Rhett Moore at 229-333-5935.

Graduate Assistantships

VSU's graduate assistantships are designed to promote the research, teaching, and service responsibilities of the University and to provide students with valuable professional development opportunities while earning a graduate degree. Therefore, the graduate assistantship involves the dual responsibilities of maintaining a satisfactory academic performance and of successfully performing the assigned teaching, research, or other responsibilities.

For further information, please visit the Graduate School's website, <http://www.valdosta.edu/GRADSCHOOL/>, or contact Michelle Jordan at 229-333-5694.

Off-Campus Employment

Career Services maintains a listing of off-campus jobs in areas such as administrative, retail, child care, manufacturing, social services and sales. Career development and awareness, experiential learning, and professional employment opportunities are provided for undergraduate and graduate students.

For further information, please visit Career Service's website, <http://www.valdosta.edu/career/>, or contact DeLois Hargett at 229-333-5942