

First-Year and Transfer Students
WELCOME WEEK 2021



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WELCOME TO Valpo!

We are so excited to welcome you to the Valpo Family and to campus for an amazing academic year. Welcome Week is the best time to learn more about campus life, student traditions, student engagement, and so much more! The Welcome Week schedule is designed to help new students learn their way around campus, understand the expectations of Valparaiso University students, meet new people, and have fun!

Included in Welcome Week is a series of mandatory programs that are designed to ensure that all new students understand our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community that is healthy and safe for everyone, with a focus on academic success and fulfilling engagement. Please make sure that you have your OneCard with you for these sessions as attendance is being tracked.

Please feel free to connect with anyone in the Student Life Division with questions, concerns, or comments. We are here to support your journey and your success at Valpo! The Student Life Division is so excited for you to experience all that Valpo has to offer and to be your best you!

Again, welcome to the family and #GoValpo!

The Student Life Division

Daily Happenings at Valpo

Bookstore Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chapel Morning Prayer:

Monday - Friday: 9:45-10:05 a.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.

Dining Services

Founders:

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., 5-8 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Campus Cafe:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Grinders:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday: 8:30am - 4 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

Gelley's Grab & Go:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

Fitness Center:

Monday - Thursday: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday: 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday: 1-8 p.m.

Harre Union Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday - Sunday: 8 a.m. - Midnight

Library Hours:

Sunday: 10 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Student Health Center Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon, 1-4:30 p.m.

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center

Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.



Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Residence Hall Check-In

Check your Valpo email for housing, roommate, and move-in appointment information by early August. Plan to arrive on campus 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time to minimize the time you have to wait in line.

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Parent Welcome Center – Tent South of Alumni Hall

Enjoy refreshments and connect with members of the University Guild, an organization committed to enhancing the student experience. (Rain Site: Harre Union, Grand Lounge)

Noon–4 p.m.

Music Information Desk and Locker Checkout – Center for the Arts, Locker Area

Students with instruments who intend to play in music department ensembles may check out lockers for a \$10 refundable deposit. Attendants at the table can answer questions about music ensembles, auditions, and lessons. Additional locker checkout times will be held Sunday through Wednesday. Follow @Valpo_Arts.

4 p.m.

Welcome Sunday Choir Rehearsal – Chapel of the Resurrection, West Gallery

All new students are invited to be part of the volunteer choir of students, faculty, and staff that sing at the 10 a.m. worship service tomorrow morning. Rehearsal will last one hour. Follow @ValpoChapel.

4:30 p.m.

Time to Part Ways

Participating in Welcome Week events is important for students to connect quickly with new friends. Families who would like to meet their student for morning worship should arrange a time to meet tomorrow in the Chapel lobby. Students have required Welcome Week activities beginning at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow. Thank you for your hard work and support that made this day possible!

5–7 p.m.

Floor Dinner – Harre Union, Founders Table

Take a break from unpacking to get to know your floormates during this casual dinner. Check with your RA to find out what time your floor is eating together.

5–7 p.m.

Commuter Student Dinner – Harre Union, Center for Student Involvement, Suite 230

Come to dinner, our treat, and meet other commuter students, and then head over to late-night events and meet your new lifelong friends. We will meet upstairs in the Harre Union in the Center for Student Involvement and then head down to Founders for dinner!

EVENT REQUIRED **7 p.m.**

First-Year Residence Hall Floor Meetings

This event is required for first-year students living on campus. Meet others who live on your floor, and then head over to late-night events with your new friends. Check with your RA for details.

EVENT REQUIRED **7 p.m.**

Commuter Student Meet-Up – Harre Union, Center for Student Involvement, Suite 230

Get to know other commuting students during this informal meet-up in the Center for Student Involvement, which includes the commuter lounge. Attend the evening events together.

8–10 p.m.

