Be part of extraordinary
THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY PLACE

At the heart of Valparaiso University’s campus is the core of who we are: scholarship, faith, and community. Here, the majestic Chapel soars to limitless heights. The library rethinks models for learning and study. And the student union pulses with creative energy and rich culture as the center of student life and community.

For more than 150 years, Valparaiso University has served as a beacon for those who fearlessly pursue knowledge and lead at the forefront of teaching with the brightest minds and most gifted educators. And, as an important part of the Valpo community, you’ll be instantly connected to the rich history and tradition of excellence, as well as boundless opportunities to lead and serve throughout the world.

At Valpo, you will engage in a unique and personal journey to explore your life’s calling. That’s why we focus on your intellectual, spiritual, and creative formation. As a Valpo graduate, you’ll join the ranks of alumni throughout the world who serve as wise, compassionate, ethical leaders and work tirelessly to improve the human condition.
Beyond Expectations

Academics at Valpo go beyond textbooks and classrooms to prepare you for a rewarding career and a life that will exceed even your wildest expectations. You will join a community of scholars and educators devoted to the pursuit of truth and knowledge. Discussions across cultures will develop you into a globally savvy leader. And new ideas, passions, beliefs, and dreams are yours to discover.

You’ll work side by side with faculty mentors who will challenge you, inspire you, and help you become all you are meant to be. Our small class sizes and student-to-faculty ratio of 13:1 provide the perfect setting for meaningful and transformative discussions among people from many and various beliefs and backgrounds. In addition to gaining a solid foundation in the liberal arts, you’ll participate in undergraduate research and real-world learning opportunities through internships or global service-learning trips.

With more than 70 exceptional undergraduate programs in everything from engineering, nursing, and meteorology to business, communication, and psychology, Valpo will prepare you for a career that you may not have even dreamed of yet.

And if you discover new dreams along the way and want to change your major, you can take comfort in knowing Valpo offers a wide variety of excellent academic opportunities. This is a community where students of all majors are motivated to succeed. Here, you’ll have the resources to thrive well beyond the classroom.

BEYOND ACADEMICS

Since 2007, students and faculty in the College of Nursing and Health Professions have improved the health of residents of a rural Nicaraguan village by researching the root cause of long-term respiratory issues. Students surveyed more than 150 families to identify healthcare needs and opportunities. They have built and installed 48 new and safe stoves in families’ homes, reducing the risk of respiratory illness.

WE IGNITE CURIOSITY
The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college at Valpo, home to 23 departments and more than two dozen interdisciplinary programs that engage students in the study of humanities, sciences, the arts, pre-professional studies, and social sciences.

All Valpo students who are not enrolled in the honors college take CORE, an interdisciplinary experience that takes place during your first two semesters. You’ll examine the human condition through literature, philosophy, music, and more.

Through hands-on learning experiences, faculty-mentored research, and competitive internships, you’ll graduate as a critical thinker, an expert communicator, and an ethical leader who is ready to tackle any future challenges.
“Valpo has challenged my beliefs and simultaneously made me stronger in my convictions about the importance of faith, humane action, and the significance of art.”

— ALLISON GRISCHOW, CLASS OF 2015

**ART** | Our art department offers a wide variety of concentrations including graphic design, digital media, photography, art history, painting, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, and art education. Whether you’re on campus browsing the nationally recognized selection at the Brauer Museum of Art or hopping a train to nearby Chicago, Valpo provides a wealth of opportunities to find artistic inspiration as you create masterpieces of your own. Students can pursue a 30-credit Bachelor of Arts or a 45-credit Studio Arts or Digital Media degree.
MUSIC | For more than a century, Valpo has trained musicians as performers, teachers, and scholars. This means you’ll benefit from our decades of experience as you study performance, church music, composition, or music education. Our ensembles include choirs, bands, orchestra, chamber music, and jazz, and many of these tour the United States and throughout the world. At Valpo, students of any major can pursue their musical interests — on stage or in the audience, enjoying more than 60 concerts each year.

THEATRE | As a theatre student at Valpo, you’ll explore every facet of the industry including acting, directing, stage design and management, costuming, musical theatre, dance, and more. You’ll have the opportunity to participate in four to five faculty-directed live productions throughout the year, as well as performances in the greater Valparaiso community at local schools, churches, and community groups. So whether you’re ready to take center stage or compose the next award-winning musical, Valpo is here to help you shine.

