

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TRAILBLAZERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Dear Vincennes University - Vincennes Campus Students,

Welcome to campus, Trailblazer! We are ready to start another great semester here at Vincennes University. The Vincennes Campus staff and faculty have been planning exciting classroom and extra-curricular activities and cannot wait to start!

To get the most out of your time here, make sure you check your email daily, attend every class, communicate with your instructor, and get involved with activities outside of the classroom. Residence Life, Student Activities, Global Diversity and Inclusion, Career Center, and so many more have events happening every week. VU also offers over 60 clubs and organizations.. Watch for information sent to your emails, posted on social media, and posters around campus on ways to get involved!

Please read the enclosed information and visit the links. This information is meant to help you prepare for the semester and answer questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you around campus!

Go Trailblazers,

Whitney Daugherty

Assistant Provost for Student Affairs



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Student ID's

Get your Student ID at the Shake Learning Resource Center (Library)
Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00am-11:00am &
1:30pm-4:00pm

OR

Visit the link below to send in your own photo:
vinu.libguides.com/shakelibrary/IDpictures



Tecumseh Dining Center

For additional information regarding additional flex dollars, off-campus/commuter meal options, or French Quarter meal options visit
vinu.sodexomyway.com
or call 812-888-5841

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

B.B. KING

Parking Permits

Get your Parking Permit at Campus Police (1202 N Second Street)
Cost: \$30 per vehicle per academic year
Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

OR

order online at
VUPD.thepermitstore.com



Old Post Bookstore

Location: Beckes Student Union

Opening Weekend Hours:

- January 2nd: Closed
- January 3rd & 4th: 8am-4:30pm
- January 5th & 6th: 8am-6pm
- January 7th: 9am-5pm
- January 8th: 12pm-4pm

Regular Semester Hours (beginning January 9th)

- Monday-Thursday: 8am-6pm
- Friday: 8am-4:30pm
- Saturday: 11am-3pm





Ordering your Spring Books Online & Fast Pass

Please order your Spring semester books online at <http://vubookstore.vinu.edu/SelectTermDept>. Students who live locally may pick up their books at the bookstore. All other orders will be shipped. If Financial Aid is available, it may be used for orders beginning Wednesday, January 4th. Free T-shirts will be given for all online orders.

If students do not order their books online, they should print their schedule and FAST PASS (if eligible) from MyVU prior to coming to the bookstore. Please read the instructions on MyVU to see if you qualify for the FAST PASS. For more information, call 812-888-4334 or visit <http://vubookstore.vinu.edu>.

Residence Hall Students

Confirmation of first payment made or sufficient financial aid accepted to pay bill in full will be required to activate your meal plan. Please check your MyVU student "Account Summary" for your balance and your "Financial Aid Status" for any unsatisfied "Student Requirements". If your accepted financial aid does not pay your account in full, a minimum 1/3 payment of remaining balance MUST be made prior to meal activation.

Failure to satisfy the financial obligations as listed in the Housing Contract in accordance with the University Room and Board Rates and Payment schedule may result, at the sole option of the University, in the denial of further meals. There is no credit given for services (e.g. meals withheld due to late or non-payment of fees).

Students are able to check into their assigned hall anytime between 8:00am-8:00pm on the following days:

Thursday, January 5th
Friday, January 6th
Saturday, January 7th
Sunday, January 8th

If you are unable to move in during the available dates/times listed, please reach out to the Office of Housing and Residential Life to obtain approval for a different date.

Phone: 812-888-4225
E-mail: housing@vinu.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

I did not receive my Blazer One card, I need a replacement, or I am having validation problems.

- Contact Student Financial Services at 812-888-4244, contact Bank Mobile at 800-815-6109, or log on to your Blazer One Card account at BlazerOneCard.com.

If I purchase a parking permit online, what do I do until it arrives?

- Print your receipt and place it on the driver's side of the dashboard until your permit arrives in the mail.

Where do I place my parking permit?

- Place the permit on lower left of the driver's side front windshield.

Which parking lots do I need a parking permit?

- All parking lots located on campus require a parking permit. If you have questions about parking, contact VU Police Department at 812- 888-5555.

Who qualifies for a Fast Pass?

- You can check your MyVU account to know if you qualify for Fast Pass.



A night-time photograph of a modern university campus with illuminated buildings and walkways.

