



The Honors College

Honoring Intellect. Enlivening Faith.
Engaging the World.

A college for the intellectually curious.
A community of action takers.
A *chance* like no other.

QUICK FACTS

BIG THINGS HAPPEN AT CHRIST COLLEGE — THE HONORS COLLEGE.



Since 1967, Valparaiso University's Christ College has been drawing honors students who see the world through anything-is-possible eyes. As one of the oldest and most respected honors colleges in the United States, it's comprised of forward thinkers like you who've demonstrated superior academic achievement and extracurricular involvement in high school. A truly inclusive community, Christ College features its own dean, faculty, and building, Mueller Hall.

The unique interdisciplinary curriculum of Christ College will inspire you to think boldly and act with conviction. Conquer the problems of today and get a jump on those of tomorrow. Collaborate across majors and backgrounds to gather diverse perspectives. And, not least of all, make a meaningful impact on both the campus and world at large.

No matter which major you choose from more than 70 areas of study at Valparaiso University, the opportunity to be a Christ College student will enrich your education and life.

CLASS SIZES ARE INTIMATE.

With 10-18 students, classes are discussion centered. The feeling of community — and potential to forge lifelong friendships — is strong.

THE FACULTY ARE DEDICATED.

The Christ College faculty is composed of 7 teacher-scholars who are not only experts in their fields of study but dedicated to interdisciplinary honors education. They are not only professors but mentors, inspiring deep thinking both in and out of the classroom. Additionally, 2-4 postdoctoral teaching fellows from the nationally renowned Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts join our faculty each year, adding their expertise and energy to our community.

ALL MAJORS ARE WELCOME.

All Christ College students are concurrently enrolled in one of Valpo's other four undergraduate colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, or Nursing & Health Professions. Christ College is not a seminary or religious studies program. Rather, it offers an alternative, interdisciplinary path to fulfilling Valpo's general education requirements.

STUDENTS ARE WELL ROUNDED.

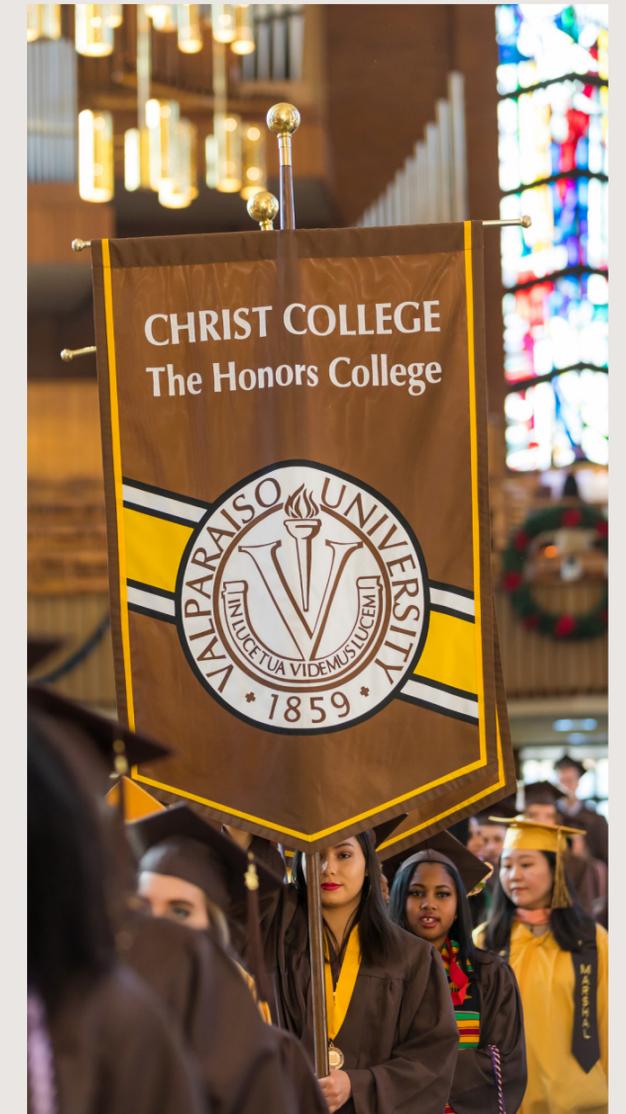
You'll take 25–30% of your coursework in Christ College. Students regularly hold leadership positions in student government, campus media, volunteer organizations, fraternity and sorority life, campus ministries, Division I athletics, music, and theatre.

HONORS OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND.

Valparaiso University has active chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honors society; and Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. Other affiliations include the National Collegiate Honors Council and the National Association of Fellowships Advisors.

OUR ALUMNI ARE WELL CONNECTED.

The Christ College alumni network of 2,000 graduates offers professional contacts for internships and career assistance. Alumni stay involved through the National Council, Homecoming events, regional reading groups, and more.