The Valparaiso University Chorale is the only United States collegiate choir to be invited by the Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Germany as a choir in residence for weekend concerts and services.
As an English major at Valpo, you’ll read and understand complex works, write and speak precisely, and think clearly and thoroughly — skills that are in high demand in every professional field. With strong analytical, creative, and expressive talents, Valpo’s English alumni follow many different paths to achieve both personal and professional fulfillment including education, law, business, social services, and nonprofit or government agencies.

Our language programs strengthen your comprehension of French, German, Spanish, Latin, Greek, Chinese, Hebrew, or Japanese as you engage with texts, topics, and questions. But the learning doesn’t stop there: at Valpo you’ll enhance your language skills by participating in many great activities. Together with your coursework these experiences develop linguistic and cultural fluency — and the skills and knowledge to succeed professionally in any number of fields.

“At Valpo, there are endless opportunities to further your knowledge and grow personally. There are so many classes and trips that will challenge the way you think and open doors into new worlds that are waiting for you to explore.”

— MATTHEW HARTZ ’14
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HISTORY | Develop critical thinking skills and a deep understanding of our interconnected and complex world that will allow you to succeed in any field. You’ll hone research and writing techniques to look behind the facts for a larger story and to make connections across countries and centuries. You can take advantage of the rich cultural resources of nearby Chicago, and you’ll have the opportunity to expand your historical perspective by participating in one of our many international studies programs.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES | Engage in cross-cultural dialogue and gain the skills essential to succeeding in an increasingly global society. Our international studies department offers complementary majors in Chinese and Japanese studies, international economics and cultural affairs, international service, Latin American and Latino studies, and modern European studies. These interdisciplinary programs can be coupled with language studies, business, education, communication, or any of our outstanding academic programs.

PHILOSOPHY | Explore and analyze the views and research methods of humanity’s greatest thinkers from both Western and non-Western traditions. Valpo’s program balances conceptual creativity with high-level critical thinking, writing, and problem-solving skills. You’ll graduate ready for a variety of careers, as illustrated by the consistently high scores achieved by philosophy majors on the GRE and GMAT.

THEOLOGY | Our theology program will prepare you for a rewarding career in education, ministry, or community development. You’ll study the origins of Jewish and Christian traditions, examine the growth and diversity of traditions within Christianity, reflect on ethical and philosophical questions, and gain exposure to other major religions of the world. As part of our independent, Lutheran University, you’ll engage in a common pursuit of truth as you discover and follow your life’s calling.

More than 20 Study Abroad options in Chile, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Mexico, Namibia, Spain, Thailand, and more.
Valpo has met and surpassed my expectations beyond what I could have ever imagined. My classmates were just as eager to learn as I was and my professors were excited about the material. Truly, the Valpo experience is one-of-a-kind.”

— ANDREW VANDE GUCHTE ’14

EARLY ENTRY 4+1

Choose from more than 20 programs and earn your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in only five years.

BIOLOGY | Participate in undergraduate research projects alongside expert professors in areas such as anatomy, physiology, plant genetics, molecular biology, zoology, or ecology. Whether you spend time isolating genes in our laboratories and classrooms or examining the complexities of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, at Valpo, you’ll explore the vastness of life through an inquiry-based curriculum that emphasizes hands-on learning to prepare you for a successful, rewarding career.

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CHEMISTRY | Our chemistry program engages students with a rigorous curriculum focused on critical thinking skills that will equip you for a variety of careers. You’ll experience hands-on learning in our state-of-the-art laboratories while benefitting from small class sizes that allow professors to provide meaningful feedback and mentoring. Interdisciplinary study opportunities include majors in biochemistry and environmental science, as well as coursework leading to licensure in science education and preparation for medical school.

COMPUTER SCIENCE | Gain a foundation in computer science while developing problem solving and critical thinking skills that will prepare you for success in a related field. At Valpo, you’ll participate in innovative undergraduate research projects, compete in local and national academic competitions, and work side by side with faculty mentors as you benefit from their expertise and strengthen your own.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE | Assess environmental systems and engage in philosophical, pedagogical, and social reflection on environmental issues. Off-campus field trips to Indiana Dunes State Park, Chicago museums, and local rivers, lakes, parks, and gardens give you abundant opportunities to put your classroom knowledge to work in a real-world setting. These experiences will prepare you for a career in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, environmental consulting firms, or other exciting fields.

