

You find here a statement of purpose: attributes that make us distinctive in the marketplace of American legal education, and a statement that reflects the value of a Valparaiso legal education as expressed by those who, in one way or another, have experienced Valparaiso Law.

Valparaiso University School of Law is renowned for the following four traits.

Exceptional Legal Research and Writing: According to a survey by the American Bar Foundation, hiring partners at law firms ranked research and writing skills as the most important skill set a new lawyer can bring to the job. It is common for law schools to offer one year of legal writing. We require three years of both legal writing and legal research.

Enduring Core Competencies: No matter how much the world and its laws change, there are certain constants, among them the ability to engage in critical, analytical, and creative thinking, and the ability to communicate clearly and cleanly. These core competencies comprise the cornerstone of your Valparaiso Law education.

Personal Manner of Teaching and Learning: The teaching and learning style of Valparaiso Law is collaborative and integrated. We know who you are and strive to provide a legal education that is tailored to you and your aspirations. Every pedagogical component, including the intentionally smaller student body, is designed to help you, as an individual, succeed in your professional endeavors.

Law as a Calling: We are a community dedicated to imparting not just skills and knowledge, but values, the sense of self, and the commitment to service. Our graduates are not just good lawyers, but good people; not just successful men and women, but noble men and women; not just influential lawyers and leaders, but those who use their influence for service and for good.