

# The Graduate School

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## Vision

To lead the region in graduate education.

## Mission Statement

The Graduate School centrally supports the University's graduate programs and policies while promoting the research and scholarly activities of our graduate, post-master's, and doctoral students and graduate faculty.

To fulfill its mission, the Graduate School focuses on the following strategic areas:

- leadership in graduate education strategies, standards, curriculum, and best practices;
- governance to ensure integrity, fairness, and base-level standards of consistency in the management of graduate students, policies, and programs;
- efficient administrative services that facilitate the graduate student experience and program success in the recruitment, admission, retention, and graduation of an academically strong and diverse graduate student body;
- awarding of graduate assistantship positions to offices across campus that further the university mission as well as recognize, recruit, and retain a diverse group of outstanding student scholars;
- enhancement of the intellectual life of the University by enabling graduate and doctoral students to undertake scholarly study and advance research;
- partnering with graduate faculty, program coordinators, department heads, and college deans to best serve its graduate students and programs;
- intentional inclusion of the online graduate students in graduate activities, organizations, and research opportunities.

## Strategic Priorities

- Raise the visibility of the graduate school and serve as a conduit for the professional development of students at every stage of their careers.
- Ensure transformative educational opportunities through student-centric, discipline-focused programs that drive innovation and encourage intellectual curiosity, creative thinking, and social responsibility.
- Champion our students to be active, thoughtful participants in their communities.
- Garner resources for graduate faculty to pioneer new fields of study.
- Embody respect for and commitment to the ideals of a pluralistic, inclusive, open, and democratic society.

The vision and the mission of the Graduate School are founded on the principle that the students are its greatest assets.

## Graduate Programs

Valdosta State University offers over 56 graduate programs and degrees in on-campus, online, and hybrid delivery formats. Descriptions of these programs can be found in this catalog. For specific information about each program's admission requirements, policies, and graduation requirements, click here (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/our-programs/>).

Additionally, Valdosta State University provides several fully online, collaborative education programs through partnerships with other USG institutions. Information on these programs is located throughout this catalog and online (<http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/deans-office/online-programs/>).