Core Curriculum of the University System of Georgia

VSU CORE CURRICULUM 60 SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED

Descriptions of the courses in the Core Curriculum are found in the Courses of Instruction section, listed in alphabetical order by course prefix. Any additional hours selected in the Core Curriculum by the student may be counted as electives in the major program, if allowed by the major program.

Area A Essential Skills ............................................................... 9 semester hours

- ENGL1101 or ENGL1101H ............................................... 3 hours
- ENGL1102 or ENGL1102H ........................................... 3 hours
- One of the following ...................................................... 3 hours
  - MATH 1101... 3 hours
  - MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H ... 3 hours
  - MATH 2261 or MATH 2261H ... 4 hours
- NOTE: MATH 1113 or MATH 1113H (or higher) is required of all students majoring in (or intending to transfer within the University System with a major in) architecture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering technology, geology, geography (B.S.), forestry, pharmacy, mathematics, physical therapy, physics, or secondary education (biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics). MATH 2261 (or higher) is required of all students intending to transfer within the University System with a major in engineering.

AREA B Institutional Options (Perspectives) ..................................... 4 semester hours

Two different courses required, each from a different areas of the Perspectives; all courses carry 2 semester credit hours.

1. Perspectives on Ethics/Values
2. Perspectives on Tradition and Change
3. Perspectives on Human Expression
4. Perspectives on the Environment/Physical World
5. Perspectives on Race/Gender
6. Perspectives on Cross-Cultural Understanding/Expression
7. Perspectives on the World of Work

AREA C Humanities / Fine Arts .................................................. 6 semester hours

One required course from the following ............................... 3 hours
- ENGL2110 or ENGL2110H, ENGL2120 or ENGL2120H, ENGL2130 or ENGL2130H, ENGL2140

One required course from the following ............................... 3 hours

Area D Science, Mathematics, and Technology .......................... 11 semester hours

**Science and mathematics majors must follow D.2.a requirements. Nursing majors must follow D.2.b requirements. All other students may choose D.1., D.2.a, or D.2.b.
**AREAD.1**

Any two courses from the following ............................. 8 hours

Any one course from the following .............................. 3 hours
- *ASTR1000, BIOL1050, BIOL1060, BIOL1070, BIOL1080, BIOL1090, ENGR1010, GEOG1110, GEOL1110, MATH1112, MATH1261, MATH2620, MATH2261, MATH2262, PHSC1100
  * Check course restrictions in the course descriptions.

**AREAD.2.a** Required of majors in of astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental geography, mathematics, physics, secondary biology education, secondary chemistry education, secondary mathematics education, secondary earth and space science education, secondary physics education, and all students in the preengineering program.

Mathematics, above the level taken for Area A .......... 3 hours
- For biology majors: MATH2261, MATH2262, or MATH2620
- For all other science or mathematics majors: MATH 2261 or MATH 2262
  (The additional hour of calculus [MATH 2261 & 2262] counts in Area F or in the major.)

Science (for all students listed above) ....................... 8 hours
- BIOL2010, CHEM1211 and 1211L, CHEM1212 and 1212L, PHYS2211K, PHYS2212K

**AREAD.2.b** Required of nursing majors

Two required chemistry courses ................................. 8 hours
- CHEM1151K and CHEM1152K

One required course from the following ........................ 3 hours

**Area E Social Sciences** ................................. 12 semester hours

- POLS1101 or POLS1101H ........................................ 3 hours
- One required course from the following ........................ 3 hours
  - HIST 2111 or HIST 2111H, HIST 2112 or HIST 2112H

Any two courses from the following ......................... 6 hours
- AFAM2020/WMST2020, ANTH1102 or ANTH1102H, ECON1500, ECON1900H, GEOG1100, GEOG1101, GEOG1102, GEOG1103, HIST1011 or HIST1011H, HIST1012 or HIST1012H, HIST1013 or HIST1013H, POLS2101, POLS2401 or POLS2401H, POLS2501, PSYC2500 or PSYC2500H, SOCI1101 or SOCI1101H, SOCI1160
Area F Courses Appropriate to the Major ........................................ 18 semester hours

Requirements for the B.A. Degree with a Major in Psychology
Core Areas A-E (See VSU Core Curriculum) ........................................ 42 hours

Area F Requirements. ........................................................................ 18 hours
- PSYC 2500 .................................................................................. 3 hours
- ACED 2400 or CS 1000 ................................................................. 3 hours
- PHIL 2010 or PHIL 2020 ............................................................... 3 hours
- Three courses in the same foreign language ......................... 9 hours

Requirements for the B.S. Degree with a Major in Psychology
- PSYC 2500 ................................................................................ 3 hours
- ACED 2400 or CS 1000 ................................................................. 3 hours
- PHIL 2010 or PHIL 2020 ............................................................... 3 hours
- One natural science course ....................................................... 3 hours
- One mathematics course (MATH 1111 or MATH listed in Area D of the Core Curriculum) ...................... 3 hours
- One natural science or math course (MATH 1111 or MATH listed in Area D of the Core Curriculum) .................. 3 hours

*Guided Electives. ............................................................................. 24 hours
*If Area F requirements for the Valdosta State University B.A. or B.S. degree with a major in psychology are not taken in Area F or another Area, they must be taken as Guided Electives. Students, in consultation with their advisor, will take an additional series of courses, possibly a minor, that will further differentiate between the BA and the BS degrees. These electives will also allow for increased skill development that will help the student continue on to a graduate or professional school or to obtain employment in a career not requiring post-baccalaureate training. Although only 39 hours of 3000 and 4000 courses are required by the Board of Regents of the University system of Georgia, the student should not assume the minimum to be the maximum.

Total hours required for the degree ................................................. 120 semester hours

Minor in Psychology. ....................................................................... 18 hours
- PSYC 2500 and fifteen (15) hours of additional course work constitute the minor in psychology. PSYC 2500 must be completed before any of the other courses in the minor can be taken, and a grade of “C” or better must be earned in each course in the minor.
- PSYC 2500 ................................................................................ 3 hours
- Choose one course from the following: ......................... 3 hours
  - PSYC 3200, PSYC 3210, PSYC 3220
- Choose one course from the following: ......................... 3 hours
  - PSYC 3400 or PSYC 3450
- Choose one course from the following: ......................... 3 hours
  - PSYC 3300 or PSYC 3500
- Choose two courses from the following: .................... 6 hours
  - PSYC 3600, PSYC 3700, PSYC 3710, PSYC 3800,
or PSYC 4300