August 2022 Orientation

Student Schedule

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

Thursday August 18, 2022

Residence Hall Move-In

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

If you are living on campus this year, you can move into your residence area tonight before FOCUS tomorrow. Check in at the front desk of your residence hall when you arrive on campus between 12 p.m. and 9 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST), then move your belongings into your room.

Friday, August 19, 2022

FOCUS Orientation

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

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

8:00 a.m. – 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).

9:00 a.m. – 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 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Student Orientation Group Meeting
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.

10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Student Life Advising
Center for the Arts, Theatre
What do you want your time to look like at Valpo? At this session, your group will meet with a member of the student life team and begin to map out what some of your co-curricular experiences could look like during your journey at Valpo!

11:05 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Student Orientation Group Meeting
Various Locations

You'll spend some time with your orientation group discussing life on campus. Be sure to ask your OA any questions you have about what it is like to be a Valpo student! Your OA will also be sure to share highlights of the Valpo experience including everything from campus traditions to athletic events to all the different ways to get connected to the community.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
All That We Share: Faith Life
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.

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Lunch
Harre Union, Founders Table

12:45 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Campus Resources Tour
Various Locations
During this time you will take a tour of campus with your OA group and learn about a variety of campus resources.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
Harre Union, Center for Student Involvement
We invite you to join and participate in diverse programs and experiences that offer leadership opportunities, identity exploration, and development. At Valpo, you will broaden your cultural perspective, enhance your leadership skills, and develop lifelong friends by attending and participating in the many events sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Programs.

Your Life on Campus
Brandt Hall, First Floor
Weather you will be commuting or living on-campus, we hope you are excited about your new life at Valpo! This session will introduce you to everything you need to know about what it means to either live on-campus or commute!

Dining Services
Center for the Sciences, Lobby
Have your choice of a wide variety of delicious and nutritious meals, featuring local and sustainable food sources, build-your-own meal concepts, and special options for every diet, including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free. You may have just had lunch, but now you get to meet the people behind the meal and learn all about our dining program!

Student Accounts
Kretzmann Hall, Lobby
No matter who pays it, the bill is yours. Understand how Student Account Self-Service, payment plans, and other billing processes work.

Information Technology
Christopher Center, Help Desk
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.

2:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Complete Class Advising & Registration
Christopher Center, Community Room

All students gather for advising/registration announcements. From here, everyone in your college will go as a group to complete academic advising and class registration.

Create Your Afternoon, choose from the following as needed:

Financial Aid Drop-In Appointments
Kretzman Hall, Financial Aid Office
Come and go as you are able. Financial Aid Counselors are available for quick consultations regarding financial aid. Financial Aid is also available any day before or after FOCUS; book online at vufinancialaid.youcanbook.me for non-FOCUS days.
Until 5 p.m.

Campus Offices and Bookstore Open
Various Locations
This is a good time to take care of any Valpo business you still need to do or get questions answered at offices around campus.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner
Harre Union, Founders Table
Dinner is free if you show your FOCUS nametag.

Campus Offices

Campus offices are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 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	*One Card & Information Technology Service Desk* Christopher Center, Lower Level	*Multicultural and International Programs* Gandhi-King Center, Harre Union 2nd Floor	*Parking, and Transportation Services* Valparaiso University Police Department	*Residential Life* Harre Union, Suite 250