GEOGRAPHY | As a geography student at Valpo, you’ll learn practical skills in geographic information systems, computer cartography, integrative thinking, research, statistical analysis, and field observation. Our Bachelor of Arts in Geography allows students to specialize in human geography, physical geography, or environmental geography, while our Bachelor of Science in Geography focuses on meteorology and geospatial technology.
Alumni as meteorologists throughout the United States

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MATHMATICS |  
The mathematics curriculum is designed to provide you with the maximum flexibility to integrate your mathematical studies with other programs. Valpo routinely graduates students with double majors in fields as diverse as theology, meteorology, and mechanical engineering.

METEOROLOGY |  
Track, study, and chase storms with our Storm Intercept Team using state-of-the-art satellite and Doppler radar equipment. Valpo’s meteorology program is one of the largest and most distinguished in the country. Our close proximity to Chicago means you’ll have access to internships with nationally prominent weather broadcasters, gaining valuable, real-world experience as you pursue an exciting and fulfilling career.
PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY |
Choose a truly interactive and personalized experience — operate the particle accelerator in the nuclear physics lab, prepare ozone sensor payloads for balloon launches in the atmospheric physics lab, or use sophisticated telescopes in our observatory and astronomy research lab. Undergraduate research is a vital component to these programs, and you’ll benefit from working side by side with expert faculty in laboratories equipped with the latest resources.

PSYCHOLOGY |
In our psychology program, you’ll explore all facets of human thoughts, feelings, and behavior. Whether you’re interested in the genesis of deviant behavior, stumbling blocks to cross-cultural understanding, or the best way to help a traumatized child, you’ll be equipped with the skills needed to pursue a career in a variety of fields including education, medicine, criminal justice, and human services.
“Never give up on your dreams no matter how difficult it may be. Studying harder and getting out in the field have helped me to reach for my dream to teach the youth of America.”

— AARON WILLIS ’14

**ACTUARIAL SCIENCE** | Learn from top-notch faculty members with expertise in information and decision science, finance, mathematics, and economics. Our interdisciplinary program will equip you with quantitative reasoning skills and prepare you to assess risk in areas such as life and health insurance, pensions, employee benefits, and investments. And you’ll gain firsthand actuarial experience through summer internships at companies like AIG, Allstate, and Sun Life.

**COMMUNICATION** | Our communication department integrates multicultural and international perspectives within the curriculum, preparing you to work effectively in a closely connected world. At Valpo, you’ll be encouraged to become a compassionate, critical, and effective source and receiver of communication. You’ll have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through student media outlets including TV, radio, and newspaper. Concentrations include digital media, communication law, and public relations, and journalism.
Alumni in the class of 2014 continue studies at graduate and professional schools throughout the country

- Indiana University School of Medicine
- Northwestern University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Southern Illinois University
- University of Illinois
- University of Michigan
- University of Arkansas
- Vanderbilt University
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary
- University of Kansas
- University of Detroit Mercy
- Purdue University
- Concordia Seminary
- University of New York at Albany

EDUCATION | Make a difference in the lives of others as a professional educator.
Extensive service-learning trips and study-abroad programs offer opportunities for you to develop as a person and a professional. You’ll learn from dedicated faculty who will share their experience and expertise as you develop methodologies to educate the next generation of doctors, artists, scientists, authors, legislators, pastors, and CEOs.

KINESIOLOGY | Our interdisciplinary kinesiology department promotes lifetime health, fitness, and physical activity through a variety of programs including sports management, exercise science, and physical education. You’ll gain personalized hands-on training in areas such as kinesiology, teaching, and coaching. Our NCAA Division I athletics provide a competitive and exciting sports environment, and our intramural sports include basketball, flag football, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and more.

