



# 2026-27 RESOURCE GUIDE



**VALLEY CITY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

# Welcome to your home away from home!

Welcome to Valley City State University, and congratulations on your decision to become a Viking.

We are excited to have you join our campus community, and we are committed to being your partner throughout your academic journey—a journey of growth, discovery, and opportunity. At VCSU, student success is our top priority. That commitment extends beyond the classroom to leadership development, campus life, athletics, service, and the many experiences that shape your time here.

This Resource Guide is designed to help you navigate the many services and supports available to you as you begin your transition to VCSU. Our goal is to ensure you feel informed, supported, and confident in the days and weeks ahead. Throughout this guide, you will find information about the people, offices, and resources that are here to help you succeed—from your first day on campus through graduation.

VCSU is a close-knit community where relationships matter. Faculty, staff, and administrators across campus are ready to support you, answer questions, and help you make the most of your college experience. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available to you, get involved, and build connections with your classmates and campus mentors.

We are glad you are here and look forward to welcoming you to campus. I hope your orientation experience is both informative and engaging as you begin your journey at Valley City State University.

Welcome to the Viking Family!

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# IMPORTANT DATES



Move-In Day  
**AUGUST 21, 2026**

Viking Voyage Weekend  
**AUGUST 21-24, 2026**

Attendance at Viking Voyage Weekend is required for all incoming first-year students as part of the Viking Voyage class.

Summer Vikes on Central  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

Homecoming Week  
**SEPTEMBER 14-19, 2026**

## 2026-27 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### FALL SEMESTER 2026

August 24	Classes Start at 4 p.m.
August 25	First Full Day of Courses
September 7	Holiday - Labor Day
October 12	Assessment Day - No Classes - Institution Open
November 9-10	Current Student Spring Registration Opens
November 11	Holiday - Veterans Day
November 12	Incoming Student Spring Registration Opens
November 25-27	Holiday - Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Last Day to Apply for Spring Graduation
December 14-18	Last Week of Classes/Finals Week
December 17	Winter Commencement at 3:30 p.m.

### SPRING SEMESTER 2027

January 11	Classes start at 4 p.m.
January 12	First Full Day of Courses
January 18	Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 15	Holiday - President's Day
March 8-12	Spring Break
March 15	Summer Registration Opens
March 26	Holiday - Good Friday
March 29	Holiday - Easter (Observed) - No Classes - Institution Open
April 6-7	Current Student Fall Registration Opens
April 8	Incoming Student Fall Registration Opens
May 1	Last Day to Apply for Summer and Fall Graduation
May 10-14	Last Week of Classes/Finals week
May 15	Commencement at 10 a.m.

## REMEMBER

Attendance at Viking Voyage Weekend is required for all incoming first-year students.

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

## STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES

As a learner-centered institution, Valley City State University is committed to helping students succeed in their classes. Through the Student Academic Services office, students have access to the Viking Learning Commons, the VCSU Testing Center and Disability Support Services.

The Student Academic Services team at VCSU utilizes Starfish, an innovative early-alert system that captures

student academic performance and raises warning flags when students need support. Warning flags include attendance concerns, low grades and in danger of failing. Student Academic Services staff collaborate with faculty to provide necessary and timely outreach services. Outreach services include academic coaching, tutoring, time-management guidance and personalized monitoring.

## VCSU TESTING CENTER

The VCSU Testing Center offers testing services for students with disability accommodations, Accuplacer placement testing and testing at the request of instructors in order to maximize class time for teaching.

We also provide test proctoring for other institutions. The Testing Center is a quiet, distraction-reduced space that is monitored by proctors.

## DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Valley City State University provides reasonable accommodations, promotes an inclusive campus environment, and encourages student independence for our students with documented disabilities.

We align our practices with federal law to help our students reach their goals, no matter the obstacle. Examples of accommodations include 1) Testing in a distraction-reduced environment; 2) Extended time on testing and major assignments; and 3) Audio/alternative texts.

Students who have met eligibility requirements (IEP, 504) in high school are encouraged to self-identify for Disability Support Services as soon as they get to campus. The process is simple, and students can choose to utilize services as needed throughout their time at Valley City State University. Students who did not meet disability eligibility requirements in high school may still qualify for accommodations under some circumstances.



