



**Our Halls**

***What halls do first-year students reside in?***

The main halls that our first-year students reside in are Lankenau and Brandt Halls. See the Room Amenities section below for specific building amenities.

***What halls do transfer students reside in?***

Transfer students live with their class cohort. Upper-class students generally reside in Beacon Hall, Guild/Memorial Hall, or Wehrenberg Hall. There is limited availability in our Promenade Apartments.

***How are roommates assigned? Can I request someone?***

Mutual requests for specific roommates are honored when possible; otherwise, roommates are paired using the information supplied on your On-Campus Housing Application.

Students can request a specific individual as their roommate. To select a roommate, students log into their Housing Self-Service (via DataVU) and click on "Select Roommates" under the "Room Selection" tab. Students can then type in a specific name or search for a roommate based on living preferences. Each request then must be accepted by the other person. First-year students can only select one roommate since all first-year spaces only hold two students.

***When will I find out about my building and roommate assignments?***

Room assignment information is sent via email prior to FOCUS for students with priority housing (deposited by April 15) and those who have completed their housing application by Monday, May 30. Along with your assignment, you will receive the name and contact information of your roommate(s) and information on move-in & check-in procedures. Room assignments will also be available through a student's Housing Self-Service (accessible through DataVU).

***I don't want a roommate; can I have a single room?***

First-year students can request single rooms. Single room options are limited and will be offered as space is available. Students can preference a single on their housing application.

***What if I require an accommodation based on a medical need?***

Students must submit a Medical/Special Accommodation Request, which includes documentation from a medical professional. Decisions about accommodations are determined by the Access and Accommodations Resource Center (AARC). The Medical/Special Accommodation form can be found on our website or by emailing our office and is due Monday, May 30 at 5 pm.

***What is the deadline for roommate requests and building requests?***

- Students who deposit by Friday, April 15 are able to request and confirm roommates until 5 pm Monday, May 30 when the priority housing application closes.
- Students who deposit AFTER Friday, April 15, and complete their housing application prior to 5 pm Monday, May 30 are able to request and confirm roommates until 5 pm Monday, May 30 when the priority housing application closes.
- Students who deposit AFTER Friday, April 15, and complete their housing application between Monday, June 6 and Friday, June 24 must request and confirm roommates by 5 pm Friday, June 24.

**Building Amenities**

***Where can I do laundry?***

Every residence hall has a laundry area, the cost is built into the university room rate. All washers are high-efficiency (HE) machines.

***Where are the restrooms and showers?***

All our first-year residence halls have two community bathrooms on each floor. The bathrooms include toilets, showers, and sinks. Restrooms are cleaned daily by Building Services Staff. The first floors of Alumni, Lankenau, and Brandt have limited rooms with private bathrooms for upper-class students. Students in these spaces are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms. Beacon Hall is a suite-style building where each suite has shared bathroom spaces that are cleaned by our building services staff on a regular rotation.

***Is storage space available in the residence halls?***

Yes, limited storage space is located in most residence halls for use by current residents only. Due to limited space, only students from more than 500 miles away from the University are allowed to store belongings and are limited to one 30-gallon storage bin. More information is available here: <https://www.valpo.edu/reslife/housing-forms/storage/>

***How do I get mail?***

Student mail is delivered to the Harre Student Union. A student's address (unit #) will be sent via email with their housing assignment notice and stays the same for as long as the student resides on campus. The mailing address format is:

*Student Name*  
*1509 Chapel Dr., Unit (number)*  
*Valparaiso, IN 46383*

The mail center will begin accepting packages for the 2022-2023 academic year beginning August 1.



## **Room Amenities**

The main halls that our first-year students reside in are Lankenau and Brandt Halls. Each hall has the same room size (11.5' x 13') and layout. Brandt Hall was renovated in 2016 and has moveable furniture, carpeted floors, and no sinks in the room. Beds are Twin XL and are adjustable to a captain's height. Lankenau Hall has built-in furniture, tile floors, and sinks in the room. Beds are Twin XL bolster beds, which are beds that can be pulled out into a bed or pushed into a couch.

### ***Can I decorate my room?***

**Absolutely!** We want you to make yourself at home, so feel free to decorate your room with these stipulations in mind: please use adhesives that come off easily (3M Strips and Sticky Tac work well on cinderblock walls), don't use anything that would damage the wall or wood in the room, no drilling into the wall/wood, no hanging decorations from or on the ceiling. Furniture and equipment are not to be removed from an assigned place of use (this includes desk chairs).

