

Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration

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The Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration at Valdosta State University offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program with tracks in General Business and in Healthcare Administration and a Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program. With six other AACSB-accredited business schools in Georgia, the Langdale College also offers a collaborative, web-based Master of Business Administration (WebMBA) program. Valdosta State University graduates from both programs receive the same VSU Master of Business Administration degree.

The MBA and WebMBA programs are designed to offer graduate business education that prepares graduates for management careers in both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. The programs integrate knowledge of the functional areas of business with ongoing developments in business practice. Furthermore, the programs seek to develop students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills; their appreciation for diverse cultural perspectives; and their ability to solve real-world business problems.

The Healthcare Administration track of the MBA provides an opportunity for medical professionals and those interested in the medical profession to acquire business knowledge so that they may advance in their careers and/or move into administrative positions.

The MAcc is a specialized graduate degree that prepares its graduates for careers in accounting. The program integrates accounting knowledge within the broader context of the other functional areas of business. The MAcc program seeks to develop students' critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and technology skills.

The MAcc, MBA, and WebMBA programs are fully accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier national accrediting agency for programs in business administration. This accreditation places the Langdale College in the top 5% of all business schools worldwide.

The Langdale College, on VSU's Steele North Campus, has state-of-the-art facilities including multi-media classrooms, a student computer lab, and two computer teaching classrooms.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application packet to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GMAT or GRE), completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for the preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

Admission Requirements for the MBA Program

Applicants must have completed the following four prerequisites before being admitted to the program:

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| ACCT 2101 | Principles of Accounting I |
| ACCT 2102 | Principles of Accounting II |
| BUSA 2100 | Applied Business Statistics |
| FIN 3350 | Financial Management |

These prerequisites may be satisfied by taking an on-campus course from an accredited college or university or by completing self-paced CD modules developed for this purpose.

Admission requirements include a minimum GMAT score of 400, a minimum GPA of 2.50, and a minimum of 950 points using the formula: GMAT score + (200 x GPA). In lieu of the GMAT, applicants may submit GRE scores. Minimum GRE scores are 146 Verbal and 142 Quantitative.

The MBA committee will consider waiving the GMAT/GRE test requirement under any of the following conditions:

- The applicant has substantial/managerial experience (minimum 7 years); or
- The applicant already holds a master's degree or higher from an accredited college or university; or
- The applicant has a minimum 3.50 GPA or higher in a bachelor's degree in business from an AACSB-accredited college of business.

To be considered for a test waiver, e-mail Dr. Schnake (mschnake@valdosta.edu) and attach copies of your transcript(s) and a detailed resume.