PRE-LAW STUDY | As a Valpo pre-law student, you’ll develop analytical abilities and enhance your verbal and written communication skills as you gain the solid foundation you’ll need to excel in your law school courses and in your legal career. Select a major that is both challenging and interesting, take advantage of the depth and breadth of our course offerings, and develop strong research and writing skills. Your pre-law advisor will guide you as you choose which classes will best prepare you for law school.

PRE-MEDICINE STUDY | Experience hands-on learning by operating state-of-the-art scientific instrumentation and equipment. Our pre-med program will prepare you for a career in a variety of fields including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. You’ll have the opportunity to participate in outstanding co-curricular activities like our international medical mission trips, and our dedicated faculty advisors will guide you in choosing the best classes to prepare you for a career as a health professional.
Students run for fun and to help others in the Color 4 a Cause 5K walk/run, which raised funds for the Social Action Leadership Team (SALT) World Relief Campaign. The 2014 campaign — Kick-Start Kiberia: Crafting a Brighter Future — totaled more than $30,000 for eight individuals and their families living in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya.
PRE-SEMINARY STUDY | Our interdisciplinary pre-seminary program, part of the University’s Center for Church Vocations, focuses on broad humanistic studies, biblical languages, and theological texts. You’ll work closely with pastors, observe their work, and reflect on your vocation. This program will prepare you for graduate studies at a seminary or divinity school, and you’ll be equipped for careers in areas such as churches, schools, government agencies, hospitals, camps, and nonprofit organizations.

SOCIAL WORK | As a Valpo social work student, you will prepare for ethical, effective, and culturally competent service in the world. You’ll work closely with expert faculty to develop, implement, and evaluate an individualized learning plan customized to your vocational goals. And after you graduate, you’ll join a body of highly trained professionals who care about people, foster success in others, and alleviate suffering in tangible ways.
Our economics program will equip you to examine problems, issues, and policies regarding the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. You’ll engage in meaningful dialogue on the moral and ethical dimensions of economic systems and policies, offering insight into the processes of decision-making. And you’ll develop analytical and quantitative reasoning skills sought by employers in a variety of professions including government, banking, trade, and finance.

“At Valpo, I was challenged to not only become educated in one field of study but to expand my interests to many and varied fields. What I enjoyed most was not simply learning from books but rather an emphasis on original thought.”

— STEPHANIE VOLZ ’13 SMITH
POLITICAL SCIENCE | As a Valpo political science student, you’ll have the opportunity to study a wide range of topics including the American judicial system, American Constitutional law, public administration, comparative politics, and international politics. We offer many off-campus study opportunities in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and the United Nations headquarters in New York City. You’ll also develop leadership skills in campus organizations and through internships with local and national organizations.

SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINOLOGY | Our sociology and criminology programs will prepare you for a variety of careers related to criminal justice, crime prevention and intervention, social services, education, and law enforcement. You’ll receive a broad education that combines the best of the liberal arts tradition with the practicalities of job-related skills. As you learn to analyze social problems using critical thinking skills, you’ll conduct research, serve the community, and gain competitive internships to prepare you to enter the workforce.
Students in Engineers Without Borders (EWB) worked with villagers in Tanzania to complete a canal rehabilitation project, securing a clean and reliable water supply. They also found time to play soccer, learn about villagers’ culture, and create meaningful friendships. EWB is currently working with the village of La Palma in Nicaragua to help rehabilitate their water distribution system.
The College of Business offers a holistic learning experience to develop globally savvy and analytical business executives for a life of leadership and service.

Our undergraduate programs are marked by a hands-on approach evident in everything from project-oriented assignments to our required internship program. You’ll also participate in simulated business scenarios with feedback from seasoned professionals in our nationally acclaimed Assessment Center.

At Valpo, you’ll learn from mentoring professors, local entrepreneurs, and market-tested business owners in a real-world environment to gain the business intelligence and analytical skills needed to be successful from day one of your new career.
The academic opportunities at Valpo seem endless. The caliber of the courses I have taken has no doubt prepared me for whatever challenges I may face in my future.

