

# FOCUS January Orientation

## International Student Schedule



This is for all new undergraduate international freshmen and transfer students. All times are Central Time (the same as Chicago).

### Wednesday or Thursday, January 1 or 2

#### International Student Arrival

All new international students need to arrive in Valparaiso on one of these days. If you are living on campus this year, you move into your residence area when you arrive on these days. More travel information is [online here](#).

### Friday, January 3

#### International Student Orientation

Mandatory International Student Orientation hosted by the International Programs Office for all new undergraduate international students. More information is [online here](#). You also have a second day of mandatory international student orientation on Tuesday, January 7.

### Monday, January 6, 2020

#### FOCUS Orientation

Mandatory University Orientation hosted by the Dean of Students Office for all new domestic and international undergraduate students. See more information at [valpo.edu/focus](http://valpo.edu/focus).

8:30-9 a.m.

##### **FOCUS Check-in**

Harre Union, Welcome Desk  
Pick up your FOCUS materials.

8:35-9:15 a.m.

##### **Valpo OneCard Student ID**

OneCard Office, Harre Union, Suite 244

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](http://apps.valpo.edu/idExpress). Need help with your Valpo username and password? Contact the IT Help Desk ([helpdesk@valpo.edu](mailto:helpdesk@valpo.edu) or 219-464-5678).

8:40-9:20 a.m.

##### **Review Your FOCUS Schedule**

Read through your FOCUS schedule so you know what is happening today. Light breakfast is available outside Union Ballroom C.

9:30 a.m.

##### **FOCUS Welcome**

Harre Union, Ballroom C

Meet the Orientation Assistants, participate in the Valparaiso University Shield of Character pinning, and learn about the Honor Code.

10:10 a.m.

##### **Student Orientation Group Meeting**

Various Buildings and Classrooms

Your Orientation Assistant escorts you to various locations to meet classmates and discuss information you need for the start of the semester.

10:45 a.m.

**Information Technology Overview**

Neils Science Center, Room 224

Learn details about the technological systems students use most often: DataVU, Blackboard, and more.

11:15 a.m.

**Student Account Overview**

Neils Science Center, Room 234

Learn about Student Account Center, payment plans, and other billing information.

11:45 a.m.

**Lunch**

Harre Union, Founders Table

Eat lunch with and get to know classmates in your OA group. Family members eat together as their own small group. Your FOCUS nametag serves as your meal ticket.

12:45 p.m.

**Know Your Campus Services Connections**

Neils Science Center, Room 224

This session covers what you need to know about Campus Services in order to successfully navigate life at Valpo. OneCard, Dining, Fitness Center, Mail Center, DesignWorks Print Shop, Parking and Transportation will be discussed.

1:30 p.m.

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

Harre Union, Ballroom C

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

2:20-4:30 p.m.

**Refreshments Available**

Arts and Sciences Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hallway

Stop by and help yourself to refreshments throughout the afternoon.

2:30 p.m. until complete

**Academic Advising, Course Selection, and Registration (Students)**

The Christopher Center; Arts and Sciences Building

Bring your FOCUS folder with its registration forms and your laptop. Meet in small groups with the academic advisors to choose your fall semester classes. If you have already registered for classes, please attend the afternoon sessions listed below.

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Business

College of Engineering

College of Nursing and Health Professions

The Christopher Center, Room 205

Arts and Sciences Building, Room 237

Arts and Sciences Building, Room 231

Arts and Sciences Building, Room 234

***For All Parents/Guests and Those Students Who Are Registered For Classes:***

2:30 p.m.

**Real World 101: Internship and Career Planning Resources**

Arts and Sciences Building, Room 114

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.

3:15-5 p.m.

**Campus Offices and Bookstore Open**

This is a good time to take care of any Valpo business you still need to do or get questions answered at offices around campus.

3:15-6 p.m.

**Find Your Classrooms**

Now is a good time to locate your buildings and classrooms so you know where you are going when classes begin later this week.

5:30-8 p.m.

### **Dinner**

Harre Union, Founders Table

Dinner is free if you show your FOCUS nametag.

## **Campus Office Locations**

Bookstore – Harre Union, First Floor

OneCard, Parking and Transportation – Harre Union, Suite 244

Financial Aid – Kretzmann Hall, Room 101

Student Accounts – Kretzmann Hall, First Floor Service Window

Career Center – Harre Union, Suite 100

Counseling Services – Behind Alumni Hall

Dining Services – Harre Union, Suite 170

Fraternity and Sorority Life – Harre Union, Suite 250

Multicultural and International Programs – Harre Union, Gandhi-King Center

Residential Life – Harre Union, Suite 250

### **Remember:**

- The **Health Form is due** on or before Wednesday, January 9, to avoid late fees. The form is located at [valpo.edu/student-health-center](http://valpo.edu/student-health-center).
- **Complete and submit** the [Educational Benefit Payment Agreement Form](#) before class registration.
- Familiarize yourself with the **Honor Code** and Honor Council procedures at [valpo.edu/honor-council](http://valpo.edu/honor-council).
- Read through the **resources, policies, and procedures** in the [Student Guide to University Life](#).
- Review **parking information** at [valpo.edu/aux/parking](http://valpo.edu/aux/parking). Parking registration becomes available *after* class registration is complete. Commuters and sophomore through senior residential students should be ready to purchase their permit on January 7 or 8.
- **Classes begin** Wednesday (January 9). Spring Semester dates/deadlines are listed at [valpo.edu/registrar](http://valpo.edu/registrar). Academic program and degree requirements, along with academic policies and procedures, are listed in the university general catalog at [valpo.edu/registrar/catalogs](http://valpo.edu/registrar/catalogs).