

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES OF CHRIST COLLEGE

Christ College shares fully the basic purposes of Valparaiso University. Especially it affirms the relevance of liberal studies to the lives of its students and the need to encourage both intellectual and spiritual growth. The distinctiveness of Christ College is twofold, reflecting its concern to meet the special needs of gifted students, as well as to reach a larger number of students who may be interested in its offerings.

- A. Through new, rigorous, and flexible approaches to learning suited to the individual needs and capabilities of a selected group of students, Christ College attempts to achieve the common purposes of the University to the highest possible degree. In this special emphasis, the College aims
 1. To provide educational experiences that will stimulate and develop in unusual measure the capabilities of gifted students, fostering among them disciplined, creative, and independent thinking;
 2. To provide an academic program with both breadth and depth through the adoption of new and specially designed curricular arrangements;
 3. To provide a setting that will encourage an immediacy of relationship between students and faculty as well as cross-communication among the several fields of knowledge;
 4. To intensify the challenge of maintaining that Christian tradition which finds in intellectual achievement a form of faithful service, and to place the student in an environment which encourages commitment to responsible action.

- B. As a center of innovation and experimentation for the University, Christ College seeks to enhance and supplement the University program by making available special programs and courses not provided for in the regular departmental offerings. In this emphasis the College aims
 1. To make available to a larger number of students some of the advantages described in the stated aims above without requiring enrollment in Christ College;
 2. To provide a home for programs and courses not otherwise accommodated in regular departments, thus promoting interdisciplinary studies and supplying relevant scholarly background for subjects of students' active concern;
 3. To offer the University a center for experimentation and innovation in course offerings and in teaching methods.