— DREW GROTH ’14

ACCOUNTING | Our accounting program will equip you with a solid foundation for a career in public or corporate accounting, other careers in business, or graduate school. You’ll learn to understand an organization’s bottom line in an environment that emphasizes ethics, teamwork, problem solving, and communication. Our relationships with major accounting firms and local businesses will connect you with competitive internship opportunities at companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, John Deere, and Seko Worldwide.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS | Our international business program combines focused language study with an international internship, preparing you to enter the workforce with experience working with an international company in the United States or abroad. You’ll benefit from our expert faculty and numerous study-abroad programs in locations such as England, Germany, China, Mexico, France, or Japan. With our 4+1 programs, you also have the option to earn an undergraduate degree and a master of business administration degree within five years.

MANAGEMENT | Prepare for a variety of leadership roles in both public and private industries and learn to make better decisions for day-to-day operations as well as tactical and strategic planning. Valpo is proud to be a part of the SAP University Alliances program, which means you’ll learn how to use industry-standard enterprise resource planning software that integrates production control, accounting, and marketing into a single management program. Job candidates with this training are highly sought by Fortune 500 employers for their expertise.

FINANCE | As a Valpo finance student, you’ll develop financial management, analytical, and communication skills and be prepared to hit the ground running in the professional world. You’ll study a variety of topics including accounting, statistics, financial management, international finance, and financial strategy and policy. Expert faculty will be your guide as you pursue a career as a financial or investment manager, as an investment banker, or in similar fields.

BUSINESS ANALYTICS | Business analytics is a new major that joins an emerging trend in higher education seeking to address the growing marketplace need. The program builds on the College’s history of developing ethical professionals who are leaders in their fields. As a business analytics graduate, you will be equipped to meet the need of a demanding market through a rigorous curriculum that focuses on spreadsheet modeling, database management, statistics for decision making, visual effects, and data mining.
MARKETING | As a Valpo marketing student, you’ll participate in real-world marketing projects, conduct team research, and develop strategies for local businesses and organizations. You’ll also have an opportunity to compete in national competitions and gain the skills needed to develop an effective marketing campaign while building trust and loyalty. Our marketing alumni work in a variety of fields including manufacturing, public relations, advertising, brand management, and more.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MINOR | Our business administration minor provides a practical background for non-business students who plan to pursue a master of business administration degree. You’ll study a variety of topics including financial management, management and organizational behavior, and marketing management.
Stay centered at the center of it all.

The Chapel of the Resurrection, named one of the most beautiful collegiate chapels in the world, offers a variety of worship opportunities each week including traditional services, contemporary praise services, and candlelight prayer. And each weekday, a break in the class schedule allows students, faculty, and staff to come together for Morning Prayer.
Engineering is more than schematics, robotics, machinery, and computers. It’s about dreaming a possibility for the future and then making it a reality.

The College of Engineering provides a state-of-the-art engineering education in a liberal arts setting. You’ll study, research, and experiment in award-winning facilities like the LEED Platinum certified Donald V. Fites Engineering Innovation Center and the James S. Markiewicz Solar Energy Research Facility, which more than 50 Valpo engineering students have collaborated to design and build.

At Valpo, you’ll have opportunities for close student-faculty collaboration, undergraduate research, international study, and hands-on service projects. And these experiences will prepare you for success in the workplace and in life as your dreams become a reality.
Valpo allowed me to have a well-rounded education. The small class sizes let me get to know and interact daily with my professors, who challenged me to do my best.

— ALISON BERGMANN ’14

CIVIL ENGINEERING | As a Valpo civil engineering student, you’ll gain environmental, geotechnical, structures, transportation, and water resources expertise. You’ll develop the teamwork, communication, and management skills that will allow you to develop environmentally and socially responsible solutions while promoting the wise use of resources. Our rigorous academic environment, combined with professional development programs and beyond-the-classroom opportunities, will prepare you to join an alumni network of leaders around the globe.

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Our computer engineering program will prepare you for a career in many different high-tech fields including digital design, software development, computer architecture, and computer networking. You’ll experience the practical, hands-on laboratory work that is essential to being a world-class engineer, and you’ll develop the insight and ability to apply your expertise in a way that responsibly addresses social issues and promotes the wise use of world resources.

In our electrical engineering program, you’ll study the cutting edge of emerging technologies in electronics, microcontrollers, power, and communication systems. You’ll participate in hands-on laboratory work that will prepare you for a career in fields such as power systems engineering, wireless communication, and digital signal processing. And you’ll work side by side with dedicated professors on undergraduate research projects that will strengthen your teamwork, communication, and critical thinking skills.

