

# Academic Affairs

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Academic operations are broadly supervised by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, who is in turn supported by the deans and directors of the several colleges. Department heads report to the appropriate dean of their college. The University consists of colleges and divisions with their respective departments as follows:

**The College of Humanities and Social Sciences:** Departments of English; History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Interdisciplinary Programs; Modern and Classical Languages; Political Science; Psychological Science; and Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice.

**The College of Science and Mathematics:** Departments of Applied Mathematics and Physics; Biology; Chemistry and Geosciences; Computer Science and Engineering Technology; and the Division of Aerospace Studies.

**The Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration:** Departments of Accounting, Economics, Finance, and Management and Marketing.

**The James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services:** Departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Human Services; Leadership, Technology, and Workforce Development; Library and Information Studies; and Teacher Education.

**The College of the Arts:** Departments of Art and Design, Music, and Communication Arts.

**The College of Nursing and Health Sciences:** School of Nursing and School of Health Sciences.

**The Graduate School:** All departments offering or participating in graduate programs.

## International Programs and Initiatives

### Center for International Programs

The Center for International Programs, part of VSU's University College, provides central coordination for the University's comprehensive range of services and activities in the area of international education. Campus-wide committees, open to all faculty and staff members, work with the Center for International Programs to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide international experiences for students and faculty by initiating and sponsoring study abroad programs and exchange agreements with foreign colleges and universities and by cooperating with external organizations and agencies that support teaching, study, and research activities in the international dimension for faculty and students;
2. Encourage the involvement of international students and scholars in the life of the University through the provision of comprehensive support services for international students and faculty and the promotion of Valdosta State as a welcoming environment for foreign scholars and students.

Among its many activities, the Center for International Programs administers an International Studies Minor; coordinates study abroad and exchange opportunities for faculty and students; oversees support services for international students; and works with national and international agencies and organizations to enrich the learning, teaching, and research opportunities at VSU. More information on the university's international activities of the University is available in the Center for International Programs, located at 204 Georgia Avenue, or online (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/international-programs/>).

### Study Abroad Opportunities

Valdosta State University offers a variety of study abroad and exchange programs. Summer programs are offered directly by the University, with VSU faculty as program directors and in cooperation with other institutions and organizations in providing group study abroad experiences. Students may also participate in exchange programs that allow them to attend overseas universities as regular students for a semester or an academic year. These bilateral exchange opportunities are available in the U.K., the Czech Republic, France, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and other countries. VSU is also a member of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), through which students may choose from over 100 universities worldwide for study abroad experiences. When participating in an exchange, students typically pay VSU tuition, dormitory, and dining hall fees to cover instruction, room, and board at a host institution abroad. To learn more, visit our web page (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/international-programs/dept/study-abroad/welcome.php>).

### Foreign Student Advising

The Center for international Programs also provides support services to the international student community at Valdosta State University by assisting international students in their VSU inquiries and applications, obtaining visas and maintaining immigration status; providing orientation to new arrivals

into the university and community life; assisting and advising the VSU Society for International Students; organizing special activities for international and domestic students; and offering cultural counseling. For more information visit our web page. For more information visit our web page (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/international-programs/student-information/>).