### ***Can I build a loft in my room?***

For student safety, we prohibit lofts and bed risers in all residence halls.

### ***What is the cable like?***

Satellite television is provided to campus residents and is built into your university room rate. Valpo receives a customized channel line-up including entertainment, sports, news, local broadcast and educational content, and our own VUTV. Bring a cable-ready television set and a coaxial cable to connect the television to the outlet in the wall.

### ***What is the internet like?***

Each room has one network port. All residence halls have wireless network services throughout the residence hall. If residents want to connect to wired internet, they should bring an Ethernet cable. Each residence hall also has a 24-hour computer lab with a printer that utilizes the University's print quota system.

### ***What is a MicroFridge?***

Hot plates, toasters, space heaters, open heating coil appliances, individual AC units etc. are not permitted in the residence hall rooms. Each residence hall room is outfitted with a MicroFridge an all-in-one combination refrigerator/freezer/microwave oven engineered with Safe Plug technology to save electricity and reduce the risk of overloading circuits. Students do not need to bring a fridge or microwave as one is provided but are responsible for cleaning the unit at the end of the year to the standard it was provided at.

## **Hall Staffing**

### ***Who do I go to if I have a question or need help?***

**Residential Learning Coordinators (RLCs)** are full-time, master's level professional staff members who live in each residence hall. They assist students with personal or academic issues, supervise the Resident Assistant staff, advise the House Council, and monitor building operations.

**Resident Assistants (RAs)** are upper-class students who serve as peer advisors and educators for students living in the residence halls. RAs go through an extensive screening and training process to prepare them to work with students. RAs are a valuable resource to students in the transition to a new environment, helping residents develop time management and academic success skills, and creating opportunities for students to meet others and make new friends.

## **What to Bring**

### ***What size bedding should we buy?***

Residence Hall mattresses are twin extra-long. Alumni and Lankenau halls have bolster beds, beds that pull out, and are like a daybed. Brandt has beds that are raised where students can store their dresser under their bed. We have a partnership with Our Campus Market where students can order linen and have it shipped to their homes for free. To order: Visit the website: [valpo.ocm.com](http://valpo.ocm.com)

### ***What size carpet should we buy?***

We recommend buying a remnant and cutting it to the size when you move into your room. Carpets cannot go under the beds in Lankenau Halls because the frames are secured to the floor. Brandt rooms are carpeted.

### ***Should I get insurance for my personal belongings?***

If your family has personal property insurance at home, check to make sure that the policy covers your belongings while you are at school. If it does not, consider purchasing renter's insurance. Valparaiso University is not responsible for the personal property of students.

## **Shopping Nearby**

### ***Where can we buy items in Valpo?***

Valpo has many places in town to shop for last-minute items or room décor. A few stores nearby include Target (0.5 mi), Walmart (0.5 mi), Meijer (1.5 mi), and Bed Bath and Beyond (0.8 mi).

## Packing List

What to Bring	What Not to Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate clothing for the different seasons</li> <li>• Bathrobe, towels (hand towels, washcloths, bath towels), shower shoes</li> <li>• Bedding: extra-long twin sheets (39"x80"), blankets, pillows, pillowcases</li> <li>• Cleaning Supplies</li> <li>• Decorations</li> <li>• Earplugs, headphones</li> <li>• Ethernet Cable</li> <li>• Fans (there is not A/C in student rooms)</li> <li>• Laundry items: basket, detergent, hangers</li> <li>• Lock (for your bike and/or computer)</li> <li>• Plate, cups, silverware</li> <li>• Power strip (UL approved, with a surge protector)</li> <li>• Rain gear, umbrella</li> <li>• Reusable water bottle</li> <li>• TV and necessary cables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amplified instruments or drum sets</li> <li>• Bed risers/lofts</li> <li>• BBQ grills, charcoal, lighter fluid, propane</li> <li>• Candles, lanterns, smoking devices, or other fire hazardous items</li> <li>• Coffee maker (Keurig's and non-hot-plate Coffee Makers are OK)</li> <li>• Extension cords (without an internal circuit breaker)</li> <li>• Firearms, knives, or other weapons</li> <li>• Fireworks</li> <li>• Halogen lamps</li> <li>• Paintball guns, air-guns, BB guns</li> <li>• Pets (except fish, in up to 10-gallon tank)</li> <li>• Portable heater or individual AC units</li> <li>• Toaster</li> <li>• Hoverboards</li> </ul>

## Important Dates (subject to change)

### ***When can we move in for the semester?***

The residence halls will open for the Fall 2022 semester on **Saturday, August 20, 2022**. All new students will be assigned move-in appointment time based on their fall housing assignment. The time range for these move-in appointments will be between 8:30 am-1 pm on August 20. A student's move-in appointment time & further move-in instructions will be sent via email in late July.

