

Admission and Readmission

Official acceptance or denial is verified by a letter from the Graduate School. The applicant will receive this letter in the application portal. Students can check the progress of their application by going to the Graduate School Application Status Check page (<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/application-status-check.php>) and following the prompts. Students who were previously enrolled but have not been in attendance within the last three semesters must apply to the Graduate School for readmission. Former students who completed graduate degrees at VSU and who wish to seek another graduate degree at VSU must submit a new Graduate Application for Admission/Readmission and pay the application fee. In addition, they should check with the Graduate School to determine what, if any, previously submitted materials are on file. Students seeking to change graduate programs or change their status from non-degree to degree-seeking must submit a new application and pay the application fee as well as provide any materials required for the new program or status.

Graduate Admission Appeals Process

Any applicant who is denied admission to a graduate program at Valdosta State University has the right to appeal the decision. A denied applicant must initiate the appeal within 30 days of the date noted on the official denial letter sent by the Graduate School.

There are three levels of appeal: (1) the department level, (2) the college level, and (3) the Graduate School level. The Graduate School will not hear an admission appeal unless the applicant has exhausted the appellate procedures in the department and college and the department and college are in agreement on the decision.

Please visit the Graduate School website for details on the appeals process (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/appeals.php>). First, the applicant must contact the program coordinator for his or her program to discuss the appeal. The applicant will then need to provide an explanation for the basis of the appeal and include any supporting documents related to the appeal within the Admission Denial Appeal form. The applicant should consult with their graduate program coordinator or the Graduate School Administrative Coordinator to submit the completed appeal form. The Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research will notify the applicant of the final decision by letter via email.