

FOCUS 2019 First-Year Student Schedule



DAY ONE- June 10, 13, 17, 20, 24

8:45-9:15 a.m.

Residence Hall Check-in

Check into your room in Brandt Hall. Brandt Hall is across the street from the Northeast Parking Ramp (Ramp 8) which is open for FOCUS parking. All first-year students, including those who intend to commute during the school year, stay on campus during FOCUS. See [more details on our website](#).

8:55-9:30 a.m.

FOCUS Check-in

Harre Union, Lobby

Pick up your FOCUS materials and check in any family members/guests you have registered to attend with you.

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Valpo OneCard Student ID

Harre Union, OneCard Office

Get skip the line access to your OneCard ID by submitting your ID photo online before your FOCUS session. Have someone take a head and shoulders photo of you against a white background (like a passport photo) and upload your photo at apps.valpo.edu/idExpress. If you do not submit an ID photo before FOCUS, you will wait in line at FOCUS to obtain your ID.

9:15-9:55 a.m.

Review Your FOCUS Schedule

Read through your FOCUS schedule so you know what is happening today and tomorrow. Light breakfast is available near the stage in Harre Union Campus Café.

10:00-10:30 a.m.

FOCUS Welcome

Harre Union, Ballroom

Meet your Orientation Assistant when Valparaiso University welcomes you to campus as an official student!

10:35-11:05 a.m.

First-Year Student Orientation Group Meeting

Various Locations

Your Orientation Assistant escorts you to your first OA group meeting to meet classmates and discuss information you need for FOCUS.

11:10-11:40 a.m.

The Valpo CORE (CORE Students)

Center for the Arts, Theatre

All CORE students will learn about this first year seminar focused on critical reading, writing, discussion, and research you take as you begin your Valpo academic journey.

11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Christ College Class (Christ College Students)

Mueller Hall, Commons

Meet your Christ College (CC) classmates and a Christ College faculty member in a typical class setting. Go to lunch in Founders Table with your OA group immediately following this session.

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Information Technology for Students (CORE Students)

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Representatives from Valpo IT share details about the systems students use most often: DataVU, Blackboard, and more! Other topics such as parent/guest access to information are also discussed.

12:20-1:10 p.m.

Lunch

Harre Union, Founders Table

Dine with and get to know your OA group.

1:15-1:40 p.m.

Student Account Overview

Neils Science Center, Room 234

No matter who pays it, the bill is yours. Understand how Student Account Center, payment plans, and other billing processes work.

1:45-2:20 p.m.

Honor Code Overview and OA Group Meeting

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Learn about Valpo's Honor Code. Meet with your Orientation Assistant to talk about college life including an opportunity to get to know your new classmates.

2:25-3:10 p.m.

Know Your Campus Services Connections

Center for the Arts, Theatre

This session introduces what you need to know about Campus Services in order to successfully navigate life at Valpo. Topics include OneCard, Dining, Transportation, and more.

3:15-4 p.m.

Residential Life On Campus (Residential Students)

Center for the Arts, Theatre

Residential Life introduces programs, policies, procedures, and services for students.

3:15-4 p.m.

Commuting On A Residential Campus (Commuter Students)

Center for the Arts, Recital Hall

Learn tips for diving into life at Valpo while commuting from home.

4:05-4:50 p.m.

Student Services Fair

Harre Union, Ballroom

See resources you didn't even know existed! Gather program information and talk with representatives from 30+ campus departments. Have your Valpo scorecard signed; you could win a prize!

5-5:35 p.m.

Campus Resource Presentation 1- Choose one of the following. Families should split up to experience multiple sessions at the same time. Sessions are repeated at 5:45 p.m.

5:45-6:25 p.m.

Campus Resource Presentation 2- Choose one of the following. Families should split up to experience multiple sessions at the same time.

For The Health Of It

Neils Science Center, Room 224

Recreational Sports and the Health Center share an overview of programs and services available for students including intramural sports, the fitness center, health services, and more! Parents will want to attend this session to weigh the

pros and cons of the Valpo student health insurance plan versus the student's current health coverage and learn about the insurance waiver process.

Lead, Serve, Join, Network...Get Involved!

Harre Union, Ballroom C

Why? Students who are involved on campus are more likely to persist to graduation, more likely to get good grades, more likely to build skills employers want, and more likely to make phenomenal college memories! What does "getting involved" mean? Learn about student activities, volunteerism, leadership programs, multicultural programs, fraternities/sororities, and more!

Libraries Are People Too: Get To Know Your Librarians

Christopher Center, Rooms 261A and 261B

The modern university library is about more than just books. Its goal is to connect students with the information they need to grow as thinkers and to succeed in college. Separate student and parent programs will let you discover what the Christopher Center is all about! "The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." -Albert Einstein

Real World 101: Internships and Career Planning

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Career Center representatives provide an overview of their services, the significance of internships and the track record of Valpo graduates. Learn about the resources that can be used beginning your first year at Valpo through graduation.

Understanding Our Commitment to Inclusivity

Harre Union, Gandhi-King Center

Multicultural Programs exists to support the diversity of our campus community. Come learn about the resources, scholarships, and students organizations that help build an inclusive environment.

Where Will You Go? Study Abroad Opportunities

Christopher Center, Room 205

Learn about Valpo's semester, year, and short-term affordable study abroad opportunities all over the world! These programs advance students toward graduation while positively impacting them both personally and professionally.

6:15-7:30 p.m.

Dinner

Harre Union, Founders Table

This is a great time for families to catch up on the day's events. Be sure to look at tomorrow morning's schedule to plan your meeting time/location.

(Parents/Guests are now done for the evening.)

7:35 p.m.

Announcements and OA Group Gathering

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Information you need to know for tonight and tomorrow morning check-out is covered. OA Groups discuss the day.

