Valparaiso, Indiana

- Since 1837
- City population: 31,000
- Porter County population: 150,500

- 19 city parks - 650+ acres
- 50 miles to Chicago
- 12 miles to the Indiana National Lakeshore (2,000+ acres)
Valparaiso University

- 4,100 students
  - 3,000 Undergraduate
  - 1,100 Graduate & Law

- 320 acre campus

- Students represent more than 48 states and 40+ countries

- Average class size: 20 students

- Student to faculty ratio: 13 to 1
Valpo’s Rankings & Awards

- For 20 years, Valpo has consistently been ranked in the top three for *academic quality* and *best value* at a Midwestern Master’s-level university by US News & World Report. Valpo was also ranked in the top three *up and coming* Midwestern institutions. [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)

- Valpo has been listed among the “366 Best Colleges (and Universities) in the United States” by the Princeton Review.

- Valparaiso University has been selected by *CIO* magazine as one of the top 100 most innovative organizations in the USA for using information technology to create business value. [www.cio.com](http://www.cio.com)

- Valpo has been recognized by NAFSA, receiving the prestigious Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, and was featured in the 2008 report, *Internationalizing the Campus 2008: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities.*
Graduate Programs of Special Interest to International Students

- Digital Media
- Sports Media
- Sports Administration
- English Studies & Communication
- Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL certificate)
- International Commerce & Policy
- International Economics & Finance
- Information Technology & Management
- Liberal Studies – Concentrations in English, History, Human Behavior & Society, & more
- Community & Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Business Administration
- Engineering Management
Special Learning Opportunities

- Travel in the USA and earn academic credit on University-planned field trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Southwestern U.S., or travel independently.
- Join study-abroad opportunities for credit in China, Mexico, South America, Greece and other global locations.
- Internship opportunities in both the USA (including Washington D.C.) and abroad (may not be paid).
- Special luncheons and gatherings for students in each program.
- Most programs limited to 40-50 students – you’ll get to know all your fellow students.
- English language learning and enhancement opportunities.
- Graduate Tutoring Lab
Throughout your period of study at Valpo, we are happy to help you with any problems that might arise with your courses, immigration, or personal matters. This special help also includes:

- Personal support and attention
- Transportation assistance upon arrival to the United States
- International Student Orientation
- Counseling for cultural adjustment issues
- Social and cultural activities, including a “Friendship Family Program”
- Assistance with government regulations and immigration requirements
- Advice on housing and health issues
- And much more…

For more information about the Office of International Programs at Valparaiso University, please visit www.valpo.edu/international
Student Life in Valpo

- Safe community located in Northwest Indiana, 50 miles from Chicago.
- Shopping located nearby.
- Local bus service around Valparaiso.
- Access to Chicago via bus, train and car.
- Valparaiso welcomes students to be a part of the community. Valparaiso’s friendly atmosphere provides social as well as professional opportunities to the students.
- International students are invited to learn about American culture by the local community. Students can join family holiday gatherings and participate in organized trips to area attractions to experience American lifestyles.
Valparaiso is located 50 miles southeast of Chicago; easily accessible by car, bus and train.

- Sponsored trips to Chicago for lectures, workshops and seminars.
- Students have held internships at numerous Chicago companies, including the Chicago Board of Trade, the World Trade Center of Chicago and various human rights organizations.
The Application Process

- Rolling Admission (except for Counseling-March 1 deadline and MEM-Summer II start only)

- Paper and Web based Applications

- Application, Certified Transcripts, 2 Letters of Recommendation, Essay, and $50 Application Fee

- Additional forms may be needed for particular programs

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) minimum score of 80 (Ibt), 550 (paper version) or 230 (computerized); minimum IELTS score of 6; CET score of 6; or ESL center study as alternative.

- 2 to 4 Week Admission Review Process
Cost of Graduate Study at Valparaiso University

- Tuition and fees for one-year 37-credit program = $17,800

- Living expenses for one year in Valparaiso = approximately $10,000

- International student housing options:
  1. Find own housing off-campus
  2. Live in campus-owned apartments, monthly rent is $225 to $300.
  3. On-campus residence halls, $350 per month.

- International students may work on-campus up to 20 hours per week in an office setting or with a professor.
• The Graduate School staff can help ensure a smooth transition into Valparaiso University by answering questions you may have about being an international student.

• Common questions include:
  – Getting your student visa
  – Financial & student employment questions
  – Immunization record requirements
  – TOEFL or equivalency tests
  – INTERLINK English language center
  – Valparaiso, Chicago & the surrounding area

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