All Christ College students receive honors designations on their transcripts and commencement honors medallions.

WELCOME TO EXCELLENCE

PREPARE TO DO GREAT THINGS — ON CAMPUS, IN CHRIST COLLEGE,
AND IN THE WORLD.

How Do I Apply?

Invitations are extended in late fall and spring of your senior year in high school to students admitted to Valparaiso University. Your invitation is dependent, in large part, on the following criteria:

- ⇒ Intellectual creativity and curiosity
- ⇒ Strong academic record (GPA and challenging coursework considered). Like Valpo, CC is test optional but happy to consider scores as part of the holistic review process.
- ⇒ Leadership in extracurricular activities
- ⇒ Strong willingness and desire to challenge, analyze, and examine ideas and beliefs

Who Gets Accepted?

Nearly 100 students are accepted for membership into Christ College each year. Once enrolled, members must maintain a strong academic performance in both Christ College and Valparaiso University.

Study in the heart of the college.

By developing the capacity for independent, critical thinking and self-examination, Christ College prepares its students to meet life's challenges with thoughtful confidence. The Christ College curriculum embraces conversation across disciplines, offering students a variety of approaches to topics that interest them.

Passionate discussions and debates are a hallmark of Christ College courses.

Small class sizes and professors who excel at facilitating discussion allow students to test and refine their ideas in collaboration with a group of motivated, perceptive peers.

With the support of faculty dedicated to honors education, you'll be challenged and supported as you strive to reach your full potential.

Curiosity with a purpose — that's what you'll experience everyday in the CC classroom.





In Christ College, experiential learning opportunities are vast and varied. Close to 40% of Christ College students study abroad. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni network, Christ College students are eligible to apply for a Study Abroad Scholarship. In addition, we support students who present their research at academic conferences, and we take a group of students to the National Conference of Undergraduate Research each spring.

Take a closer look at our vibrant interdisciplinary community.

Christ College students think outside the box, approaching problems and questions of today from multiple angles, perspectives, and disciplines. They are inspired to examine, explore, engage, and enact. They, like you, love a good challenge and welcome the chance to take on the problems of the future now.

Turns out, that's part of every dynamic day at Christ College. That's because the knowledge our faculty has is at the cutting edge. And the ideas exchanged among your fellow students is nothing short of inspiring. With students from all majors together in the classroom, being open-minded comes naturally. While you've always been an over-achiever, it's this kind of collaboration, not competition, that gives you the edge after college.

The first year is your foundation.

From Day One, it's clear: This is a college and a community. The formative first year is when you grow your roots and become well rounded — heart, mind, and body. Together with your classmates, you'll embark on a two semester exploration of what it means to be human and how we approach questions of community, virtue, and justice. You will read and discuss works of history, literature, drama, philosophy, and religion from across the globe. Through in-class discussion, written assignments, and regular feedback from mentors, you'll hone your skills in communication and persuasion. Moreover, you will work closely with your cohort on significant collaborative projects--the First-Year Production and the Oxford Debates.

Off the beaten path

After the first year, no two honors students have the same academic path. With honors advising, you can customize and shape your journey to achieve your goals.

99% placement rate for 2019–2020 graduates

The future is yours to shape.

As a Christ College graduate, you'll be prepared for purposeful engagement no matter where life takes you.

Our graduates get to be in the room where it happens. Many Christ College graduates go on to distinguished professional or graduate schools. Others launch careers in business, industry, science, the arts, engineering, health care, education, church work, and more.



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS



Because throughout your time in Christ College
you've engaged in meaningful dialogue,
you'll emerge with what it takes to be a lifelong learner.
And you'll have *Lifelong friends.*

CASSANDRA MCMORROW '22

Cassandra McMorrow '22 has combined her love of numbers with a liberal arts foundation and extracurricular opportunities at Valpo to chart a path for success.

"I took AP Statistics in high school and loved it, but I was not convinced it was what I wanted to study," Cassandra says. "At Valpo, I took any math class I could in various disciplines, from meteorology to calculus, and I found myself comparing everything to statistics; I like this, but not as much as I like my statistics class."

She may enjoy looking at the world through numbers, but in Christ College, Cassandra turns her analytical attention to human questions of meaning, value, and justice through spirited discussions with faculty and peers.

"I love the ability to be in Christ College and be a statistics and math student," Cassandra says. "One semester I took almost all math classes, and it helped me realize the importance of Valpo's well-rounded education."

Outside of class, Cassandra spends her time with her sorority, playing intramural volleyball, and volunteering with College Mentors for Kids.

"It is fun and exciting that Valpo provides these opportunities without it needing to be my career path," Cassandra says. "I can indulge myself in things I enjoy, like being part of a team and working with children. These make me a well-rounded and better person and contribute to my college experience besides just working toward career goals."

