



School Type — Private, Lutheran,

- Co-Educational
- Founded — 1859
- Acreage — more than 310
- School colors — Brown and Gold
- Mascot — Crusader
- Financial aid — 92% of students receive aid
- Average class size — 20
- Student to faculty ratio — 12:1
- Alumni network — 45,000+

Mission Statement

Valparaiso University, a community of learning dedicated to excellence and grounded in the Lutheran tradition of scholarship, freedom, and faith, prepares students to lead and serve in both church and society.

Location

[Valparaiso, IN](#) (population 31,000), Northwest Indiana; 1 hour southeast of Chicago and 15 minutes from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Enrollment

Approximately 3,100 undergraduates and 1000 graduate and law students, making a total of nearly 4,100 students on campus from most states and more than 40 other countries.

Academic profile of first-year students

- ACT mid 50% — 22-28
- SAT mid 50% — 1030-1260 * * Includes the scores for the critical reading and math components only.
- Average GPA — 3.3 (on a 4.0 unweighted scale)

Student body composition

- Lutheran — 26%
- Roman Catholic — 20%
- Other — 54%

- Male — 48%
- Female — 52%
- Students of color — 10.8%
- International students — 6.2%
- Reside on campus — 66%

Placement rates (within 6 months of graduation)

- Overall — 95%
- College of Arts & Sciences — 93%
- College of Business Administration — 98%
- College of Engineering — 100%
- College of Nursing — 98%