

FOCUS January Orientation

Parent/Guest Schedule



Wednesday-Friday, January 1-3, 2020

International Student Arrival and Orientation

All new international students need to arrive in Valparaiso on Wednesday or Thursday, January 1 or 2. Students living on campus this year move into their residence area when they arrive. More travel information is [online here](#). All new international students have mandatory International Student Orientation on Friday, January 3. More information is [online here](#). Accompanying parents/guardians/guests need to arrange and pay for their own [overnight accommodations off campus](#). International students will have another mandatory international student orientation day on Tuesday, January 7.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Domestic Residential Student Move-In

12-6 p.m.

Domestic students move into their residence area today before FOCUS tomorrow. They check in at the front desk of their residence hall when they arrive on campus between noon and 6 p.m., then move their belongings into their room. There are no orientation activities tonight so students have time to settle into their room. Accompanying parents/guardians/guests need to arrange and pay for their own [overnight accommodations off campus](#).

Monday, January 6, 2020

FOCUS Orientation

Mandatory University Orientation hosted by the Dean of Students Office for all new domestic and international undergraduate students. FOCUS Orientation is recommended for parent(s)/guardian(s) of first-year students. See more information at valpo.edu/focus.

8:30-9 a.m.

FOCUS Check-in

Harre Union, Welcome Desk

Students pick up their FOCUS materials and make sure any family members or guests accompanying them register and pay for FOCUS participation.

8:35-9:15 a.m.

Valpo OneCard Student ID

OneCard Office, Harre Union, Suite 244

Students can get skip the line access to their OneCard ID by submitting their ID photo online before their FOCUS session. They need someone to take a head and shoulders photo of them against a white background (like a passport photo) and then they upload the photo at apps.valpo.edu/idExpress. If they need help with their Valpo username and password, they can contact the IT Help Desk 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at 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. We invite you to help yourself to light breakfast 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.

Parent and Other Supporter Group Meeting (Parents)

Harre Union, Alumni Room

This is an opportunity to discuss topics that are on your mind at this point in your students' transition to Valpo.

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

Students eat lunch with and get to know their small group members. 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, 2nd Floor Hallway

Stop by and help yourself to refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Choose...

2:30-3:10 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.

and/or

2:30-5 p.m.

Campus Offices and Bookstore Open

This is a good time to take care of any Valpo business that still needs to be done or get questions answered at offices around campus.

and/or

2:30-6 p.m.

Find Classrooms

Now is a good time for students to locate their buildings and classrooms so they know where they 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 **Student Health Form is due** on or before Wednesday, January 9, to avoid late fees. The form is located at valpo.edu/student-health-center.
- **Students need to complete and submit** the [Educational Benefit Payment Agreement Form](#) before class registration.
- Students should familiarize themselves with the **Honor Code** and Honor Council procedures at valpo.edu/honor-council.
- Students should read through the **resources, policies, and procedures** in the [Student Guide to University Life](#).
- Students may review **parking information** at 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. Academic program and degree requirements, along with academic policies and procedures, are listed in the university general catalog at valpo.edu/registrar/catalogs.