What is Valpo DM? – Harre Union, West Lawn

Learn about the largest student philanthropy event of the year and how you can get involved! Follow @ValpoDM. (Rain Site: Harre Union, Ballrooms)

10 p.m. – Midnight

UPClub Comedy Show – Harre Union, Ballrooms

Enjoy Valpo's very own comedy club, UPClub, with a night full of laughs and free food sponsored by University Programming Council (UPC). Tonight's show features comedian Jessi Campbell and world-famous hypnotist David Anthony. Follow @valpoupc.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021

9:20–10 a.m.

Welcome Gathering – The Chapel of the Resurrection

There's no need to come alone to Welcome Sunday Worship at the Chapel! Peer Ministers will be in the residence hall lobbies and will walk with you to the Chapel and join you in worship. Follow @ValpoChapel.

10 a.m.

Welcome Sunday – The Chapel of the Resurrection

A special kickoff worship service, including music by the praise band. All students are always welcome to worship in the Chapel. Holy Communion is celebrated on Sunday mornings. Follow @ValpoChapel.

11:30 a.m.

Transfer Student Welcome Lunch – Harre Union, Center for Student Involvement, Suite 230

Meet other transfer students and enjoy free lunch! This event, inside the Center for Student Involvement, is open to all transfer students whether you live on campus or commute. Attend the afternoon events together after lunch.

12:15 p.m.

Commuter Student Meet-Up – Harre Union, Center for Student Involvement, Suite 230

Meet other commuting students and attend today's Welcome Week events as a group.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, Continued

EVENT REQUIRED 12:30–1 p.m.
Welcome to the Valpo Community – Harre Union Ballrooms

Come learn about what it means to be a member of the Valpo community and meet other new students. This session is required for all new students.

EVENT REQUIRED 1–3:15 p.m.
Community Expectations Round Robin Sessions

Group 1: First-Year Commuters; Brandt 5; Lankenau 5

Group 2: Transfer Students; Brandt 3&4

Group 3: Brandt 1&2; Lankenau 3&4

Group 4: Lankenau 1&2; Alumni 4&5

Bring your OneCard to swipe in for attendance. Join your group to learn what is expected of you now that you belong to the Valpo community. Sessions continue on Monday.

	#OneValpo Harre Union, Ballrooms B & C	Making the Most of Your Academic Support Resources Christopher Center, Community Room	Staying Safe and Healthy at Valpo Center for the Arts, Theatre	Get Involved at Valpo Neils Science Center, 234
1 p.m.	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
2:15 p.m.	Group 2	Group 1	Group 4	Group 3

#OneValpo – Harre Union, Ballrooms B and C

How will you help create an inclusive environment at Valpo? Participate in an interactive discussion while learning about our community commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive environment. Sponsored by Multicultural Programs; follow @Valpo_OMP.

Making the Most of Your Academic Support Resources – Christopher Center, Community Room

At Valpo we help you reach your full potential. In this session you will learn about all the excellent resources and strategies you can use to make the most of your academic journey. From peer tutors to SI sessions, and so much more! Sponsored by the Academic Success Center.

Staying Safe and Healthy at Valpo – Center for the Arts, Theatre

Creating a safe and healthy environment for relationships is your responsibility now that you are a member of this community. Learn about the expectations for bystander intervention and the resources on campus for education, awareness, and advocacy regarding healthy relationships, sexual misconduct, and dating violence. Sponsored by the Sexual Assault Awareness & Facilitative Education (SAAFE) Office.

Get Involved at Valpo – Neils Science Center, Room 234

How are you going to get connected while at Valpo? Learn a little more about yourself, your interests, and how you can get connected with the University community and be part of something bigger. Sponsored by Student Life; follow @ValpoStudentLife.

3:30–6:30 p.m.

Relax, Get Settled, Enjoy the Afternoon

Settle into your room, play volleyball at the Brandt Hall sand court, play the campus disc golf course, nap, hangout in the hammock village near Alumni Hall, or explore campus.

5 p.m.

First Student Mass and Student Social – St. Teresa’s Catholic Church

Meet other Valpo students at 4:45 p.m. outside Lankenau Hall to walk over to “St. T’s” together. Follow @StTsValpo.