## VIKING LEARNING COMMONS

The Viking Learning Commons is a relaxed, student-focused atmosphere where students can focus on personal study, receive free tutoring, join a study group, fulfill required athletic study hours and more. Staffed by knowledgeable professionals, educators and student tutors, the Viking Learning Commons is a place where students feel comfortable asking questions and engaging in coursework. Located in the heart of campus directly under the iconic clock tower in McFarland Hall, this space is surrounded by vaulted ceilings, original woodwork and exquisite stained-glass windows. The Viking Learning Commons serves as a central hub of student support.



## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE AND POLICY

The final exam week is part of a student's academic experience at VCSU, and school isn't over for the semester until the last final exam is completed.

Please plan for holiday travel accordingly: Do not purchase tickets or make appointments before checking the final exam schedule.

**Fall semester: final exams run from December 14-18, 2026.**

**Spring semester: final exams run from May 10-14, 2027.**

The final exam schedule is posted on [onestop.vcsu.edu](https://onestop.vcsu.edu); search Final Exam Schedule. Students should check this schedule BEFORE purchasing airline tickets, scheduling appointments or otherwise planning their departure from campus. The exam policy is available to look at on OneStop. The section of this policy most pertinent to students is item 5.

**Students are expected to attend course exams at the times scheduled on the official exam schedule. Exceptions to this policy may be granted for documented university activities or personal emergencies on a case-by-case basis, but planned absences (for example, airline tickets, routine medical appointments, or personal convenience) will not be excused.**

### Final Exam Policy Exceptions

ALL courses at VCSU must have activities scheduled during the exam period, and all students are expected to attend.

If you have more than two exams scheduled on a single day, you may request a change in schedule for the additional exams; please discuss this with your instructors to determine which exams may be moved with the least impact, and then complete Form AA-36 (available in the VPAA Office – McFarland 213).

You should not have two exams scheduled at the same time, unless you are taking a collaborative course. In that case, please discuss the situation with your VCSU instructor and complete Form AA-36 (available in the VPAA Office – McFarland 213).

Students who qualify for an exception because of a documented university activity or personal emergency should stop by the VPAA office (McFarland 213) to pick up form AA-36. This form must be signed by the instructor and department chair; the situation must be documented; and, for a personal emergency, the student must make an appointment to visit with the Vice President for Academic Affairs to discuss the request after submitting the paperwork.

All requests must be approved by the VPAA before students complete any make-up activities.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

If you are a veteran or a dependent of a veteran, thank you for your service! Veterans Affairs provides a variety of services which include certifying students for courses that apply to declared degrees and working with students to ensure that overpayments are not created by timely reporting of adjustments to certifications. Please contact my office about the certification process at Valley City State University.

You can also visit the GI Bill homepage, [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/), for detailed information on the various education benefits for veterans and service members.

## TEXTBOOKS

The VCSU Bookstore can help you with all of your textbook needs. We ensure that students are able to obtain the course materials they need at reasonable prices. We offer new and used textbooks as well as an option to rent textbooks for certain classes. Rental books are paid for at the beginning of class and returned by the last Friday of finals of the current semester.

**On-campus students** can stop by our location in the lower level of the Student Center or can reserve their books on the VCSU Bookstore website to be picked up in the store at a later date. Prepayment is required to reserve books, either by credit card or by charging the materials against any excess financial aid. Students who are in good standing and have completed their financial aid file have the ability to charge books against their excess financial aid.

**Off-campus students** can order their books through our website, [bookstore.vcsu.edu](http://bookstore.vcsu.edu) or by calling the Bookstore at 701-845-7141 or 1-800-532-8641, ext. 7141. Please have course numbers available when ordering.

**Book buyback** is offered at the end of the Fall and Spring Semesters. Students will be notified through campus email of dates and times.



# FINANCES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AT THE BUSINESS OFFICE

### HOW MUCH SHOULD I EXPECT TO PAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR?

#### Tuition and Fees

This information is based on a 15-credit hour load **per semester**. (Anticipated for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. These amounts are subject to change.)

- \$4,747.39 ND residents
- \$5,191.54 MN residents with reciprocity
- \$5,672.74 MT, SD, Manitoba, Saskatchewan residents, MSEP states (KS, MO, NE, OH, WI), WUE states (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, or WY)
- \$7,522.99 all other non-residents and internationals

For an estimate of your charges, a Cost Calculator can be found at: [www.vcsu.edu/admissions/tuition-fees/net-price-calculator/](http://www.vcsu.edu/admissions/tuition-fees/net-price-calculator/)

You may also pay special course and lab fees for some classes such as science trips, music or physical education courses. These special fees are in addition to your regular tuition and fees.