8-8:30 p.m.

All That We Share

Chapel of the Resurrection

What if there is more that brings us together than makes us different? Explore this through a fun social activity with Chapel staff and learn how Valpo can assist you on your spiritual journey whatever your faith background.

8:45 p.m. until late

FOCUS After Dark

University Programming Council (UPC) hosts Valpo After Dark featuring different activities and entertainment

throughout the year. Meet back at Brandt Hall for the orientation version of this popular event. Relax, get to know new classmates, and enjoy activities including glow-in-the-dark volleyball, exploring Old Campus, games, and more.

Brandt Hall doors lock at 11 p.m. If you need assistance of any kind, see the front desk attendant or an OA.

DAY TWO- June 11, 14, 18, 21, 25

7:45-9 a.m.

Residence Hall Check-Out

Brandt Hall

All students must check out of Brandt Hall by 9 a.m. Leave your key at the Brandt Hall front desk. Take your luggage to your car. If you don't have access to your car, temporary luggage storage is available in Harre Union, Victory Bell Room (go up the stairs near Founders Table). This storage room will be open again **12:30-2 p.m. for luggage pick-up.**

8-9 a.m.

Christ College Student Breakfast and Advising Meeting (CC Students)

Harre Union, Hearth Room

All Christ College (CC) students need to attend. Grab breakfast in Founders Table and bring it into the Hearth Room near the Founders Tray Return. Meet with assistant dean Dr. Anna Stewart for instructions regarding your class schedule while you enjoy breakfast with your classmates.

8-9:05 a.m.

Breakfast

Harre Union, Founders Table

9:15 a.m.

Morning Announcements

Neils 234

All students gather for morning announcements. From here, everyone in your college will go as a group to academic advising.

9:30 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.

Academic Advising and Class Registration (Freshmen)

Bring your FOCUS folder with its registration forms and your tablet/laptop device. Meet in small groups with our specially selected FOCUS academic advisors to choose your fall semester classes.

College of Arts and Sciences

Neils Science Center, Room 224

College of Business

Urschel Hall, Room 116

College of Engineering

Gellersen Hall, Room 120

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 264

Immediately following registration, all students will complete the FOCUS evaluation and your housing preference form online in the computer lab area in which you register for classes.

12-12:30 p.m.

Closing Session

Harre Union, Ballroom

Learn what you need to do over the summer to be ready to start in August. Welcome Week and August move-in information is shared. The Orientation Assistants offer a special farewell.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Harre Union, Founders Table

12:30-2 p.m.

Luggage Pick-Up

Harre Union, Victory Bell Room

Students who left luggage in temporary storage this morning must pick it up before 2 p.m.

1-3 p.m.

Student Employment Job Interviews (Optional Event)

Harre Union, Student Organizations Suite 230

This is an optional event for students who have work study on their financial aid award. Campus departments that have job openings for work study students will be interviewing new students to try to fill the open positions. Come to Union Suite 230 to sign up for interviews.

1-3 p.m.

Federal Student Loan Entrance Counseling - (Optional Event)

Christopher Center, Rooms 261A & B

This is an optional event. For assistance in completing the online promissory note and entrance counseling for federal student loans, the Office of Financial Aid staff will be available at this time. Bring: 1. FSA username and password, 2. Information regarding two references with different addresses, 3. Social Security Number of student, 4. Copy of award letter showing what loans the student has been offered. If you have specific questions regarding financial aid, please visit the Office of Financial Aid in Kretzmann Hall 8 a.m.-5 p.m. either FOCUS day.

3 p.m.

Bookstore Closes

5 p.m.

Campus Offices Close

Welcome Week 2019

Don't miss out on [Welcome Week 2019](#)! Details will arrive via mail in July. Valpo students are very involved in and out of the classroom. Plan to start your Valpo experience the same way by enjoying all the Welcome Week activities beginning Saturday, August 17, and Valpo will feel like home quickly!

See valpo.edu/registrar/calendar for 2019-20 dates including:

August 17-19	Required Welcome Week Activities (Move-in Day is Saturday, August 17)
August 20	First Day of Classes
August 20-25	Welcome Week Events Continue
September 27-29	Homecoming
October 10-13	Fall Break (Residence Areas Remain Open)
October 25-27	Family Weekend
November 23-December 1	Thanksgiving Recess (Residence Areas Close)
December 9-13	Fall Semester Final Examinations
December 14	Residence Areas Close for Semester Break

Roommate Request after FOCUS

Did you meet someone you'd like to have as your roommate? Log into datavu.valpo.edu – Students Menu – Housing Self Service to send your potential new roommate a request to live with you; They will then get an e-mail to their Valpo inbox that you requested them. Your potential roommate will need to confirm that request in order for you to be paired together.

All roommate confirmations must be completed on DataVU Housing Self-Service no later than **Friday, June 28, 2019**. If you have questions, contact Residential Life at 219.464.5413 or email reslife@valpo.edu.

Campus Offices

Campus offices are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the summer, including on FOCUS days. If you need directions to a campus office, ask any FOCUS staff member or stop by the Harre Union Welcome Desk for assistance. Locations of frequently visited offices include:

Dining Services

Harre Union, Suite 170

Financial Aid

Kretzmann Hall, Suite 101

Information Technology Service Desk

Christopher Center, Lower Level

(Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for FOCUS Day 2)

Multicultural and International Programs

Gandhi-King Center, Harre Union 2nd Floor

OneCard, Parking, and Transportation Services

Harre Union, Suite 244

Residential Life, Commuter Programs, Fraternity/Sorority Life

Harre Union, Suite 250

University Bookstore FOCUS Hours

Harre Union, 1st Floor

Day 1 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Day 2 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.