

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

Office of the Registrar

CONVOCATION SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010 Undergraduate/Graduate Classes

One of the significant changes being made to encourage greater student, faculty and staff participation is moving Opening Convocation from its traditional mid-day time to 3:30 p.m. In order to reduce the potential for confusion, especially among new students, the class schedule for the first day of classes will **not** be modified as has been the case in previous years.

	<u>50 minute period</u>	<u>75 minute period</u>
1 st Period	8:00 – 8:50	8:15 – 9:30
2 nd Period	9:05 – 9:55	9:45 – 11:00
3 rd Period	10:10 – 11:00	
Morning Prayer	11:15 – 11:35	11:15 – 11:35
Dining Services Lunch Period	11:00 – 1:15	11:00 – 1:15
4 th Period	11:50 – 12:40	11:50 – 1:05
5 th Period	12:55 – 1:45	1:20 – 2:35
6 th Period	2:00 – 2:50	2:50 – 4:05
7 th Period	3:05 – 3:55	
Opening Convocation	3:30 – 4:30	
8 th Period	4:10 – 5:00	4:20 – 5:35

While changing the time of Opening Convocation will involve conflicts with some classes scheduled to take place between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., instructors have the following options to help students participate in Opening Convocation:

1. Schedule an alternative time for the missed class, after discussion with students. If so, reserve a classroom by contacting the Registrar.
2. Planned work may be redistributed among other class sessions without requiring a make-up session.
3. Some other option may work best for the class.

If alternatives are not feasible, class should be conducted as usual. Whatever the instructor decides should be communicated to the class in a timely manner.

This year's ceremonies will inaugurate a tradition in which all new students will march together into the Chapel of the Resurrection to be welcomed to the University. Following the ceremonies, members of the campus community may sample food from several local restaurants in a "Taste of Valpo" and listen to a steel drum band from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Beginning at 5:30, the community may attend as well the "One Planet, One People" fair. Opening Convocation is one of the primary opportunities for the entire campus to come together and welcome the new members of our community, and the changes being made this year will help turn this event into an embodiment of the kind of community that sets Valpo apart from many other institutions.