#### Room and Board

##### Room charges per semester:

- Double in McCoy/Robertson/Mythaler: \$1,675.00
- Single in McCoy/Robertson/Mythaler: \$2,200.00
- Double in Snoey/Kolstoe: \$2,225.00
- Single in Snoey/Kolstoe: \$2,877.50

##### Board charges per semester:

You choose the plan most appropriate for you.

Freshmen are required to be on at least the 10 meal plan.

# of Meals/wk	+ Flex Dollars	= Cost
5	\$400	\$1,565.00
10	\$300	\$2,255.00
15	\$150	\$2,382.58
19	\$100	\$2,447.50

#### Additional Expenses

The VCSU Financial Aid Office estimates that the average student will spend \$500 per semester for books and supplies; and approximately \$1,901 per semester for transportation and other miscellaneous expenses (such as parking permits, clothing, entertainment, etc.).

### WHEN DO I HAVE TO PAY MONEY TO VCSU?

#### Fall Semester 2026

Last day to drop with 100% refund  
09/02/2026

Financial Aid Disbursal  
09/08/2026

Tuition Due Date  
09/09/2026

#### Spring Semester 2027

Last day to drop with 100% refund  
1/21/2027

Financial Aid Disbursal  
01/26/2027

Tuition Due Date  
01/27/2027

### HOW CAN I PAY?

#### Online

Credit Card (Discover, MasterCard, Visa) or eCheck  
Sign in to CampusConnection > Student Center > Pay Online Now

#### Business Office

- Cash
- Check
- Credit Card

#### Mail

- Check

Most student financial aid (grants, loans, scholarships, etc.) will directly credit the student's account. If your financial aid does not cover the full amount of your account, you are responsible for the balance by the due date. If you are unable to pay your account in full, payment plans are available. To enroll, please submit the Nelnet Payment Plan Enrollment Form. If your account is not paid in full or a Payment Plan Enrollment Form is not submitted, your enrollment may be cancelled, including network services and room and board.

# FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid office is here to assist students and families regarding funding for your college education. Many resources are available including federal, state and institution funds.

Applying for federal financial aid is done by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). (VCSU's school code is 003008.) After completing the FAFSA and being admitted to VCSU, a Financial Aid Offer will be provided. Financial Aid Offers are determined from the FAFSA information, student's enrollment status, and academic year Cost of Attendance (estimated budget for the year).

New students receive scholarship consideration their first year through the Enrollment Services Office. Returning VCSU students apply each year for scholarship opportunities for the next academic year. The Financial Aid Office should be informed of any external scholarships a student may be receiving from sources outside of the institution.

Students borrowing federal loans for the first time will be required to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling prior to disbursement. This can be completed at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

Parents have the option of borrowing through the Federal Parent PLUS Loan Program. Students needing additional funding may consider private/alternative loans. <https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/parent/landing>

Valley City State University complies with federal regulations for Satisfactory Academic Progress and Return of Title IV Refund/Repayment policies.

Information on these areas, along with other pertinent information, can be found at: [onestop.vcsu.edu](http://onestop.vcsu.edu).

## Understanding the Terms



### FEDERAL PELL GRANT

A federal grant provided by the federal government to undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) below a certain threshold established by the federal government. The Pell Grant award amount is prorated based on [Enrollment Status](#).

### FEDERAL WORK-STUDY (FWS)

A federal program offered and administered by the institution that provides opportunity for part-time employment to students with financial need to help pay their educational expenses. Students are responsible for finding qualified employment. Funds are paid out through a paycheck, as earned.

### FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN

A form of financial aid that must be repaid. Educational loans have varying fees, interest rates, repayment terms, and/or borrower protections.

Federal funds made available to the student that must be paid back by the student. Students must complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) to receive these loans. Repayment begins six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time with options to delay payment available. To be eligible, the student must be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program of study.

### FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOAN (PLUS)

Loan funds provided to the parents of dependent undergraduate students by the U.S. Department of Education, through the school. This federal loan program allows parents with no adverse credit history to apply for a loan amount up to the [Cost of Attendance](#) each year, less any financial aid received by the dependent student. Repayment of principal and interest begins immediately once the loan is fully disbursed with some options to delay payment available.

