



Financial Investment of College

Career Services, Housing, Dining Services, Parking,
Financial Aid and Bursary

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VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
& VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

**College Degrees Equal higher
Life-Time Earnings**



Life-Time Earnings

Lifetime earnings report offers additional evidence about how earnings increase substantially with each step up in earned degree. On average, each credential generates additional earnings over a person's lifetime by...

Certificate: +\$238,455

Associate degree: +\$377,000

Bachelor's degree: +\$1,152,500

Master's degree: +\$1,399,500

Professional degree: +\$2,167,500

Ph.D.: +\$2,037,500

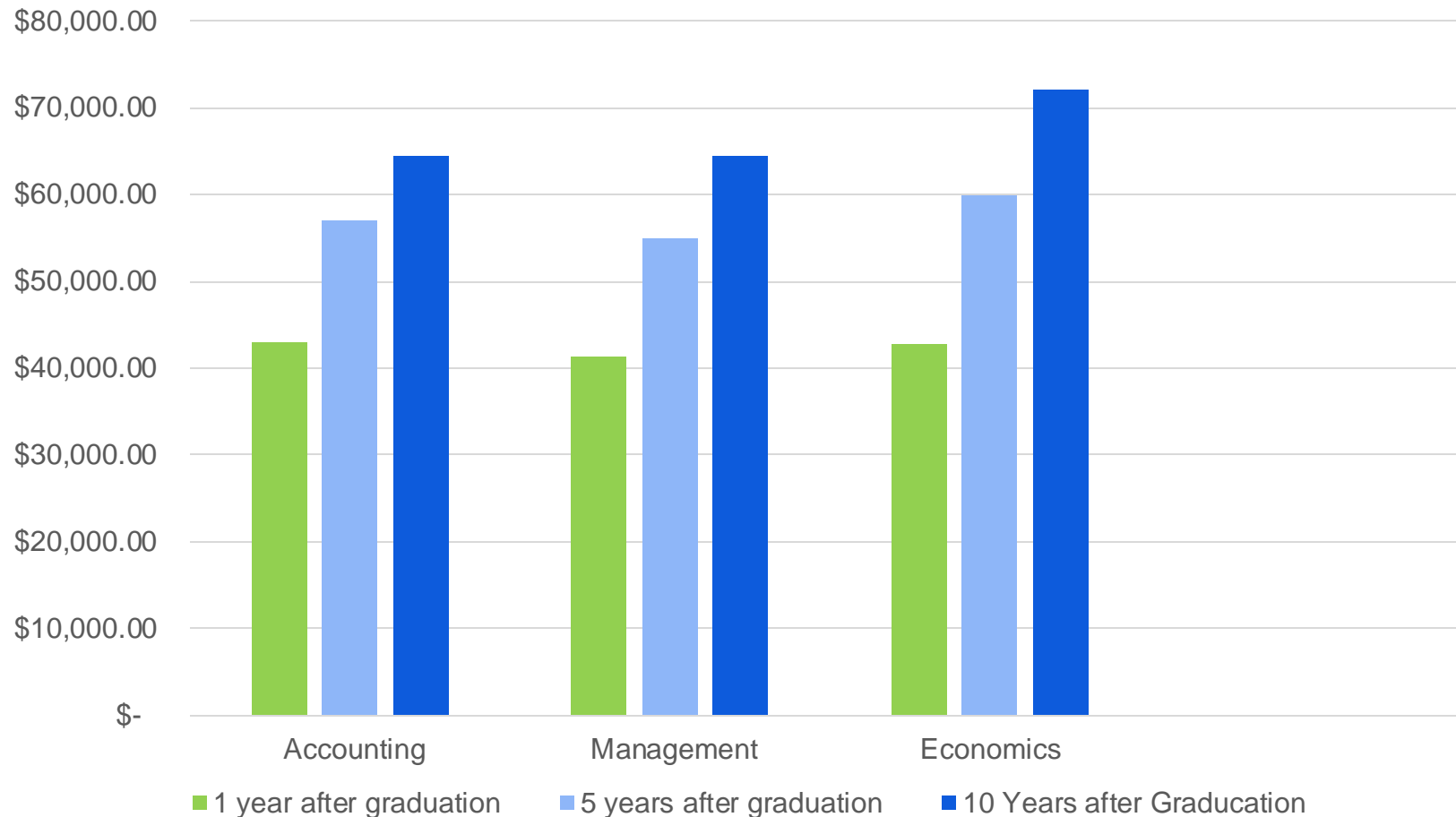
Information taken from University System of Georgia news release, August 2022

https://www.usg.edu/news/release/university_system_of_georgia_graduates_will_earn_over_1_million_more_during_their_lifetimes



Your Student's Future Earnings :

Median Salary for Graduates Working in Georgia : The median salary for graduates completing a bachelor programming in Accounting, Management, Economics from all USG institutions :





The Road to Higher Earnings

Year One: Explore Industry Exploration

- Build Relationships
- Know where you want to be

Parent Check In: October & March Ask questions:

- Did you attend the Part-Time Job Fair?
- What are your plans for Summer?(Summer Internships open October/November)
- Are you volunteering?