Welcome Weekend Schedule

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- Fast Pass available at Old Post Bookstore from 8:00am to 6:00pm.
- Residence Hall check-in is available from 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- Advising for returning students.
- Academic advising is available in the College of your major and in the Student Success Center. Contact your advisor, the College Office of your major, or Student Success Center regarding your schedule for Spring 2023.
- New student registration ends January 6th, 2023.
- Tecumseh Dining Center - Begins serving dinner at 4:30pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH

- Fast Pass available at Old Post Bookstore from 8:00am to 6:00pm.
- Residence Hall check-in is available from 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- Advising for returning students.
- Academic advising is available in the College of your major and in the Student Success Center. Contact your advisor, the College Office of your major, or Student Success Center regarding your schedule for Spring 2023.
- Last day for new student registration.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

- Fast Pass available at Old Post Bookstore from 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- Residence Hall check-in is available from 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- Campus Offices Open:
- College Offices, Student Success Center, Records, Bursars, Financial Aid and Distance Education – 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Housing and Residential Life – 10:00am to 3:00pm
- Veteran Support Services – 10:00am to 12:00pm
- IT Help Desk (Learning Resource Center, Rm 146) – 11:00am to 3:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

- Fast Pass available at Old Post Bookstore from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.
- Residence Hall check-in is available from 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- Campus offices closed all day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

- First day of classes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All Student Drop and Add will take place Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 13th. See your advisor for more information.

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WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

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MOVIE NIGHT - SECRET CINEMA

6 PM - 9 PM JEFFERSON
STUDENT UNION

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COMMUTER LUNCHEON

11 AM - 1 PM JEFFERSON
STUDENT UNION

JAN
11

BINGO NIGHT

6 PM - 8 PM JEFFERSON
STUDENT UNION

JAN
12

CLUB & ORG FAIR

1 PM - 4 PM JEFFERSON
STUDENT UNION

JAN
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TAYLOR SWIFT DANCE PARTY

6 PM - 9 PM GREEN ACTIVITY
BUILDING

For more information contact The Office of
Student Activities at studentactivities@vinu.edu

Policies

VU Student Medical Care Program

The VU Student Medical Care Program is designed to help our students stay healthy on campus. Full-time students may be seen at the Vincennes University Primary Care Center (UPCC)/Student Health Office in the Young Building. The UPCC nurses are available for the assessment of acute illnesses and injuries by appointment. Referral to a provider is determined by nursing assessment. The Student Health Office may provide over-the-counter medications, initial and follow-up care of injuries, and tetanus/diphtheria injections following an injury. Diagnostic tests, pre-existing chronic disease management conditions, vaccinations, procedures, and physicals are not covered under this plan. Any prescriptions, x-rays, or laboratory fees are the responsibility of the student.

Residence Hall students and full-time commuter students on the Vincennes campus are automatically enrolled in the VU Student Medical Care Program. The program is mandatory for residence hall students. Off-campus students may opt out of this program by January 31, 2023. Your choice to opt out will be effective for the entire semester.

To Opt-Out:

Click the MyVU logo and sign in.

Click Student Self Service.

Click Answer a Survey.

If you are eligible to opt-out of the program you will see MEDICAL PLAN SURVEY.

Click Yes to opt-out.

The deadline for opting out is January 31, 2023.

Please note that the VU Student Medical Care Program does not provide hospitalization coverage. We recommend that all students have some type of hospitalization insurance to cover medical treatment. The University does not offer a student group hospitalization plan. If you do not have coverage, it is recommended you purchase hospitalization insurance from the company of your choice.

Please refer to the Student Policies and Support Services section of the Vincennes University catalog at

http://catalog.vinu.edu/Student_Records_Policies_and_Procedures. This section contains important information regarding student rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Directory Information, Student Regulations, and Student Services

E-ALERT

Vincennes University has partnered with Rave Mobile Safety to provide an emergency alert system capable of sending messages to your VU and personal email addresses, as well as your cell phone. This service is available to you at no additional expense. (Note that your cellular phone provider may charge a per-text message fee for the delivery of emergency notifications to your phone.) Visit your MyVU account and click on the E-Alert link to learn more.

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY TOBACCO POLICY

Smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco, and e-cigarettes on Vincennes University properties are permitted only in specifically designated tobacco use areas. Vincennes University has reasonably designated tobacco use areas throughout University properties. Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of all members of the University community including students, faculty, staff, and administration. Persons that violate this policy and refuse to conform will be required to leave the event or area and may be subject to citation for infractions of the Indiana Clean Indoor Air Act (Indiana Code 7.1-5-12). The University community is reminded that the sale, distribution, or advertisement of tobacco products is prohibited in the University facilities and public areas. For more information about the policy, a list of the designated tobacco use areas, and information on downloading the “Know the Zones” app, go to: <http://vinu.edu/tobacco-policy>.

ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY SUMMARY STATEMENT

The inappropriate use of a controlled substance or alcohol is detrimental to Vincennes University’s faculty, staff, students, and the public served. The University will attempt to assist a student involved with the inappropriate use of alcohol or a controlled substance in obtaining rehabilitation. However, the ultimate responsibility for overcoming a dependency or inappropriate use of alcohol or a controlled substance is that of the individual. The University does not accept or condone the inappropriate use of alcohol and the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any controlled substance. Students and parents should refer to the student handbook for details of this policy.

E-BILL

Vincennes University is pleased to offer electronic billing notification, also known as e-Bill. To provide quick, convenient service and eliminate mailing delays, Student Financial Services sends billing notifications electronically to each student’s preferred email address. Students are responsible for accessing their e-Bill account to view account balance and confirm payment due dates. The University holds students accountable for the information sent via email. Therefore, students should check their preferred email accounts regularly. Watch your email account for notification of your bill and when payment is due.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS – CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ELIMINATION ACT (CAMPUS SAVE ACT) SUMMARY

Dear Student:

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (“VAWA”), which was signed into law on March 7, 2014, imposes new obligations on colleges and universities under its Campus Sexual Violence Act (“SaVE Act”) provision, Section 304.

Under VAWA, colleges and universities are required to:

- Report domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, beyond crime categories the Clery Act already mandates;
- Adopt certain student discipline procedures, such as notifying purported victims of their rights; and
- Adopt certain institutional policies to address and prevent campus sexual violence, such as training in particular respects pertinent institutional personnel.

New Reporting Requirements

VAWA's SaVE Act provision imposes new reporting requirements:

The Clery Act requires annual reporting of statistics for various criminal offenses, including forcible and non-forcible sex offenses and aggravated assault. The report also includes statements addressing the university's policies, procedures, and programs concerning safety and security. This report along with the Police Crime Statistics can be found at <https://www.vinu.edu/criminal-statistic-reports>. You may also request a paper copy from the University Police Department at (812)888-5555.

VAWA's SaVE Act provision adds domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the categories that, if the incident was reported to a campus security authority or local police agency, must be reported under Clery. Parsed for clarity, these offenses are defined:

1. "Domestic violence" includes asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.
2. "Dating violence" means violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. Whether there was such a relationship will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction.
3. "Stalking" means a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

Victims' Rights

Institutions must afford any student or employee who reports that they have been the victim of an incident of sexual violence, either on or off-campus, with the following information and rights:

- Possible sanctions or protective measures that may result from an institutional disciplinary proceeding (see Conduct Proceedings below for additional information);
- Procedures that should be followed in the event of an incident of sexual violence including –
 1. The importance of preserving evidence for proof in criminal proceedings;
 2. To whom the offense should be reported;
 3. Options for reporting to law enforcement including the right to be assisted by campus authorities;
 4. The right to decline to report to law enforcement; and
 5. Information about no contact orders issued by a court.
- Notification about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available on and off-campus.
- Institutions must make changes to the academic, living, transportation, and working situations of any victim if requested and reasonably available whether or not a formal report is made.

Conduct Proceedings

In addition to reporting to law enforcement, victims also have the option to seek protective or disciplinary action directly with their institution. Institutions must adopt and disclose policies that:

- State the standard of evidence (which under current Title IX guidelines is “preponderance of the evidence” or more likely than not);
- Provide a “prompt, fair and impartial investigation and resolution”;
- Provide proceedings must be conducted by officials who receive annual sexual violence training, including on how to conduct an investigation, protect the safety of victims, and promotes accountability;
- Require that both accuser and accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by an advisor of their choice (an institution may not meet this requirement by denying both parties the right to an advisor);
- Require that both the accuser and accused shall be simultaneously informed, in writing, of –
 1. The outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding;
 2. The procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the results of the proceeding;
 3. Any change to the results; and
 4. When such results become final.

Your Responsibility as a Vincennes University Student

If you become aware that domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking has occurred or are told of any of this occurring:

- Believe the person.
- Tell the victim it is not his or her fault.
- Encourage a report (to University police, to the Dean of Students, to the Counseling Center, etc.) Realize, however, that there may be reasons that the person does NOT want to report. Respect that decision.
- Please discuss with the person that it is your responsibility as a VU student to report this information. You do understand their concern but you as a student must contact University Police with this information.
- Don't pry or try to get information out of the person. Once you have contacted University Police they will take over the case and contact the individual.
- If you learn of the perpetrator's identity, don't suggest physical or any other form of retaliation.
- Know available resources.
- Be patient.

Student Right-to-Know and Other Federal Compliance Information can be found at <http://www.vinu.edu/student-right-to-know-and-policies>.