### PRIVATE LOAN

A student or parent loan from a commercial, state-affiliated or institutional lender used to pay for up to the annual [Cost of Attendance](#), less any financial aid received. Private loans have varying interest rates, fees and repayment options and usually require the applicant to be creditworthy or have a creditworthy cosigner. Repayment generally begins immediately. <https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/300800/1>

# TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to Technology Services! Leveraging technology in education is part of the VCSU DNA. It is in our mission statement and most importantly, it is in the hands of our students, faculty, and staff.

## All On Campus Full-Time Students are issued a Laptop Computer

Full-time on campus VCSU students, selected collaborative students and full-time faculty receive the latest model computer.

Students will be issued either a Mac or a PC based on the major(s) declared and on record within Campus Connection. If a student is pursuing a program of study not listed below or if the student is pursuing multiple majors with conflicting laptop designations, the Technology Service Desk will determine the laptop to issue depending on the inventory available and the wishes of the student.

### MacBook laptops for students in the following majors:

- Applied Kinesiology
- Art
- Art Education
- Communication
- Communication Studies
- Digital Design
- Elementary Education
- English
- English Education
- Exercise Science & Rehabilitative Studies
- Health Education
- Music
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- Social Science
- Social Science Education
- Spanish
- Spanish Education
- Sport Leadership & Management
- Strength and Conditioning
- Technology Education

### Microsoft Windows based PC laptops for students in the following majors:

- B.A.S. Management
- Biology
- Biology Education
- Business Administration
- Business Education
- Business Process Integration Management
- Career & Technical Education
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Education
- Computer Information Systems
- Data Analytics and Visualization
- Environmental Science
- Fisheries & Wildlife Science
- Health Science
- History
- History Education
- Human Services
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Non-Degree
- Psychology
- Software Engineering
- University Studies

## Technology Beyond Laptops

All classrooms are equipped to use laptops, including student tables and chairs, large screen projectors, and/or flat screen TV's, cameras, and microphones. Students have an account balance added each semester for personal printing and copying across campus. If additional funds are needed for printing, funds can be added by the student using the Transact eAccounts site. Students can check out video projectors, digital cameras, speakers and more from the Technology Service Desk to complete class projects or may rent equipment out for personal events.

VCSU provides an advanced secure wireless network across campus available to all students to connect their VCSU assigned devices and personal mobile and/or internet enabled devices. Registration of personal devices is required.

There is a range of industry leading online and cloud computing services including Blackboard learning management system and Microsoft Office 365 for email, online file storage and group collaboration.

## ALL PART-TIME STUDENTS CAN ALSO ACCESS A LAPTOP COMPUTER

Part-time students have a choice of either a current model laptop (depending on availability) or a previous model laptop at a lower cost.

Part-time students have the following three options for checking out a laptop computer:

1. Check the computer out prior to class and return the computer after the class is done. Under this arrangement, students may also check out a computer overnight, on weekends, and other times as available.
2. Team up with another part-time student and share a computer with that user. Both parties will be required to sign a "Joint Responsibility of a Laptop Computer" contract addendum.
3. Pay an additional fee to have a computer issued to them on a full-time basis, contingent on availability. This is the most popular option.

Part-time students and distance learners should go to <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000026708> for information concerning eligibility, costs, and procedures for obtaining full-time access to a laptop computer.

## GET HELP AT THE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE DESK ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE RHOADES SCIENCE CENTER

The Technology Service Desk staff provide comprehensive services for user concerns related to using the essential technology at VCSU.

### Technology Service Desk Hours during

#### Fall and Spring semester except on state holidays:

Monday–Friday 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Summer semester except on state holidays:

Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Call: 701-845-7340 (option 1)

Walk In: Rhoades Science Center, Room 117

Email: [technology.services@vcsu.edu](mailto:technology.services@vcsu.edu)

URL: <https://onestop.vcsu.edu>

## FOR ISSUES WITH YOUR NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (NDUS) ACCOUNT

For issues with your NDUS account username/passwords or to report issues to the VCSU Technology Service Desk outside hours listed above, the NDUS Help Desk is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Phone calls to the VCSU Technology Service Desk after hours are transferred to the NDUS Help Desk.