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Student Alumni Association BBQ – Harre Union, West Lawn

Free food and lots of Valpo spirit!

8–10 p.m.

Rock the ARC – Brown Field

V-A-L-P-O! Let’s Go Valpo! Come dressed to play or show off your Valpo school spirit! Play kickball, show off your skills in various yard games, or get your groove on with Just Dance, all with a chance to win Valpo-themed prizes. Sponsored by Recreational Sports and University Programming Council (UPC). Follow @ValpoUPC and @ValpoRecSports.

10:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Valpo Late Night – Various Locations

Valpo’s recognized fraternities and sororities co-host social events open to all new students. Information about the activities and the locations will be shared on social media. Follow @ValpoFSL.

Monday, Aug. 23, 2021

Find Your Classrooms – Campus Academic Buildings

As you have time over the next two days, find your classrooms so you know where you are going later this week. Classroom locations are listed on your official class schedule (log into datavu.valpo.edu – Students Menu – Class Schedule).

EVENT REQUIRED 10 a.m.
Meet Your College Meetings

Who are the students and professors in your major? What are your college’s and professor’s expectations? What do you need to know to get started this week? This session is an introduction to these topics and a chance to do a final check on your class schedule. Log into datavu.valpo.edu – Students Menu – Class Schedule under Academic Profile.

College of Arts and Sciences – Chapel of the Resurrection

College of Business – Urschel 202

College of Engineering and Pre-Engineering – Neils 234

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Nursing majors – LeBien 108

Health Profession majors – LeBien Annex B

Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, Continued

EVENT REQUIRED for
CHRIST COLLEGE STUDENTS

11:30 a.m.

Christ College First-Year Class Meeting – Mueller Hall, Refectory

The Christ College first-year class will gather for the first time! Christ College deans officially welcome the class and the first-year program coordinator and production director will provide important information for the semester ahead. Follow @ValpoCC.

1:50 p.m.

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2- 4:15 p.m.

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4:30 p.m.

Utilizing Your Student Senate – Harre Union, Ballrooms

How do you voice concerns and create change at Valpo? Student Senate! Student Body President Jolie Foor and Vice President Ben Jacobs share the processes by which these things occur and more about this group elected to represent you.

8 p.m.

Welcome Back Bash – Harre Union, West Lawn

What better way to start off the year than with a free concert. Come enjoy the Welcome Back Bash featuring Joywave! Follow @ValpoUPC. (Rain Site: Harre Union, Ballrooms)

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021

EVENT
REQUIRED

10-11:30 a.m.

What Are My Strengths? – Harre Union, Ballrooms

Bring your OneCard to swipe in for attendance. Learn more about what your talents are and how you can turn them into strengths during your time at Valpo!

1:30-2:15 p.m.

Q&A With Professors: Being Ready for Class – Harre Union, Ballrooms

A panel of professors share their tips for succeeding in Valpo classes, what they expect of students, advice for making the most of your Valpo experience, and answer questions you have about classes.

EVENT
REQUIRED

3:30 p.m.

Procession for Opening Convocation – Harre Union

Wear your Valpo apparel! All new students line up in Harre Union to process into Opening Convocation as a group.

EVENT
REQUIRED

4 p.m.

Opening Convocation – Chapel of the Resurrection

Valparaiso University officially kicks off a new academic year with this traditional ceremony.

After Convocation

Valpo Family BBQ – Harre Union, West Lawn

Immediately after Convocation, join the entire Valpo family (students, faculty, and staff) on the West Lawn for a welcome back BBQ to celebrate the start of a new year!

EVENT
REQUIRED

8 p.m.

Residence Hall Floor Meetings – All Residence Halls

This event is required for all on-campus residents. Your RA will share details including the time and location of your meeting. Follow @ValpoStudentLife.

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021

7:30 a.m.

Classes Begin

8:30–10 p.m.

Campus Ministries KickOff – Helge Center, Chapel of the Resurrection

Come for food, fun, fellowship, and get to know all the different campus ministries! Meet people from different service, music, and Bible study groups.

