

# Auxiliary Services

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As a part of the Division of Finance and Administration, the Auxiliary Services Division is responsible for providing support services to students, faculty, and staff members of the University. The Division includes University Stores, Dining Services, 1Card Services, Parking and Transportation, Vending, Health Services, Key Shop, Telecommunications, and Housing and Residence Life (financial management). Administrative offices are located in the Oak Street Parking Deck, on the second level. Telephone 229-333-5706; Fax 229-333-7419.

For information about 1Card Services, the Bookstore, Dining Services, Health Services, Parking and Transportation, or Housing and Residence Life, visit our web page (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services>) .

Valdosta State University is defined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a residential institution, and the University must provide on-campus housing and dining service. All undergraduate students who live in residence halls are required to participate in the meal program. The policy is a part of the total "Living-Learning" concept of the University and is supported by an amendment to the Georgia Eighteen-Year-Old Bill, which reads, "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the powers of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the government, control, and management of the University System; nor shall this Act be construed so as to limit the authority of any institution in the University System of Georgia to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing housing, conduct, discipline, and other related activities of the student body."

Following Regents' policy, the Auxiliary Services Division is totally self-supporting and receives no state allocations of funds.

## Housing and Residence Life

### Housing Application and Contract

The Housing Application and Contract forms are available online (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/housing>) . Once admitted, new students will receive a postcard invitation to apply for housing. All students applying for campus housing will be required to sign a contract with Housing for the academic year. Apartment residents must sign a 12-month contract. All students who plan to live in campus housing must pay an application fee of \$25 and a \$300 deposit when they submit their Housing Application and Contract.

The deposit is a one-time fee that will be refunded once the student fulfills the requirements set forth by the Housing contract or upon graduation from the University. The housing contract outlines conditions under which refunds may be made. Occupancy of a traditional-style or suite-style residence hall room is terminated at the end of each spring semester (9 months). Apartment contracts terminate at the end of summer term (12 months). Students currently enrolled should obtain an application for housing at the annual Room Selection Process held in March.

Please read the contract carefully, as it constitutes a fully binding legal agreement with the University. Requests for release from the housing contract prior to the conclusion of the academic year will be considered after the student resident completes a Request for Release from Contract, available online at the Housing website.

### Freshman Residency Program

Valdosta State University administers a Freshman Residency Program, which requires that all freshmen live on campus. To obtain an exemption from this requirement, a student must apply for exemption and meet one of the following criteria:

1. age 20 by September 1 of the current academic year;
2. married;
3. be a single parent; or
4. residing with parent(s), grandparent(s), or legal guardian within a 50-mile driving distance from Valdosta State University.

Exemption forms are available online.

### Residence Hall Fees

Housing charges are assessed on a semester basis and must be paid in full during the registration process at the beginning of each semester. **Rates include all utilities. Rates for the 2015-2016 academic year are posted online** (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/housing>) **and available on campus once the rates have been established. All charges are based on approved fees and are subject to change according to policies of the Board of Regents. The University reserves the right to close any of its residence halls in any given semester or to reassign students to rooms at any time.**

**All rates are quoted with the Housing Activity Fee (\$20) and Post Office Box Fee (\$10) included.**

Traditional residence halls offer double-occupancy rooms opening onto conventional hallways with community bathrooms. The rate of \$2,036 per semester for the 2015-2016 year is in effect for **Langdale, Brown, Lowndes, Reade, and Patterson Halls**. This rate is based on dual occupancy.

Suite-style facilities offer both private and semi-private rooms with a bathroom inside each unit. **Georgia Hall** and **Hopper Hall** are the suite accommodations, with Georgia used for freshmen and Hopper used for upperclassmen. The private rate for both buildings is \$2,550 and the semi-private rate is \$2,288.

## Apartments

**Converse Hall** and **Centennial Hall** apartments are available to upperclassmen. Converse Hall offers efficiency units with a bathroom and a kitchenette and one-bedroom (2-person) units with a bathroom and a full kitchen. Centennial Hall, an apartment-style facility, opened in 2005, features individual bedrooms, a kitchen shared by no more than four residents, one or two bathrooms, and a dining/living room area.

Converse efficiency (2015-2016 rate)	\$2,492
Converse one-bedroom (per person) (2015-2016 rate)	\$2,130
Centennial two-bedroom (per person)(2015-2016 rate)	\$2,671
Centennial four-bedroom (per person) (2015-2016 rate)	\$2,529

## Dining Services

Valdosta State University and Dining Services firmly believe that today's hard-working student should be rewarded with a dining service that makes eating on campus palate-pleasing, healthy and entertaining. With 12 different dining locations in 8 different buildings and 2 on-campus convenience stores, there's always a place to grab a bite to eat no matter where you are on campus. A VSU meal plan gives you the freedom to make your own dining decisions, with several plans to choose from, depending on your specific eating habits and lifestyle.

## Resident Meal Plans

**The following meal plans for 2015-2016 are \$1,920 per semester. Please visit our web site (<http://www.dineoncampus.com/valdosta>) for current information.**

Students living on campus are asked to choose from the following plans at registration. If you do not choose a plan, the Blazer Plus plan will be chosen for you.

