

FOCUS 2019 Transfer Student Schedule



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

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 a.m.

Student Account Overview for Transfer Students

Christopher Center, Room 205

All transfer students learn about Student Account Center, payment plans, and other billing information. Your Orientation Assistant (OA) will escort you to this session.

11-11:35 a.m.

Campus Services for Transfer Students

Christopher Center, Room 205

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.

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

Information Technology for 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.

Transfer Student Lunch & Group Meeting

Harre Union, Hearth Room

Enjoy lunch with and get to know other transfer students. Your OA will also have meeting items to cover before the next session.

1:15 p.m. until complete

Transfer Student Academic Advising and Registration

Brown and Gold Room, 2nd Floor, Harre Union

Meet in a small group with an academic advisor to build your fall semester class schedule. You may wish to bring copies of your unofficial college transcript(s) to help in your class selection process.

Immediately following class registration, transfer students who will be living on campus will complete the housing preference form online in the computer lab area in which you register for classes.

Campus Offices Open Until 5 p.m.

If you need to take care of business around campus, this afternoon is a good time to do so.

Please continue the FOCUS schedule in progress through the evening as you are able:

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 students and parents to catch up on the day’s events.

6:30 p.m.

Bookstore Closes

Harre Union, First Floor

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

7:35 p.m.

Announcements and OA Group Gathering

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Information overnight participants need to know for tonight and morning check-out is covered. OA Groups will gather from here to 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.

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.