Year Two: Deciding Career Exploration and Investigation Activities

- Conduct an Information Interviews with potential employers
 - Know where you want to be
- ## Parent Check In: October & March Ask questions:
- What is your career choice?
What are your plans for Summer?(Summer Internships open October/November)
 - Research with Faculty?



The Road to Higher Earnings

Year Three: Experience

Gaining Experience

- Build Relationships: Student Organizations in leadership
- Attend career fairs to establish relationships with employers

Parent Check In: October &

March Ask questions:

- What do you need to do in order to develop yourself further?
- What are your plans for Summer?(Summer Internships open October/November)

Year Four: Job Seek

Job Search/Transition to Work

- Conduct an Information Interviews with potential employers
- Apply for full time jobs 6 months prior to graduation

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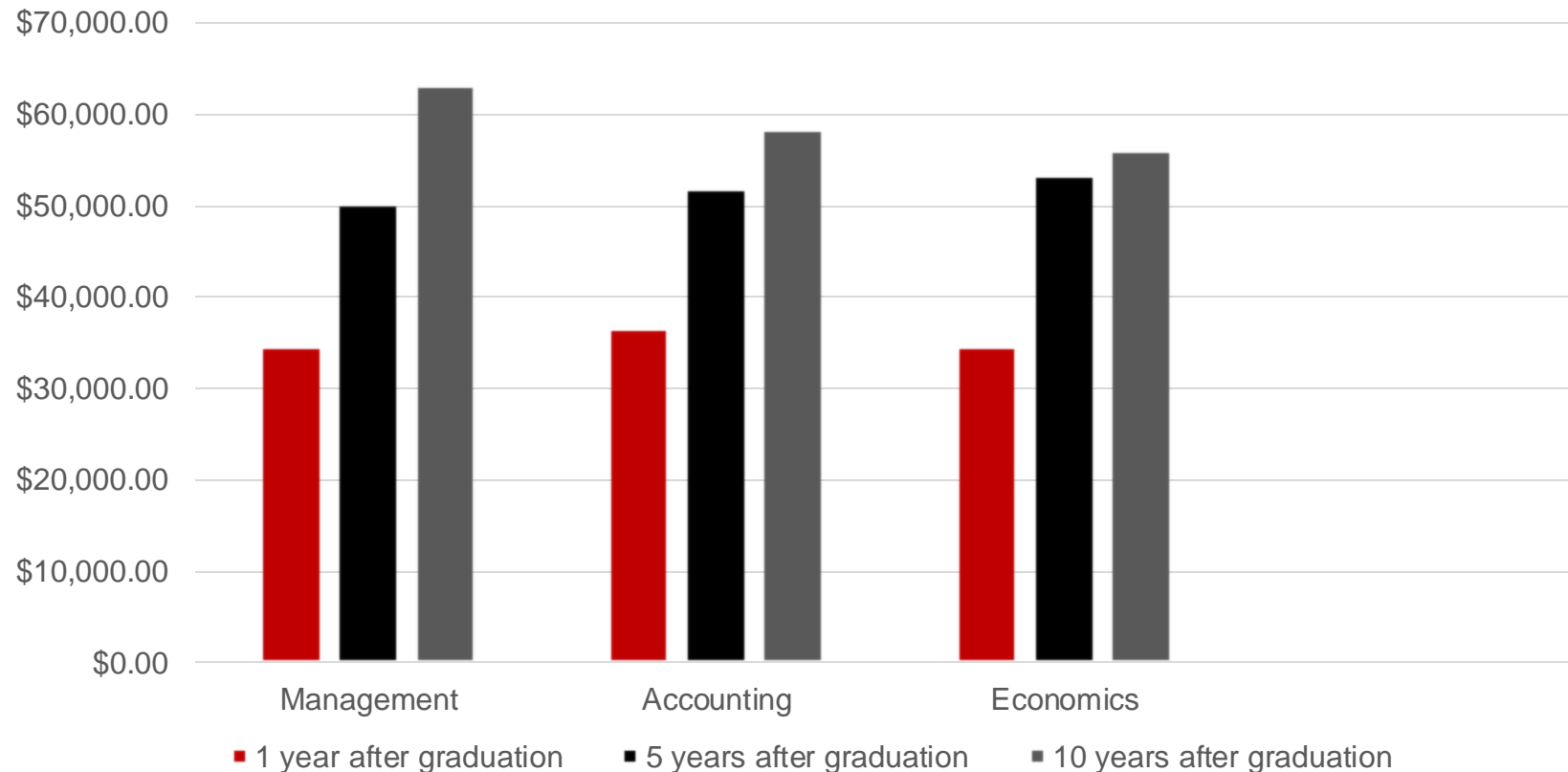
- How can you get the job after graduation?
- Have you developed your resume and cover letter?
- Have you participate in a mock interview?