- **Blazer Plus:** Unlimited meals at Palms or Hopper + \$125 Blazer Bucks
- **14 Meals** per week at Palms or Hopper + \$225 Blazer Bucks
- **10 Meals** per week at Palms or Hopper + \$370 Blazer Bucks
- **\$960 Declining Balance** (only available to residents ranked sophomores or above)
- **\$530 Declining Balance** (students residing in Centennial or Converse only)

## Commuter and Staff Meal Plan Options

**The following list is of meal plans and prices for 2015-2016. Please visit our web site (<http://www.dineoncampus.com/valdosta>) for current information.**

- **100 Meals** per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$40 Blazer Bucks = \$676 per semester
- **75 Meals** per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$75 Blazer Bucks = \$513 per semester
- **50 Meals** per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$50 Blazer Bucks = \$366 per semester
- **25 Meals** per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$25 Blazer Bucks = \$199 per semester

Meals must be used at one of the residence dining facilities, Palms or Hopper, both of which are all-you-care-to-eat facilities. For a complete list of meal plan prices or a map of dining locations, visit our web site (<http://www.dineoncampus.com/valdosta>) .

## How to obtain a meal plan

You can register for your meal plan online using your Banner account during class registration or visit the Meal Plan Office, located at VSU 1Card Services. Any student living in a residence hall who does not register for a meal plan will automatically be assigned The Blazer Plus/Unlimited plan. The Meal Plan Office is located at VSU 1Card Services, 1204 N. Patterson St. Call 229-333-5988 or visit our web site (<http://www.dineoncampus.com/valdosta>) .

## Blazer Bucks

Blazer Bucks are "dining dollars" that are reserved for purchases at dining locations. They are designed to give you the flexibility to dine at any of our eateries or to make a purchase at our 2 on-campus convenient stores, without carrying cash. Each time you make a purchase, the amount is

automatically deducted from your VSU 1Card. Any unused Blazer Bucks will be forfeited at the end of the semester. If you run out of Blazer Bucks, we recommend you load money on your Flex Account.

## Convenience Stores

There are two convenience stores located on campus, Langdale Market and Sustella Street Market. Langdale Market is located on the first floor of Langdale Hall (west side) and Sustella Street Market is located on the first floor of Centennial Hall East. They provide a variety of snacks, grocery items, health and beauty items, and drinks.

## University Stores

The VSU Bookstore in the Student Union offers all required textbooks in addition to required supplies for courses. As the official campus store, the bookstore sells a multitude of VSU-imprinted clothing and gifts as well as a growing number of other types of gifts. The V-Store, also located in the Union, carries a variety of snack and sundry items. For students attending the VSU campus at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, there is a small store on that campus offering required course material and a few merchandise items.

The Tech Shop, an Authorized Apple Campus Store and Apple Authorized Service Provider, also in the Student Union, carries the latest products from Apple, with demonstration units so you can feel it before you buy it! Also at the Tech Shop, students are able to buy other technology products, including academically priced software, computer accessories, gaming consoles, and computer games and accessories. The store also offers services such as virus removal, system reformat, and installation of software.

For more information on the Bookstore, please visit the web site (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/bookstore/welcome.php.com>) . For more information on the Tech Shop, please visit the web site (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/tech-shop/welcome.php>) .

## Health Services

The Student Health Center, located on Georgia Avenue at the end of the Pedestrian Mall, provides routine health care, along with some emergency care, for all students who have satisfied the health fee requirement. Health care is provided by a physician, nurse practitioners, a physician assistant, registered and licensed practical nurses, a pharmacist, a medical technologist, and office staff. All students living in campus housing are required to pay the health fee, regardless of the number of hours in which they are enrolled. There is also a new facility fee that is paid by all students.

All new students are required to provide evidence of inoculation for mumps, measles, and rubella. The University Health Service recommends additional inoculations for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, influenza, meningitis, and chicken pox. Various health screenings are provided throughout the year.

## Parking and Transportation

All motorized vehicles parked on campus must properly display a current parking permit at all times. Parking on campus is by permit only and is a privilege that may be withdrawn for cause at any time. All campus community members (students, faculty, staff, and visitors) are responsible for knowing and obeying parking regulations. Moreover, campus citizens are responsible for their guests and should ensure that they are well aware of regulations. A parking regulations brochure (available to students, faculty, staff, and visitors) may be obtained at the Parking and Transportation Department. For details about parking lots and instructions, click here. (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/auxiliary-services/%20http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/parking/parking-dept.php>)

Campus parking and traffic regulations are enforced under the authority of Georgia Code, Section 20-3-21. Parking policies are in effect and uniformly enforced at all times. Citations are issued for infractions of parking policies. Fines may be paid at the Departmental Office, located in Level 1 of the Sustella Avenue Parking Deck (telephone: 229-293-PARK).

VSU operates a shuttle bus service. A Blazer Express Shuttle Guide, available at the Parking and Transportation Department, indicates stops, routes, and operating hours. Maps may also be found at each bus stop or by clicking here (<https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/parking/documents/f15-shuttle.pdf>) .

## VSU 1Card Services

The VSU 1Card is the official Valdosta State University identification card and on-campus debit card. It allows access to your assigned plans and privileges, after payment has been made, through a swipe of the magnetic strip in a designated reader. The card is automatically assigned a FLEX Account, which allows you to deposit funds 24 hours a day, online via credit card. No deposits may be made via phone or Fax. Excess funds from financial aid can be applied to your FLEX account via the Banner Registration page, after all of your other fees are paid.

If you designate financial aid for FLEX and you still owe the University, you will not be able to use the FLEX/ 1Card to make purchases. A FLEX Account is non-transferable and may be used only by the cardholder. To obtain a VSU 1Card, all students must visit the VSU 1Card Office, be registered, provide two forms of identification, one of which must be a government-issued photo identification (such as driver's license, passport, military ID); and have a photograph made.

Replacement cards are \$15, and photo identification must be submitted prior to a replacement card being produced. Please visit our web site (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/1-card-services/welcome.php>) for more information regarding the VSU 1Card.