Email: [ndus.helpdesk@ndus.edu](mailto:ndus.helpdesk@ndus.edu)

URL: <https://support.ndus.edu/>

## Technology Services Tasks to Complete During Student/Parent Orientation

- A. Have your photo taken for your Viking Card ID at the Student Center Information Desk or set up Viking Mobile ID on your smartphone. For details, go to <https://www.vcsu.edu/student-life/campus-resources/viking-card/>.
- B. Claim your NDUS account and setup your password (create login credentials for all services). Go to <https://support.ndus.edu/>.
- C. Access the Campus Connection portal and sign in using your NDUS login credentials. Go to <https://studentadmin.connectnd.us>.
- D. Complete your Financial Obligation Agreement. Go to <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000035711>.
- E. Register for classes in Campus Connection. Go to <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000036575>.
- F. Enroll in DUO (two factor authentication). DUO will be required to access Office 365, Campus Connection and Blackboard services. For more information on setting up DUO, go to: <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000049272>.
- G. Recommended: Add a cell phone number and other emergency contact information in Campus Connection. Providing a cell phone number is recommended. It will be used with an emergency notification system and DUO (two factor authentication) IT security solution. <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000087907>.

## To Do After New Student/Parent Orientation

- H. Access the MyVCSU website at <https://my.vcsu.edu>. Enter your NDUS credentials created (from B above). You may be prompted for DUO authentication (from F above). This site will give you access to multiple services including Blackboard, Email, Campus Connection, OneStop, Papercut print services, Transact eAccounts, etc.
- I. Access Blackboard portal at <https://my.vcsu.edu> service link or go to <https://bb.vcsu.edu>.
- J. Access VCSU email periodically at <https://my.vcsu.edu> service link or go to <https://email.vcsu.edu>.
- K. Before the new semester starts, review and digitally sign the online VCSU computing contract if planning to check out a VCSU laptop:

Login to <https://my.vcsu.edu>, look for “Tech Support” section, click on green icon labeled “Computing Contract.” The computing contract you are signing should be labeled as the following semester.

- L. Learn about your Viking ID declining balance online:  
<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000035937>.
- M. Access the Transact eAccounts website to see account balances and to add funds to your Viking dollars. Use your NDUS username and password to “Sign into eAccounts” or others can “Make a guest deposit” with your last name and the ID number found on your Viking Card or Mobile ID. Note: Guests cannot see your balances; they can only make deposits.  
<https://vcsu-sp.transactcampus.com/eAccounts/AnonymousHome.aspx>.

## To Do During Viking Voyage Weekend or Near the Start of the Semester

- N. Attend “Care and Use Class” to receive a VCSU laptop based on your major field of study declared and get instruction on use. Details will be provided before arrival.
- O. Optional: If you are living in a VCSU residence hall, you can connect personal wired/ethernet or Wi-Fi gaming devices, etc on the VCSU network. First, you must register your device:
  - 1. Locate and note the MAC address or physical address of your device connection in its network settings. It looks like this: 00:12:34:56:78:9A or 00-12-34-56-78-9A.
  - 2. Go to MyVCSU website at <https://my.vcsu.edu/>, locate “More Resources”, locate “Connecting your devices to the VCSU Network”. You will need to know the MAC address of your device and your residence hall room number if choosing “Connecting Other Personal Devices.”
  - 3. If you are trying to register a wired/ethernet device, you will be asked to create a VCSU OneStop ticket at <https://onestop.vcsu.edu>. VCSU OneStop is a campuswide ticketing and solutions service providing technical support and informational support from multiple departments.
  - 4. If you are trying to register a wireless device, you will be redirected to an NDUS site for device registration.
- P. Optional: Consider purchasing insurance for the laptop computer assigned to you. Students pay a minimum \$50 deductible per incident for damage to their assigned computer and a \$500 deductible for loss or theft of their assigned computer. You may want an insurance policy to reduce your deductible. An individual property protection plan for the laptop with no deductible or an electronics policy with low deductible are usually the best options. A rider on a homeowner’s or renters’ policy may work for some, but typically there is a deductible, and it may not be less than the VCSU deductible.
- Q. To set up printing on your VCSU laptop or personal device including smart phones, go to <https://printing.vcsu.edu>. There are multiple ways to set up printing. Follow instructions on this website or stop by the Technology Service Desk.