**Visit our Fall Opening Webpage:** <http://www.valpo.edu/reslife/fall-opening/>

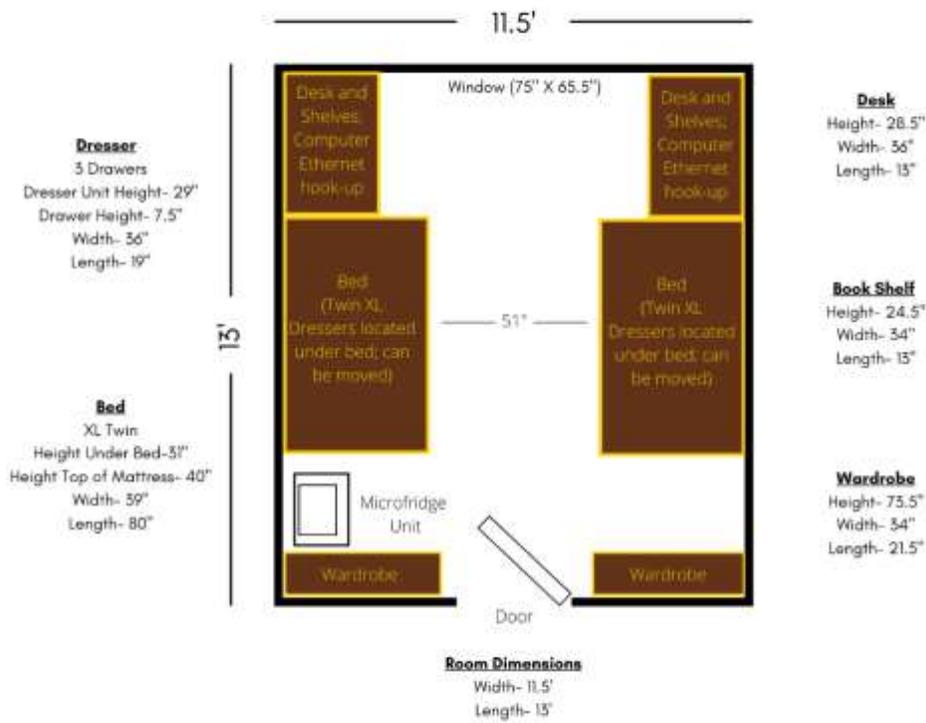
### ***Do I have to move out during break periods?***

University residence halls and apartments do close for the Semester and Spring Break periods. You will not be required to move your belongings out of your room during these break periods. However, you will need to take any items you will need for the break as once you leave, you will not have access to your room until the building re-opens again. We do offer limited break-housing for qualified students during the break periods.

