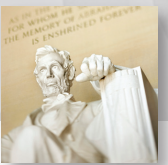
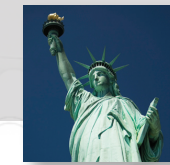


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Students majoring in Political Science earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Political scientists study governments, political processes, and political behavior at all levels. The subfields of Political Science include, American government, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public law, public administration, and political ideology. Political Science students can gain a versatile set of skills that can be applied in a wide range of exciting careers. Students majoring in the program have traditionally pursued careers in law, business, teaching, journalism, and government, some after having completed graduate degrees. The study of Political Science is of value to everyone who wants to understand and participate in the political system, whether to vote or to become more actively involved in party politics. The study of Political Science is of value to society because an informed citizenry is the foundation of a well-functioning democracy.

*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."*

-John F. Kennedy

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*"In law it is a good policy to never plead what you need not, lest you oblige yourself to prove what you can not."*

-Abraham Lincoln

The major in Legal Assistant Studies has the central objective of training persons who are anticipating a career in support of the legal profession. The formal course work will lead to an understanding of the fundamental constitutional context of the American legal system. Students will also have the flexibility to choose from several substantive legal subject matters. The completion of the other requirements of the Bachelor of the Arts degree will ensure a broad educational experience. Through the required internship course, students will explore the practical aspects of a career in the legal profession. Successful completion of the degree will ensure that the student is qualified to take the national certification test for legal assistants.

you have less than thirty (30) transferable semester hours, you must also meet beginning freshmen admission requirements.

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application materials may be obtained:

Online @ [www.valdosta.edu/admissions](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions)

You may also contact the Admissions Office @ 229-333-5791 or the Political Science Department @229-333-5771.

To expedite the admissions process, applications and official transcripts should be submitted directly to the Admissions Office, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA 31605-0005.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Beginning Freshmen** - Your acceptance is based upon previous academic records and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) scores. VSU also requires a high school curriculum that meets the University System of Georgia's College Preparatory Curriculum. When necessary, a personal interview and/or other appropriate tests may be required.

**Transfer Students** - VSU requires an official transcript from each institution you have attended. You are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better on all the college work you have attempted. Several programs of study have higher GPA requirements for admission into upper division coursework. If

## Program Information

### POLITICAL SCIENCE SELECTED OUTCOMES:

Recipients of the Political Science major will have:

- The requisite knowledge of the American political system, including an understanding of the structure and process of the federal, state, and local governments, enabling them to become informed and responsible citizens.
- The ability to demonstrate knowledge of computer concepts and terminology, enabling them to utilize appropriate tools such as spreadsheets, database management systems, or statistical packages.
- The skills in inquiry, logical reasoning, and critical analysis, enabling them to make arguments, synthesize facts and information, and offer logical arguments leading to creative solutions to problems.
- The ability to recognize and understand issues in applied ethics. They will understand their own value systems in relation to other value systems.

### LEGAL ASSISTANT STUDIES SELECTED OUTCOMES:

Recipients of the Legal Assistant Studies major will have:

- The ability to conduct legal research and apply it in a form and manner that will enable them to support the legal system.
- The knowledge to comprehend and make informed decisions regarding the ethical dilemmas of their profession, in order to understand the cultural values they must serve in the performance of their responsibilities.
- The knowledge to understand the American legal system in the manner necessary to enable them to function within that system and to support its mission of service to society.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum Areas A-E	42
Core Curriculum Area F	18
Senior College Curriculum	60
Total hours for the Political Science Program	120

The department assesses the extent to which the program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques.

### LEGAL ASSISTANT STUDIES CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum Areas A-E	42
Core Curriculum Area F	18
Senior College Curriculum	60
Total hours for the Legal Assistant Studies Program	120

### OBTAINING INFORMATION

Registration and other information may be obtained online or by calling the offices listed below.

University personnel are available to answer any question you may have concerning the admissions procedure or the Political Science or Legal Assistant Studies major at the following numbers:

**POLS Office** [www.valdosta.edu/pols](http://www.valdosta.edu/pols) **Phone** 229.333.5771  
**Fax** 229.333.5910

**Admissions** [www.valdosta.edu/admissions](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions) **Phone** 229.333.5791  
**Fax** 229.333.5482