

The Lutheran University Association, Inc.

d/b/a Valparaiso University

General Tenets of Student Behavior

Christian Ethos

In fostering and supporting a Christian ethos, Valparaiso University actively seeks to promote within its community personal freedom, trust, justice and creativity, as well as all necessary conditions for intellectual work.

The University calls its members to seek and practice a personal morality, which expresses the best aspirations and judgments of the Christian and civic communities and affirms the foundation of community.

The Valparaiso University Community

The conviction that the University has the obligation to assist each student in the development of a responsible lifestyle necessitates adopting guidelines for conduct. The unique character of University academic and campus life assists students to develop a responsible lifestyle that is rewarding to the individual student, respectful to the rights of others, and compatible with the legal norms of the society.

Valparaiso University is committed to the active promotion of racial and ethnic diversity.

Community Conduct

As members of the Valparaiso University community, students assume obligations of conduct reasonably imposed by the institution relevant to its objectives and mission.

In all relationships, students are expected to treat others with the dignity given them by their Creator and Redeemer and should be guided by mutual concern for others' dignity, integrity, needs, and feelings. Such concern dictates sensitivity and a sense of responsibility.

Students are expected to be honest in their classwork, in following academic procedures, in furnishing accurate information to the University, in the use of identification cards, and in respect for public and private property.

Personal Integrity Code

The Valparaiso University community is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. All Valparaiso University community members are encouraged to commit to certain ideals and to strive for the level of achievement and virtue suggested by the following

I will act with integrity and respect the dignity, rights, and property of all persons.

I will strive to learn from ideas and opinions that differ from mine and from people different from me.

I will affirm the ideals of Valparaiso University in my response to bigotry or inappropriate behaviors whenever or wherever encountered.

Commitment to these ideals

- Requires academic honesty as defined in the Valparaiso University Honor Code
- Precludes all forms of theft and destruction of property

- Pledges affirmative support for equal rights and opportunities for all regardless of gender, disability, race, color, age, national origin, or ancestry