4–6 p.m.

Tie-Dying with VISA – Harre Union, West Lawn

Tie-dye a shirt and meet members of the Valparaiso International Student Association (VISA). Follow @visa_valparaiso. (Canceled if raining.)

4–6 p.m.

Student Senate Welcome Back Social – Harre Union, West Lawn

Welcome back! Come join your Student Senators and show off your skills at bags/cornhole, spikeball, and other fun lawn games! Refreshments will be served.

6:30–8 p.m.

Rec Sports #DoWellBeWellLiveWell – Guild Memorial, Sand Volleyball Courts

Recreational Sports hosts a fun-filled evening of sand volleyball, bags/cornhole, spikeball, and more! The volleyball courts are located down the hill, toward Highway 30, from Guild Memorial Hall. Follow @ValpoRecSports. (Canceled if raining.)

8–9 p.m.

ARC and Fitness Center Orientation – Meet at the Fitness Center

Student supervisors are available to help students find their way around both facilities and answer questions about programs. Recreational schedules will be available.

10 p.m.

Celebrate! – Chapel of the Resurrection

Communion in a creative, laid-back style. Meet others in residence hall lobbies at 9:45 p.m. to walk to Celebrate! or go to the Chapel directly. Follow @valpocelebrate.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021

3–5 p.m.

Ultimate Frisbee Pick-Up Game – Harre Union, East Lawn

Enjoy relaxing, outdoor fun with St. T's Catholic Student Center. Follow @sttsvalpo.

4–6 p.m.

Fraternity and Sorority Meet and Greet – Harre Union, West Lawn

Learn about the activities and events of fraternities and sororities including academic, career, community service, philanthropy, and leadership opportunities while meeting current members. Follow @ValpoFSL. (Rain Site: Harre Union, Ballrooms)

8 p.m.

Movie Night – Harre Union, East Quad

Enjoy a great summer hit on the lawn with the University Programming Council (UPC). Free popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy! Bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Follow ValpoUPC. (Rain Site: Harre Union, Ballrooms)

Friday, Aug. 27, 2021

4–6 p.m.

Student Involvement Fair – Harre Union, West Lawn

Get involved! Explore Valpo's 100+ student organizations that are all interested in having you join. Put yourself on organizations' e-mail lists at the fair to find out what's happening around campus throughout the year. (Rain Site: Harre Union, Second Floor)

6 p.m.

Sorority House Tours – Meet at the Union Welcome Desk

Curious about Valpo's sororities? Visit the six sorority houses while learning about the academic, career, social, service, and philanthropic aspects of sorority life at Valpo. Follow @ValpoFSL.

7–8:30 p.m.

INSPIRE – St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center

8–11 p.m.

Valpo After Dark – Harre Union, West Lawn

Celebrate the end of your first week of classes! Join the University Programming Council (UPC) as we jump around on inflatables, ride around on bumper cars, eat free food, and rock out to music!

10:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Valpo Late Night – Various Locations

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Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Welcome Week Service Project

Spend your morning in service at the Northwest Indiana Region. Roundtrip transportation and lunch provided. Register by going to valpo.edu/volunteer after July 20 to complete and submit the online form. Space is limited, so sign up early! Sponsored by Volunteer Programs; follow @VolunteerValpo. (Postponed if raining.)

3–6 p.m.

Fall Block Party – Outside Alumni and Lankenau Halls

Come join your Valpo family for outdoor activities, music, food, and more! Bring an item to tie-dye or chose from our options. Need to make your room homier? Try one of our DIY projects to spruce up your new home!

8 p.m.

Bingo Night: College Survival Edition – Harre Union, Ballrooms

Get ready to win college survival prizes! This isn't your Grandma's bingo. Sponsored by UPC.

10:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

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Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021

10 a.m.

Weekly Worship – Chapel of the Resurrection

All students are welcome to worship in the Chapel. Holy Communion is celebrated on Sunday mornings. Follow @valpochapel.