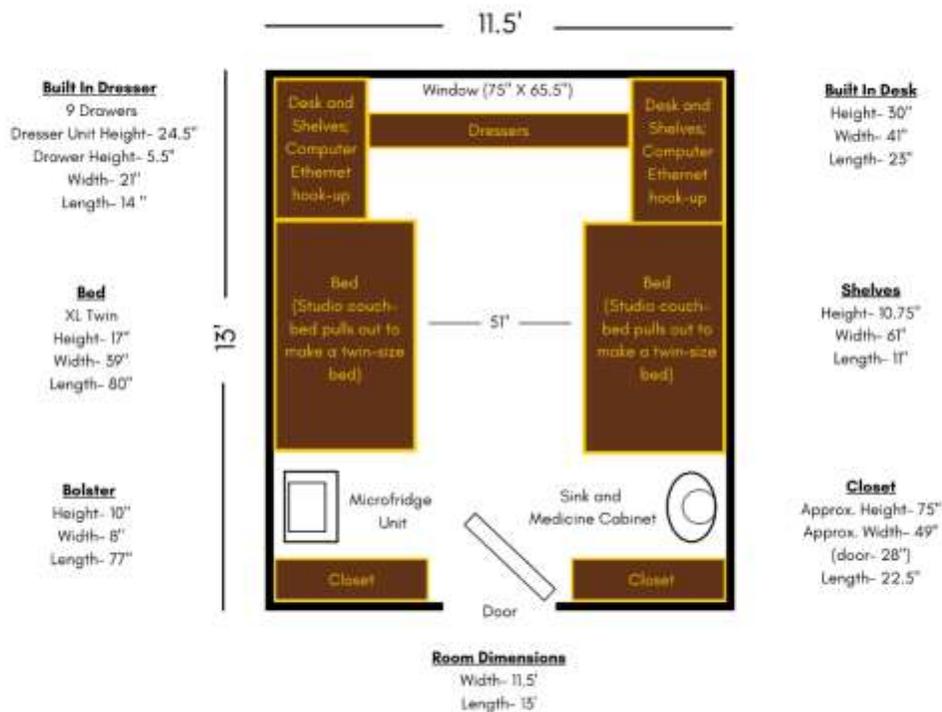
Date	Event
Saturday, August 20	Move-In Day (Move-in appointment times & info will be sent via email in late July)
Wednesday, August 24	First Day of Fall Classes
November 19-November 27	Thanksgiving Break
Saturday, November 19	Residence Halls Close for Thanksgiving Break at Noon Central Time
Sunday, November 27	Residence Halls Open from Thanksgiving Break at Noon Central Time
Friday, December 9	Last Day of Fall Classes
December 12-16	Final Exams
December 17-January 8	Semester Break
Saturday, December 17	Residence Halls Close for Semester Break at Noon Central Time
Sunday, January 8	Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester at Noon Central Time
Wednesday, January 11	First Day of Spring Classes
March 4- March 19	Spring Break
Saturday, March 4	Residence Halls Close for Spring Break at Noon Central Time
Sunday, March 19	Residence Halls Open after Spring Break at Noon Central Time
Friday, April 7	Good Friday (No Classes, Halls will remain open)
Friday, May 5	Last Day of Spring Classes
May 8-12	Final Exams
Saturday, May 13	Residence Halls Close at Noon Central Time

# Room Floor Plans

## BRANDT HALL DOUBLE



## LANKENAU HALL DOUBLE



# Living in Community – Things to know!

Sharing a living space with other people is similar to any other relationship. To be successful it requires openness, flexibility, respect, and compromise. Right from the beginning, it is very important to communicate openly with your roommate & neighbors. Learning to live with other people, to acknowledge and respect each other's differences, and to allow one another the space to grow is one of the most valuable parts of our residential experience. Below are suggestions for you to use to start conversations and relationships with your new Valpo family.

1. **General "stuff" (like computer, printers, iPads, etc.).** Is it okay to use each other's "stuff"? If so, are some things off limits? What happens if something breaks? What happens if something gets broken or stolen on somebody else's watch?
2. **Schedules.** What are your schedules like? Is one person a night owl? An early bird? Do you want some quiet time when you get done with class after lunch? Or time to hang out with friends in the room?
3. **Study time.** When does each person study? How do they study (quietly? with music? with the TV on?)? What does each person need from the other to make sure they get adequate study time and can keep up in their classes?
4. **Private time.** Let's be honest: it is college. You and/or your roommate might very well be dating someone and want time alone with them. What's the deal with getting time alone in the room? How much time is okay -- too much? How much advance notice is needed? Are there times when it's *not* okay (like finals week)?
5. **Borrowing/Taking/Replacing.** It's practically inevitable not to borrow or take something from your roommate over the course of the year. Are there rules about borrowing/taking -- e.g., it's okay to eat some of my food as long as you leave some for me?
6. **Space.** This may sound silly, but think -- and talk -- about space. Do you want your roommate's friends hanging out on your bed while you're gone? At your desk? Do you like your space neat? Clean? Messy? How would you feel if your roommate's clothes started sneaking over to your side of the room?
7. **Visitors.** When is it okay to have people hanging out in the room? People staying over? How many people are okay? Who needs what when it comes to visitors -- e.g., is a quiet study group okay late at night or should no one be allowed in the room after, say 1:00 am?
8. **Noise.** Do both of you like the default to be quiet in the room? Music? I the TV on as background? What do you need to study? What do you need to sleep? Can someone use earplugs or headphones? How much noise is too much?
9. **Food.** Can you eat each other's food? Will you share? If so, who buys what? What happens if someone eats the last of an item? What happens if the fridge turns into a science project; who cleans it out? What kinds of food are okay to keep in the room?
10. **Alcohol & Drugs.** Valpo is a dry campus and students documented for alcohol will go through the Student Conduct process. How do you feel about keeping alcohol in the room? Using and/or possessing drugs and/or drug-related paraphernalia will result in a person(s) getting arrested and possible suspension or expulsion from the University. How do you feel about keeping those items in the room?