


Ready to GRADUATE?

Countdown to Commencement

C H E C K L I S T !



Academic

- Apply for Graduation if you have not already
 - ◆ This is done through the Registrar's Office
 - ◆ Complete application as outlined
- Pay graduation fee
- Submit form to participate in Commencement early if needed
 - ◆ This form is for those who want to attend Commencement a semester before completing graduation requirements
-  The link to ALL three above forms can be found here: www.valdosta.edu/gradapp
- Look for DocuSign email in your valdosta.edu inbox
 - ◆ This email will confirm your graduation application has been completed with Registrar's Office (watch junk email too)
- Get hiring assistance from Office of Career Opportunities
- Consider applying for Graduate School at VSU

Before Graduation Day

- Attend Grad Finale
 - ◆ At this event, you can purchase your cap and gown, your class ring, announcements, take graduate photos, join the 1906 Society, etc.
- Attend free Grad Photo Days on the Front Lawn
- Attend Hiring Fairs on Campus
- Make Reservations for Friends and Family
 - ◆ Consider hotels, restaurants, event spaces, and touring beautiful Valdosta and Lowndes County
- Send Family and Friends the Commencement Website
 - ◆ www.valdosta.edu/commencement for the live stream, parking, maps, etc.

Day of Commencement

- Arrive 1.5 Hours Before Ceremony Starts
- Check in at your correct location listed on www.valdosta.edu/commencement
- Enjoy Commencement
 - ◆ Line up with your college, walk in the Processional, cross stage and get your diploma cover from the President, and have professional pictures taken by Grad Images

After Graduation

- Fill out Destination Survey www.valdosta.edu/destination
 - ◆ This tells us about your plans after graduation
- Look for Grad Images Photography email a week After Graduation
 - ◆ This email with your proofs will go to the graduate's valdosta.edu email address
- Update your address and email address in Banner
 - ◆ Your diploma will be mailed to the address on file in Banner
- Look for diploma to arrive in the mail 6 weeks after Graduation
 - ◆ Watch for Postal Service email to your valdosta.edu email address letting you know your diploma has been mailed
- Request official VSU transcript www.valdosta.edu/transcript
- Attend alumni events www.valdosta.edu/alumni
- Stay in touch!
 - ◆ Let us know when big things happen such as a new job, marriage, baby, etc.



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