

Your Arrival

We are happy to meet you at the Valdosta airport, but we must know when you plan to arrive.

If you would like an ELI representative to meet you at the airport or bus station, you must request this service. Taxis are also available to take you to your new residence.

Fly into Atlanta, Georgia (*367 Kilometers north of Valdosta*) and catch a connecting flight to the Valdosta airport. *Atlanta is the only city that offers connecting flights to Valdosta.*



Housing

Arrive one week before classes to arrange housing. If you need an affordable place to stay near VSU while finding an apartment Garden Villas is an option:

2529 N Ashley St Valdosta, GA 31602

(229) 247-4301

gardenvillas.com

On Campus Residence Halls Available!

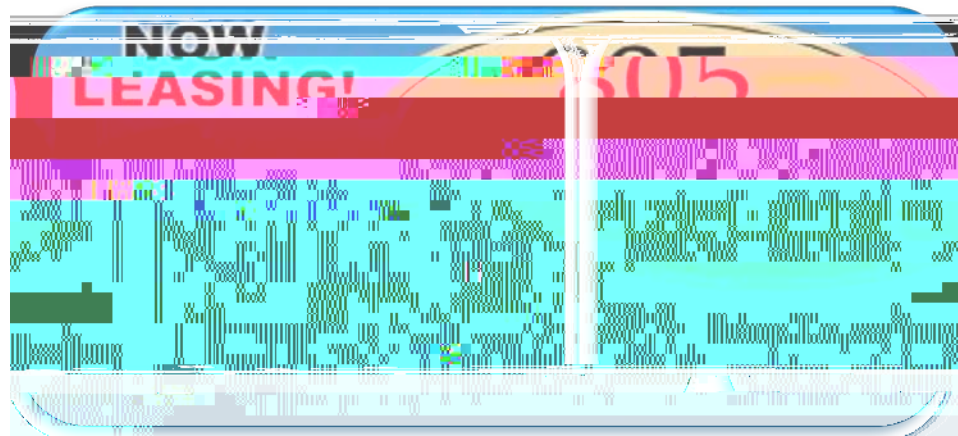
Living on campus is a great way to get to

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Off Campus Housing

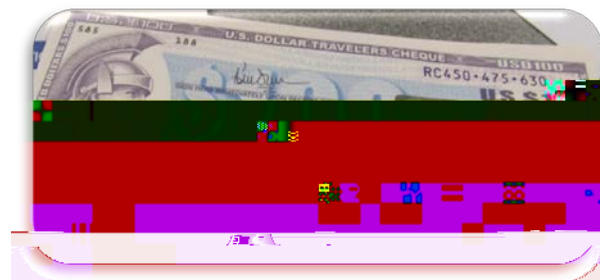
Affordable & Within walking or biking distance to VSU



Student Quarters Apartments
(this company has multiple

Money Matters

- Traveler's checks are the best way to carry funds to the U. S. since they can be instantly converted to cash.
- Have enough cash or traveler's checks to cover your personal expenses for a least one week.
- Your ELI fees are due soon during the first week of class.
- Your money must be in a form that can be quickly converted to cash.
- For your safety, **DO NOT CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH!**
- *Do not bring foreign currency; it cannot be exchanged in Valdosta.*
- An international credit card can be used at an ATM to withdraw money and make purchases.



Health

- You will need to purchase insurance

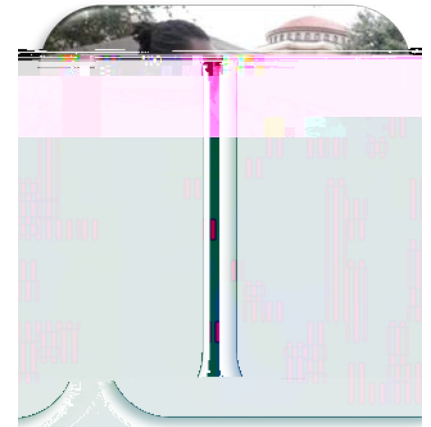
What to Bring

- Bring photographs, souvenirs, traditional clothing from your home country to show to new friends and community members—these items also help when you feel homesick!



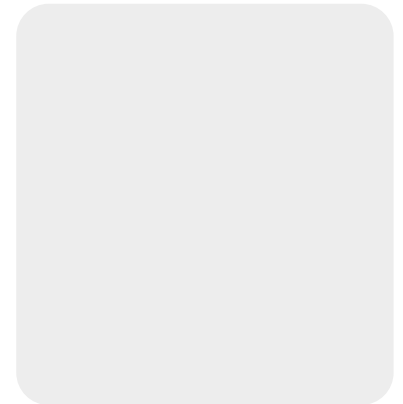
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- Dress for south Georgia: winters are short and mild:



The First Day of Classes

- In the morning, you will take a placement test to determine your English proficiency.
- In the afternoon, you will attend an orientation and a campus tour.
- Your teachers are happy to work with you and want to help you succeed!
- Some classes will have interesting projects; you may meet with VSU students or visit other classes.
- To be successful, you must attend class everyday.



After Class

- You will receive a list of fun things to do from our Activities Coordinator.
- Go shopping, attend picnics, barbecues, conversation partners.
- Play soccer & other sports & games.
- Travel to Orlando, Atlanta, Savannah, and St. Augustine.
- Join the Society for International Students at VSU, have fun, share your culture & meet other VSU students!
- There's always something to do!