As a Valpo mechanical engineering student, you’ll develop expertise in the areas of alternative energy and automatic control of processes, and in the design, development, and manufacture of mechanical components or systems. From appropriate technology for developing countries to complex solar energy systems, you’ll learn to create more efficient and useful products, processes, and systems. You’ll graduate prepared for a career in mechanical design, product engineering, plant engineering, or manufacturing.

Our humanitarian engineering minor will give you the understanding and the opportunity to apply engineering concepts to improve the welfare of the less advantaged. You’ll gain a background in issues relating to the politics, history, geography, and special problems of countries, cultures, and societies. And with the program’s service-learning component, you’ll put your great ideas into action and give back to others. This minor provides you a unique credential that provides an advantage in securing a position with a company or a nonprofit organization.
VALPO STUDENTS secure prominent INTERNSHIPS and JOBS

Placement rate higher than 90% FOR 21 YEARS
96% IN 2013
Nursing and health professionals treat more than a diagnosis. They ensure patients receive the dignity, respect, and care they deserve.

For more than 40 years, the College of Nursing and Health Professions has remained at the forefront of the nation’s finest nursing programs. And as we expand our programs to include health care leadership and other concentrations to meet growing market needs, our dedication to developing compassionate health care advocates remains steadfast.

While many schools admit freshmen into a pre-nursing program, at Valpo you’ll enter our nursing or health care program directly. This means from day one you’ll begin to develop strong clinical and critical thinking skills on your way to a rewarding and meaningful career.
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES | Earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree in just five years through our physician assistant studies program. Physician assistants practice in a variety of fields of medicine including primary care, pediatrics, obstetrics, and gynecology. At Valpo, you’ll develop essential skills in critical thinking, communication, leadership, and patient care. And, you’ll prepare for a career as a well-rounded, compassionate clinician who promotes health, wellness, and disease prevention around the world.

NURSING | Our nursing program advocates a holistic approach to health care, emphasizing the art of caring through the use of evidence-based practice. Unlike at many schools, Valpo students are admitted directly into our nursing program, which means you’ll begin your nursing education from day one. You’ll gain valuable, hands-on experience in our Virtual Nursing Learning Center, where you’ll practice procedures such as catheterization and cardiac monitoring.

“The professors at Valpo go above and beyond to help us succeed. They are amazing mentors and role models and have been a huge part of my success.”

— LILY SALINAS ’14
Through abundant service-learning opportunities, Valpo nursing students make a difference around the world.

ACCELERATED NURSING | Our accelerated nursing program is ideal for transfer students who have general education credits, and it can be completed within 15 months. You’ll have opportunities to participate in medical mission trips to Central America, Thailand, and India, strengthening your clinical skills and expanding your worldview. We have clinical agreements with more than 30 health care facilities throughout Indiana and Chicago, which means you’ll gain experience in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and outpatient clinics.

HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP | Our health care leadership program will prepare you for a rewarding and fulfilling career in the fast-moving health care industry. Through instruction and mentoring from dedicated professors, as well as practicum and internship experience, you will develop proficiencies in management, supervision, leadership, and education. Coursework in leadership, communication, strategic planning, and ethical and legal issues will equip you with the skills needed to lead in a health care organization where you can make a positive difference.

PUBLIC HEALTH | Promote and protect the health of communities as a public health practitioner. Through our interdisciplinary curriculum, you’ll develop a foundation in core public health concepts including health behavior, health services administration, environmental health, epidemiology, and statistics. And with our accelerated program, you can earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree in just five years, enabling you to use evidence-based solutions to improve health conditions for individuals and communities around the world.

VIRTUAL NURSING LEARNING CENTER | The extensively equipped and recently expanded Virtual Nursing Learning Center provides valuable clinical experience that prepares you for future encounters in real-life situations. The Center consists of eight state-of-the-art patient stations complete with mannequins, beds, and equipment to simulate a hospital environment. Patient simulators are programmed to perform most human functions, and the center also holds a nursing station with patient case studies, task trainers, and neonatal and intensive care unit modules.
Christ College — The Honors College is not your average honors program. Modeled after universities in England and unlike any in the United States, Christ College inspires students to look beyond the obvious to discover new ideas, thoughts, and beliefs.