## To Do During the Last Week of Classes or Finals Week

(just prior to the end of the semester)

- R. Per your online Computing Contract, the laptop computer MUST be returned to the Technology Service Desk prior to the end of each semester. Students pre-registered for the next semester can have the computer immediately re-issued to them after a new computing contract has been signed. Requirements and instructions are emailed to all students at the beginning and end of each semester.



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR VIKING CARD ACCOUNT

The chart below explains the features of the four Viking ID accounts:

Features	Meal Plan	Voluntary Dining	Bookstore	Viking Dollars
User Deposit via eAccounts?		X	X	X
Guest Deposit via eAccounts?		X	X	X
Deposit Funds at Business Office	X*	X	X	X
Pay on Campus Connection	X			
8% Enrichment for Deposits > \$40		X		
Cash Out, Balance Must Be > \$20			X	X
View Balance in eAccounts	X	X	X	X
View Transaction History	X	X	X	X
Transfer Balance				
Use at Cafeteria	X	X		X
Use at Viking I	X	X		X
Use at Bookstore			X	X
Use at the Business Office				X
Use at Concession Stands				X
Use at Other VCSU locations				X
Policy Regarding Fund Retention	A	B	C	C

Parents and students can add funds to the card at the Viking eAccount website.

<https://vcvu-sp.transactcampus.com/eaccounts/%28S%28oj4ksmmvoss3s3cqhp4kOut%29%29/AnonymousHome.aspx>

Students can monitor card balances and immediately disable a lost or stolen card.

\* This is a once-per-semester purchase. No additional deposits allowed.

- A. Any balance at the end of each semester is forfeited.
- B. Any balance after the annual closing of the Viking I in July is forfeited.
- C. Balances carry over from semester to semester provided the user maintains active employment or is preregistered for next semester classes.



# A CAMPUS **DESIGNED FOR YOU**

- LIVING ON CAMPUS
- DINING SERVICES
- STUDENT CENTER
- STUDENT LIFE
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- MAIL SERVICES
- HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- PARKING



# LIVING ON CAMPUS

Welcome to your home away from home! Here's everything you need to know as you get ready to live on campus.

## RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence Life is here to make your college experience safe, comfortable, and fun. Our goal is to create a community where you can:

- **Sleep well**
- **Study successfully**
- **Socialize and build friendships**

We offer events and programs throughout the year to help you get connected, feel at home, and grow personally and academically.

### CAMPUS HOUSING POLICY

All full-time **first-year students** are required to live on campus and be on a meal plan for one full academic year (two semesters) **unless** one of the following applies:

1. You live at home within 35 miles of Valley City
2. You are 21 or older
3. You are married or the single head of a household

If you qualify for an exemption, contact the **Director for Residence Life** to complete the exemption form.

### MEAL PLANS (BOARD PLANS)

All students living in the residence halls must be on a meal plan.

Food service is provided by **Sodexo**, and you'll choose a year-long plan that best fits your eating habits. Plans include:

- **Meals per week**
- **Flex dollars** you can use across campus

You'll have three dining locations available:

- **The Cafeteria**
- **The Viking I**
- **Viking Grounds Coffee Cart**

(See page 5 for more details.)

### FIRST-YEAR STUDENT MOVE-IN

Move-in day is an exciting first step to starting your college experience! First-year students will move into their assigned residence halls during designated move-in times on **Friday, August 21, 2026**.

Once housing assignments are released, be sure to **carefully review your housing assignment letter**. This letter will include a **link to sign up for a specific move-in time** for your assigned residence hall. Signing up ahead of time helps us manage traffic, parking, and elevator access so move-in day runs smoothly for everyone.

More details about move-in day procedures, parking, and what to expect will be shared closer to the start of the semester — so keep an eye on your email!

## WHAT TO BRING

### ESSENTIALS

- Clothing
- Bedding (XL Twin)
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Shower Basket
- School Supplies
- Fan
- Snacks
- Posters or Wall Decor
- Keurig
- Lamp
- Hobby Items
- Plants
- Storage Organizers
- Dishes
- Garbage Can
- 3M-Style Hooks
- Laundry Detergent
- Alarm Clock
- Hamper
- Cleaning Supplies
- Air Purifier
- Photos from home

### TALK WITH YOUR ROOMMATE BEFORE BRINGING

To avoid duplicates:

- Extra Furniture
- Refrigerator
- TV
- Speakers/Sound System

### DO NOT BRING

- Air Fryer
- Air Conditioner
- Coffee Pot
- