

FOCUS 2019 Parent/Guest Schedule



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

8:45-9:15 a.m.

Residence Hall Check-in

First-year students check into their room in Brandt Hall. Brandt Hall is across the street from the Northeast Parking Ramp (Ramp 8) which is open for FOCUS parking.

8:55-9:30 a.m.

FOCUS Check-in

Harre Union, Lobby

Students check themselves and their parent(s)/guest(s) in for FOCUS.

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Valpo OneCard Student ID

Harre Union, OneCard Office

Students obtain their student ID. They can get skip the line access to their OneCard ID by submitting their ID photo online before their FOCUS session. You can help by taking a head and shoulders photo of them against a white background (like a passport photo). They then upload their photo at apps.valpo.edu/idExpress. If they do not submit an ID photo before FOCUS, they will wait in line at FOCUS to obtain their 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 the Orientation Assistants when Valparaiso University officially kicks off new student orientation.

10:45-11:25 a.m.

Introduction to the Colleges

Various Locations

Now that your student has chosen Valpo, there are details to learn that are more in-depth than anything covered during a visit day. Representatives from the Colleges talk about curricular expectations, academic resources, and students' transition to academics at Valpo.

College of Arts and Sciences

Harre Union, Ballroom C

College of Business

Center for the Arts, Recital Hall

College of Engineering

Gellersen Hall, Room 120

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Neils Science Center, Room 224

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lunch

Harre Union, Founders Table

Dine with and introduce yourself to other parents/guests of new Valpo students.

12:30-1:20 p.m.

Christ College Parents Meeting

Mueller Hall, Refectory

Parents/Guests of Christ College students learn about the academic environment that your student will experience.

12:30-1:20 p.m.

The Valpo CORE for Parents

Center for the Arts, Theatre

Parents/Guests of CORE students learn about this foundational course sequence students take as they begin their Valpo academic journey.

1-2:45 p.m.

Refreshments

Center for the Arts Lobby

Help yourself to refreshments in between sessions.

1:30-2:15 p.m.

Campus Services Overview

Center for the Arts, Theatre

This session introduces pertinent information regarding OneCard, Dining, Transportation, and more.

2:30-3:15 p.m.

Supporting Your Student

Neils Science Center, Room 234

How do you support your student without doing things for them? Student Counseling Services offers insight into successfully managing the transition to college life.

3:20-4:15 p.m.

Student Services Fair

Harre Union, Ballroom

This is your chance to ask all the questions that would embarrass your student. Talk with representatives from 30+ campus departments and gather resource information. See the list of participants in your FOCUS folder. Remember to have your Valpo scorecard signed; you could win a prize!

4:15-4:50 p.m.

Mingling with Orientation Assistants

Harre Union, Grand and Chapel View Lounges

The Orientation Assistants are available in the lounges on the first floor of Harre Union for casual conversation and to answer your questions from a current student perspective. This is not a structured presentation. Come and go as you are able. The Bookstore is also open during this time on the first floor of Harre Union if you wish to shop.

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 (All)

Harre Union, Founders Table

This is a great time for families to catch up on the day’s events.

(Parents/Guests are now done for the evening. The first-year student schedule continues overnight.)

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

8-9:05 a.m.

Breakfast

Harre Union, Founders Table

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure. Students must check out of Brandt Hall by 9 a.m. Christ College students have an advising meeting with breakfast that begins at 8 a.m. (students only). All other students start their first session of the day at 9:15 a.m.

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Campus Offices Open

If there is business you or your student needs to handle on campus, campus offices are open until 5 p.m. for drop-in assistance.

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

Bookstore Open

Harre Union, First Floor

9:15-9:45 a.m.

Faith Life Meet & Greet

Chapel of the Resurrection

Meet campus ministers and other Chapel staff to learn about the myriad ways students have to explore their faith during their time at Valpo. Lutheran traditions, other faith resources, and programs will be discussed. Families of all faiths are welcome and encouraged to learn about opportunities on campus and in the region.

9:55-10:20 a.m.

Student Account Overview

Harre Union, Ballroom C

We reminded your student yesterday that this bill is all theirs. However, we understand that you may be graciously helping to cover their Valpo payments. Student Accounts presents an overview of Student Account Center (valpo.afford.com), billing information, payment plans, and more.

10:30-11 a.m.

Student Employment On Campus

Harre Union, Ballroom C

How does work study work? Where do students search for jobs? What documents are needed in order for them to work? Human Resources staff cover the basics of student employment.

11:10-11:50 a.m.

Residential Life Overview

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Residential Life introduces programs, policies, procedures, and services. Students are completing their housing preferences after they register for classes today.

12-12:30 p.m.

Closing Session

Harre Union, Ballroom

Learn what students 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 – Both Parent & Student Schedules)

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 – Both Parent & Student Schedules)

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

All roommate confirmations must be completed on DataVU Housing Self-Service no later than **Friday, June 28, 2019**. If your student has questions, remind them to 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.