At Valpo, you’ll join a community of brilliant, ambitious scholars in every field of study in an environment where faith and learning are treasured and virtues such as charity, humility, and courage are nurtured.

From your freshman year through graduation with Christ College honors, you will challenge your mind. And by continually defining and refining your critical areas of interpretation and judgment, you will honor your intellect and thrive in your career and your life.
Embrace a learning philosophy that emphasizes personal freedom and the empowerment to choose the methods of learning that work best for you. Established in 1967, Valparaiso University’s Christ College is one of the most respected honors colleges in the United States. For high-caliber students, Christ College offers an environment, a curriculum, and an educational opportunity that will spark your interests, captivate your imagination, and empower you to develop your gifts to the fullest. No matter which major you choose, the opportunity to be a Christ College student will enrich your education and your life.

“...learned so much and have found what I really want to do in the future. My experience at Valpo has been absolutely beautiful – it’s beyond what words can describe.”

— RUYUE “JULIA” YUAN, CLASS OF 2015
All freshmen in Christ College participate in a two-semester sequence of interdisciplinary honors courses titled Texts and Contexts: Traditions of Human Thought. You’ll read great works of history, literature, drama, philosophy, and religion, and you’ll consider closely the ideas that have shaped a range of traditions. You’ll explore ideas through critical reading and close analysis of texts, through careful research and persuasive writing, through group discussions and public debates, and through creative dramatic and musical expression. During the fall semester, the Honors College freshman class writes, stages, and performs an original 90-minute theatre piece with music based on ideas and themes encountered in class. The Christ College Freshman Debates, held each spring as part of the Christ College Freshman Program, are the culmination of the honors college’s first-year students’ research, preparation, and practice of the arts of oral argumentation.

In Christ College, a variety of activities and programs bolster and enrich the formal curriculum and classroom experience. The Christ College Symposium series engages students with provocative writers, artists, and leaders from every field. You’ll participate in undergraduate research opportunities and present scholarship in a variety of settings, including the prestigious National Conference on Undergraduate Research, where nearly 80 Christ College students have presented since 2002. On campus, the annual Christ College Student Scholarship Symposium features students’ analytical, critical, creative, and research projects. Students research, compose, and present papers in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and the arts. Christ College students are consistently among the most active on campus in all areas of co-curricular activity including vocal and instrumental music ensembles, theatre, religious life, student senate, and the student newspaper and literary magazine staffs.
BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

93 percent of undergraduate students receive an average of $30,000 annually from all sources.

Academic scholarships are awarded upon admission, ranging from $10,000 to $20,500.*

Higher academic scholarships, up to full tuition, are awarded to top students.

Many departments offer scholarships, including music, engineering, foreign languages, sciences, art, and theatre.

Several Lutheran-related awards are offered for pre-seminary students and others.

Net Price Calculator is available at valpo.edu/financialaid.

File the FAFSA by March 1 of your senior year in high school.

Cost of attendance 2014-2015

Tuition and fees: $34,760
On-campus room/meals: $10,180
Total direct charges: $44,940

WITHIN REACH

*Subject to change

FACTORIAL

FAST FACTS

NEARBY

a. Indiana Dunes: 20 minutes
b. Chicago: 1 hour
c. Fort Wayne: 2 hours
d. Grand Rapids: 2 hours, 15 minutes
e. Indianapolis: 2 hours, 30 minutes
f. Milwaukee: 2 hours, 30 minutes

g. Springfield: 3 hours, 45 minutes
h. Detroit: 4 hours
i. Cincinnati: 4 hours, 30 minutes
j. Cleveland: 5 hours
k. St. Louis: 5 hours, 15 minutes

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO 13:1

TYPICAL CLASS SIZE 21

ACADEMIC PROFILE OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

ACT mid 50 percent: 23–29
SAT mid 50 percent: 1510-1780
Average GPA: 3.62

ACADEMIC PROFILE OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

Valpo welcomes nearly 300 transfer students every year.
Average GPA: 3.29
Transfer scholarships range from $12,000 to $20,000 per year.