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Median Salary for Graduates Working in Georgia

*The median salary for graduates completing a bachelor program in Business Administration, Management, Accounting, and Economics from **Valdosta State University**.*





Invest in the Future:

- Create Career Counseling
- Job Search
- Salary Negotiation
- Networking Strategies
- Career Readiness Workshops
- Goal Setting
- Resume Critiques
- Career Assessments
- Career Events
- Service Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Internships
- Experiential Learning
- Cooperative Education
- Employer Connect
- Mock Interviews



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Housing and Residence Life

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Why Live on Campus?



- First-Year Residency Requirement
- Academic Support
- Community Events
- Life Skills
- Themed Communities
- Campus Community Outreach
- Faculty Partnerships
- Growth Through Leadership
- Higher G.P.A.
- Proximity
- Dining
- Safety

Right outside of your door!



Amenities

- All utilities are included in the housing fee
- Individually controlled heating and air conditioning
- Fully furnished
 - Bed 38" x 80" mattress (Twin XL)
 - Full size mattress in Centennial
- Desk and Chair
- Dresser
- Closet or Wardrobe
- High Speed Wireless Internet
- Study and Classroom Spaces
- Close proximity to Dining, Union, Rec Center, Classes
- Exclusive VSU Wild Adventure offers





Who Are We?

- Front Desk Workers
 - Attend to the community desks and welcome areas
- H.E.A.R.T.
 - Serve on a 24/7 Response Team
- Student Facility Assistant
 - Work with our maintenance team to resolve minor repairs (lofting, mattresses, etc.)
- Resident Assistant
 - Returning student leaders who live on each floor
- Hall Directors/Housing Supervisors (3)
 - Coordinate the development of community in the halls
 - Responsible for day to day operations
- Central Office Staff
 - Graduate and Professional staff that oversee: Assignments, Residential Education, Marketing, Civility Education, Marketing, Finances, and Facilities
- Associate Directors (2)
- Director



Safety and Security

- H.E.A.R.T.
 - 24/7/365 Security Monitoring
- Community Desk
- VSU Public Safety Officers
- Controlled Electronic Access
- Periodic Evacuation Drills
- Health and Safety Inspections





Housing Costs

Residence Hall	Description	Rate
Brown/Lowndes Halls (<i>First Year</i>)	Double/Spa Style Community Bathrooms	\$2,389
Patterson Hall (<i>First Year</i>)	Double/Spa Style Community Bathrooms	\$2,446
Reade Hall (<i>First Year</i>)	Double/Community Bathrooms	\$2,386
Georgia Hall/Hopper Hall Suites (<i>Upperclassmen</i>)	Private	\$3,051
	Semi-Private	\$2,874



See For Yourself!



Location: Georgia Hall and Brown Hall (Look in your orientation guide for times)



Auxiliary Services

1Card • Dining Services • Parking & Transportation • Bookstore



1Card

- ID Card pickup will be at checkout today
- FLEX Account is a debit account that can be used on campus and at select locations off campus
- Transfer excess financial aid at the beginning of each semester or use credit card online
- For off campus locations and FLEX transfer dates visit vsu1card.com



Dining Services

Meal Plans

- All freshmen living on campus will be required to have the All-Access meal plan
 - \$2,144 per semester
 - Unlimited access to Palms Dining Hall every day
 - \$150 Dining Dollars
- Meal Exchange can be added at an additional cost
 - 5 per week - \$200
 - 10 per week - \$350
 - Meal exchange will work at all dining retail locations daily

*We do have commuter plans and add on Dining Dollars available for purchase



Parking & Transportation

- Permit is \$50 for the academic year
- In July students will get an email reminder to register their vehicle
- License plate number is your permit
- No pull through or backing in
- Make sure students review parking maps and regulations to avoid parking citations
- Citations are issued via student email
- Shuttle buses run the perimeter of campus from 7:30 am to 11 pm Monday – Friday



Bookstore

- Day1 Textbook Savings
 - Course materials for one or more classes for the semester
 - Charge added to student account so available financial aid/scholarships will cover cost
 - Student will receive an email from @bncollege.com with a list of their courses
- Textbooks not on Day1 can be purchased from the campus Bookstore
- Located on 1st floor of Student Union



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Financial Aid

Enrollment and Student Affairs

University Center

229 333 5935



What is “Financial Aid”?

