

Valdosta State University

Biology Department

Masters of Science Program

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## GENERAL GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS :

See the Valdosta State University Graduate Bulletin (also available online from the Graduate School web page) for information on student classifications and admissions criteria.

Graduate students must maintain a minimum graduate grade point average of 2.5 to be eligible for financial aid.

1. Academic GPA Requirements: For graduation, the cumulative graduate grade point average must be 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Throughout their program, students' performance must be acceptable on a continuing basis. Students must at all times maintain an overall grade point average of not less than 2.5. No grade below "C" will be credited toward a graduate degree. Any student acquiring any combination of two grades "D," "F," "WF," or "U" will be dismissed from the Graduate School. Additional requirements have been established for the Master of Business Administration program; the Master of Science programs with majors in Criminal Justice, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Sociology; the Master of Public Administration program. Please refer to the program descriptions in this Catalog.

2. Calculation of GPA: All grades received for graduate courses taken at Valdosta State University, after admission to the Graduate School, will be used to calculate the graduate cumulative grade point average. Courses may be retaken, if desired or required, but all graduate grades received will affect this average. Cumulative grade averages are calculated at the close of every semester in which course work is taken. This calculation appears on the permanent record of each student. Matters requiring interpretation of a graduate record should normally be referred to the student's advisor or the Graduate School. Undergraduate grades will not be calculated as part of the graduate student's semester or cumulative average.

3. Course Load: The normal full load for a graduate student is 9 hours of graduate level work per semester. Graduate assistants must register for a minimum of 6 hours per semester. The normal full load for a student with a graduate assistantship is 9 semester hours at the graduate level; however, in special circumstances, with the approval of the major professor and the department head, a graduate assistant may be permitted to take 12 hours. Graduate students may earn no more than 6 hours credit in Directed Study and/or Independent Study courses toward the requirements of a degree program.

4. Scholarly Conduct VSU expects all students to meet high standards of academic f

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