FOCUS Undergraduate Orientation

Transfer Student Schedule

June 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25

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All times are Central Standard Time (the same as Chicago).

8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Campus Offices Open

8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Bookstore Open

8-8:45 a.m.
FOCUS Check-in
Harre Union, Atrium
Pick up your FOCUS materials from the check-in table and proceed down the hall to Harre Union, Grand Lounge to get your OneCard ID. Submit your ID photo online before your FOCUS session. Have someone take a head and shoulders photo of you against a white background (like a passport photo) and upload your photo at apps.valpo.edu/idExpress (log in with your Valpo username/password).

8:00-8:45 a.m.
Visit a Residence Hall
Tours leave continuously. Meet the Residential Life staff in Grand Lounge (first floor near Founders Table) for a brief escorted visit to Brandt Hall, a first-year residence hall.

9-9:30 a.m.
Opening Welcome
Harre Union, Ballrooms
Valpo staff and Orientation Assistants (OAs) officially welcome you to campus as we kick-off FOCUS together!

9:35-10:45 a.m.
Orientation Group Meeting & Student Life Advising
Various Locations
Leave Opening Welcome with your Orientation Group when your group number is called. Get to know classmates and discuss information you need for FOCUS. This session will also include a discussion about what you want your time at Valpo to look like!

10:55-11:20 a.m.
Information Technology for Students
Center for the Arts, Theatre
Learn about the campus technology systems you will use regularly, what you should and should not bring to campus in the fall and how to grant parent/guest access to your Valpo account information.

11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Transfer Student Lunch & Group Meeting
Harre Union, Hearth Room
Enjoy lunch with and get to know other transfer students. Your OA will also have meeting items to cover before the next session.

12:15-1:15 p.m.
Life On Campus
Center for the Arts, Theatre
Excited about living on-campus? This session introduces programs, policies, procedures, and services for students who will be living on campus. Topics will include Residential Life, OneCard, Dining, Mail Services, and more!

12:15-1:15 p.m.
Commuting On A Residential Campus
Center for the Arts, Recital Hall
Students who will be commuting learn tips for diving into life at Valpo while commuting from home from returning Valpo students. This session will also introduce campus services such as parking, OneCard, Dining, and more!

1:20-1:40 p.m.
Student Account Overview
Center for the Arts, Theatre
No matter who pays it, the bill is yours. Understand how Student Account Self-Service, payment plans, and other billing processes work.

1:45 p.m. until complete
Transfer Student Academic Advising and Registration
Christopher Center Library
Meet in a small group with an academic advisor to build your fall semester class schedule. Bring copies of your unofficial college transcript(s) to help in your class selection process.

College of Arts and Sciences	Christopher Center Library, Room 261B
College of Business	Christopher Center Library, Room 261A
College of Engineering	Christopher Center Library, Room 261A
College of Nursing and Health Professions:	Christopher Center Library, Room 261A

Transfer students who will be living on campus complete the online housing preference in the computer lab area in which you register for classes. The housing preference form is where students can request a roommate.

3:15-4:15 p.m.
Second Orientation Group Meeting
After you register for classes join your orientation group for a final meeting with your orientation group to discuss your transition to Valpo. We are so excited to have you join the Valpo family!

4:15-5:30 p.m.
Student Resources Fair
Harre Union, Ballroom A&B
See resources you didn't even know existed! Gather program information and talk with representatives from various campus departments.

5 p.m.
Campus Offices Close

5:30-6:30 p.m.
Dinner
Harre Union, Founders Table
Relax at the end of the day knowing you are prepared for the next steps at Valpo!

5:30-6:00 p.m.
Student Athlete Information Session
Christopher Center, Community Room

All NCAA athletes from all sports are required to attend. Family members are welcome as well. Meet with compliance staff to go over information for this stage in your transition to Valpo Athletics and get questions answered.

6:30-7:30 p.m.
All That We Share: End of day reflections
Chapel of the Resurrection
What if there is more that brings us together than makes us different? Explore this and learn how Valpo can assist you on your spiritual journey whatever your faith background. Your OA escorts you to this session.

Welcome Week 2021

Don't miss out on Welcome Week 2021! It will begin with new student move-in day on Friday, August 20 and continue through the first week of classes. Details will be announced by the end of July. See last year's schedule for a sampling of the type of events that happen during Welcome Week. Valpo students are very involved in and out of the classroom. Plan to start your Valpo experience the same way by enjoying all the Welcome Week activities and Valpo will feel like home quickly!

See valpo.edu/registrar/calendar for 2021-22 dates including:

August 21-24	Required Welcome Week Activities (Move-in Day is Friday, August 20)
August 25	First Day of Classes
August 25-29	Welcome Week Events Continue
October 14-15	Fall Break – No Classes, Residence Areas Remain Open
November 20-28	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes, Residence Areas Close
December 13-17	Final Exams
December 18	Residence Areas Close for Semester Break

Roommate Requests

Have you met someone with whom you'd like to room on campus? You can submit this request when you complete your housing application after registering for classes. If you meet someone after FOCUS, can log into datavu.valpo.edu – Students Menu – Housing Self Service to update your housing preferences. The roommates need to confirm each other via the online housing system in order to be matched.

All roommate confirmations must be completed on DataVU Housing Self-Service no later than **noon on Wednesday, June 30, 2021**. If you have questions, contact Residential Life at 219.464.5413 or email reslife@valpo.edu.

Campus Offices

Campus offices are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the summer, including on FOCUS days. If you need directions to a campus office, ask any FOCUS staff member or stop by the Harre Union Welcome Desk for assistance. Locations of frequently visited offices include:

Dining Services
Harre Union, Suite 170

Financial Aid
A counselor is available in the Harre Union Commuter Lounge/Student Organization Suite 230 during FOCUS or you can book an appointment for any day before or after FOCUS at vufinancialaid.youcanbook.me.

OneCard, Parking and Transportation Services
Harre Union, Suite 244

Residential Life
Harre Union, Suite 250