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**
 - **HOPE, ZELL MILLER, OTHER OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **GRANTS**
 - **PELL GRANT, SEOG GRANT**
- **LOANS**
 - **FEDERAL LOANS, STATE LOANS, PRIVATE LOANS**



What is the FAFSA?

- **FAFSA = FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**
 - **FEDERAL GRANTS, FEDERAL LOANS, STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **[HTTPS://FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov)**
 - **PAPER APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE, BUT NOT RECOMMENDED. SO APPLY ONLINE!**





PELL GRANT

- **NEED-BASED GRANT**
 - **ELIGIBILITY BASED ON HOUSEHOLD SIZE, TAXABLE, AND UNTAXABLE INCOME.**
- **GRANT = DOES NOT NEED TO BE REPAYED.**
- **USED TOWARDS AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE ONLY.**
- **\$7395 = MAXIMUM ANNUAL PELL GRANT AWARD.**
 - **\$3448 CAP PER SEMESTER.**



STUDENT LOANS (FEDERAL)

- **STAFFORD LOANS (AVAILABLE TO STUDENT)**
 - **SUBSIDIZED**
 - **UNSUBSIDIZED**
- **PARENT PLUS LOAN (ONLY PARENTS CAN APPLY)**
 - **[HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV](https://studentaid.gov) TO APPLY**
 - **CREDIT CHECK REQUIRED**



SCHOLARSHIPS (STATE)

- **AVAILABLE TO GEORGIA RESIDENTS, CAN ASSIST WITH TUITION PORTION OF COLLEGE EXPENSES* .**
 - **HOPE: 3.0 GPA FROM HIGH SCHOOL, PAYS ABOUT 100% OF PRIOR YEAR TUITION RATE (EX: \$2732 PER SEMESTER, IF TAKING 15 HOURS).**
 - **ZELL MILLER: 3.7 GPA FROM HIGH SCHOOL, PLUS MINIMUM SAT/ACT SCORE (26/1200). PAYS 100% OF CURRENT TUITION RATE (EX: \$2732 PER SEMESTER, IF TAKING 15 HOURS).**

*College expenses include; tuition, fees, housing, meals, other misc. expenses and books.



SCHOLARSHIPS (OTHER)

- **INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**
 - **ATHLETIC, MERIT BASED, OTHER**
- **PRIVATE/OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**
 - **OFTEN PROVIDED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES**
 - **LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL**

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-Fastweb.com
-Myscholly.com
-others



VETERANS (VA) EDUCATION BENEFITS

- **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS CAN INCLUDE:**


- **VETERANS**
- **DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS**

- **DIFFERENT TYPES OF BENEFITS**

- **SOME PAY DIRECT SCHOOL COSTS, SOME DON'T**

- **VSU HAS NEARLY 400 STUDENTS CURRENTLY USING SOME FORM OF VA BENEFIT TO HELP THEM PAY FOR COLLEGE!**

Scan here for more information about VA benefits and VSU's VA Office!





MORE FUNDING OPTIONS

- **PAYMENT PLAN (VSU OFFERS THE NELNET PAYMENT PLAN)**
 - **[HTTP://MYCOLLEGEPAYMENTPLAN.COM/VSU/](http://mycollegepaymentplan.com/vsu/)**
- **529 SAVINGS PLANS**
 - **PRIVATE PLANS**
 - **FLORIDA PREPAID**
 - **OTHER**





EVEN MORE FUNDING/PAYMENT OPTIONS!

- **SHORT TERM LOAN PROGRAM**
- **TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)**
- **DEBIT, CREDIT, CASH, AND CHECK PAYMENTS**

Visit the VSU Bursary's webpage to find out more about all of our payment options!





COST INFORMATION

- **TUITION RATES VARY, DEPENDING ON FORMAT OF CLASS (IN PERSON OR ONLINE)**
- **IN STATE/OUT OF STATE CHARGES**
 - **SPEAK TO AN ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE IF YOU ARE FROM A BORDER STATE, REGARDING THE “BORDER STATE WAIVER”**
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Online Account Center!

- Students may access the Online Student Account Center from their MyVSU portal, or log directly into the Online Student Account Center
- View your eBills
- Make payments
- Set up authorized users (parents or others)
- Enroll in eRefund for direct deposit into your bank account



Fall Payment Deadline

- All charges are due on August 17th
 - Have Authorized Aid
 - Make payment
 - Sign up for Payment Plan



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Thank You!