

# FOCUS ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

### Friday, August 18, 2023

**8-8:45 a.m.**

**Check-In - Harre Union, Atrium**

Pick up your FOCUS materials from the check-in table and proceed down the hall to the Grand Lounge to get your OneCard ID.

**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 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.

**10:05-11 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!

**11:05-11:30 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. - Noon**

**All That We Share: Faith Life - Chapel of the Resurrection**

What if there is more that brings us together than makes us different? Explore the answer to this question and learn how Valpo can assist you on your spiritual journey whatever your faith background.

**Noon - 12:45 p.m.**

**Lunch - Harre Union, Founders Table**

Enjoy lunch with your Orientation Assistant group!

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**12:45-2:25 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, and 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**

Whether 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 and Financial Aid – Kretzmann Hall, Lobby**

No matter who pays it, the bill is yours. Understand how student account self-service, financial aid, payment plans, and other billing processes work.

#### **Information Technology – Christopher Center Library, Help Desk**

Learn about the campus technology systems you will use regularly, what you should and should not bring to campus, and how to grant parent/guest access to your Valpo account information.

**2:25-4:30 p.m.**

### **Complete Class Advising and Registration – Neils Science Center, Room 234**

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.

**3:10-4:30 p.m.**

### **Student Resource Fair – Harre Union, Ballrooms**

Come meet with many different campus resources and learn how they can support you during your studies at Valpo!

### **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 until 5 p.m. for quick consultations regarding financial aid. Financial aid is also available any day before or after FOCUS. Book **online at [vufinancialaid.youcanbook.me](http://vufinancialaid.youcanbook.me)** for non-FOCUS days.

#### **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.

**5-7 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.