11 a.m.

Catholic Mass in the Park with Bishop McClory – Valparaiso's Central Park Plaza

Enjoy a special Mass with St. Theresa of Avila in downtown Valpo at the Central Park Plaza. Follow @sttsvalpo.

6-8 p.m.

Pizza and Bonfire – St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center

9 p.m.

Candlelight Evening Prayer – Chapel of the Resurrection

Close the day, reflect on the week ahead, connect with friends through moving music sung by candlelight. Follow @valpochapel.



my**VALPO**

***Staying Connected
& Getting Involved***

Does the fun have to stop?

No!

To make sure you don't miss anything, get familiar with myValpo by heading to [valpo.edu/myValpo!](https://valpo.edu/myValpo) This is your one-stop shop to know what events are taking place, organizations to join, and so much more. Remember to check this regularly to plan out what you want to be involved in or when you're just looking for something fun to do. Over the next several weeks there will be so many more events and opportunities for you to try something new, meet new people, and all you have to do is show up!

**FOLLOW
@ValpoStudentLife
to stay informed of
everything going on!**

Stay connected with what is happening across campus by following:
@valpomulticulturalprograms
@valporecsports
@valpochapel
@valpoathletics
@valpomusic



Your New Address

If you live on campus, please check your mailbox in the Union every week. Student Mail Services handles mail and packages through mail units assigned to all students living on campus. Students keep the same mail unit as long as they reside on campus. Unit numbers and combinations are available for students at DataVU – My Profile.

Music Auditions

You don't need to be a music major to sing or play! Anyone interested in participating in music can sign up for a time at the audition locations listed below. Questions? Stop by the Music Information Desk, Saturday, Aug. 21, noon – 4 p.m. in the Center for the Arts (VUCA) or email music@valpo.edu.

All Choral Ensembles – All auditions held in VUCA 1519, Sunday, Aug. 22 – Tuesday, Aug. 24

All Concert Bands – All auditions held in VUCA 1529, Sunday, Aug. 22 – Tuesday, Aug. 24

Orchestra – All auditions held in VUCA 1518 or Duesenberg Recital Hall, Sunday, Aug. 22 – Tuesday, Aug. 24

Jazz Band – Auditions will be held in either VUCA 2516 or 1519, Sunday, Aug. 22 – Tuesday, Aug. 24

Theatre Auditions

If you are interested in auditioning for the upcoming fall theatre productions, stop by and sign up for an audition time at the front desk of the Center for the Arts during any of these times:

Sunday, Aug. 22, 1–3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; or

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fall production: *Baby with the Bathwater*, by Christopher Durang

Auditions will be held in the Center for the Arts:

Thursday, Sept. 2, 7–10 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3, callback auditions, 7–10 p.m.

Dance Ensemble Auditions

The Dance Ensemble is open to all Valpo students, with four performances in February 2022. We will be auditioning dancers for the following styles: contemporary, modern, jazz, lyrical, and ballet.

If you want to audition for Dance Ensemble, please pick up an audition form from the front desk of the Center for the Arts and bring it with you the day of auditions

Auditions: Tuesday, Aug. 31, 7–10 p.m. at the Kroencke Hall dance studio (plan to stay until 10 p.m.)

Callbacks: Wednesday, Sept. 1, 7–9 p.m. at the Kroencke Hall dance studio

Questions? Email theatre professor Ann Kessler (ann.kessler@valpo.edu).

Move-In Weekend Office Hours

Saturday, Aug. 21

OneCard & Information Technology Help Desk	Noon – 4 p.m.	Christopher Center, First Floor
Residential Life	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Harre Union, Suite 250
Student Mail Services	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Harre Union, First Floor
University Health Services	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Health Center, Promenade East Building Accepting allergy serum and answering questions only. No patient care is available.
University Bookstore	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Harre Union, First Floor

Sunday, Aug. 22

OneCard & Information Technology Help Desk	Noon – 4 p.m.	Christopher Center, First Floor
University Bookstore	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Harre Union, First Floor



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