ATHLETICS

NCAA Division I — Horizon League
9 men’s varsity teams
10 women’s varsity teams
Intramural sports

STUDENT DIVERSITY

30 percent multicultural and international students
47 percent male; 53 percent female
64 percent students from outside Indiana

SORORITIES & FRATERNITIES

5 sororities
8 fraternities

LOCATION
Valparaiso, Indiana (population 32,000)

HISTORY
Established in 1859, Valpo is a selective, coeducational, four-year, private university.

ENROLLMENT
Approximately 3,300 undergraduate students and 1,300 graduate and professional students, coming from most states and more than 50 countries.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
Independent Lutheran since 1925. Our student population is made up of more than 31 percent Lutheran, 26 percent Catholic, and 43 percent from various Christian denominations as well as other religious backgrounds.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
More than 70 areas of study in five colleges:
- Arts & Sciences
- Business
- Christ College — The Honors College
- Engineering
- Nursing & Health Professions
- Law, MBA, and Graduate School

*Subject to change
## Academic Programs

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

#### THE ARTS
- Art History Minor
- Digital Media Arts
- Studio Arts
- Ceramics
- Drawing
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Music
  - Church Music
  - Composition
  - Music Education
  - Music Industry
  - Music Performance
- Theatre
  - Acting
  - Musical Theatre
  - Theatre Design
  - Theatre Production

#### HUMANITIES
- English
  - Creative Writing
  - Professional Writing
  - TESOL
- Foreign Languages
  - Chinese Minor
  - Classics
    - Classical Civilization
    - Greek
    - Latin
  - French
  - German
  - Hebrew Minor
  - Japanese Minor
  - Spanish
- History
- International Studies
  - Chinese & Japanese Studies
  - International Economic & Cultural Affairs
- Global Service
- Latin American & Latino Studies
- Modern European Studies
- Philosophy
  - Ethics & Moral Philosophy Minor
  - History & Philosophy of Science Minor
  - History of Modern Philosophy Minor
- Theology
  - Theology & Ministry
  - Philosophy of Religion Minor

### NATURAL SCIENCES
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
  - Biochemistry
  - Computer Science
  - Environmental Science
  - Geography
    - American Indian Studies Minor
    - Geographic Information Systems Minor
  - Geology
  - Mathematics
  - Meteorology
  - Physics
  - Psychology

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- Actuarial Science
- Communication
  - Communication Law Concentration
  - Digital Media
  - Journalism Minor
  - Public Relations Concentration
- Education
  - Elementary Education
  - Secondary Education
  - Special Education
- Kinesiology
  - Coaching Education Minor
  - Exercise Science
  - Health & Safety Minor
  - Physical Education
  - Physical Education Teacher Education
  - Sports Management
  - Pre-Law
  - Pre-Med
  - Pre-Seminary
  - Social Work

### SOCIAL SCIENCES
- Criminology
- Economics
  - Economics & Computer Analysis
- Political Science
  - International Relations
  - Legal Studies
  - Public Policy & Public Administration
- Sociology

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Analytics
- Finance

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Digital Systems Design Minor
- Electrical Engineering
- Humanitarian Engineering Minor
- Mechanical Engineering

### COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS
- Accelerated & B.S.N. Completion Programs
- Health Care Leadership
- Nursing
- Physician Assistant Studies – 5-year BS/MS
- Public Health / 4+1 MPH

### CHRIST COLLEGE – THE HONORS COLLEGE
- Christ College Scholar
- Christ College Associate
- Complementary Major in Humanities
- Minor in Humanities

### INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS
- American Indian Studies
- American Studies
- Applied Statistics
- Business Administration
- Cinema and Digital Media Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Fundamentals of Business
- Gender Studies
- Gerontology
- Human Aging
- Human Behavior & Society
- Peace & Social Justice Studies
- Philanthropic Leadership & Service
- Political Communication
- School Counseling
- School Psychology
- Urban Studies
- Youth, Family, & Education Ministry

[http://valpo.edu/academics](http://valpo.edu/academics)
On the cover: More than 50 Valpo students contributed to the design and build processes of the state-of-the-art James S. Markiewicz Solar Energy Research Facility, one of only five solar furnaces at United States research facilities. Valpo is the only undergraduate institution in the nation to have a solar furnace, providing a rare opportunity to join emerging international research efforts.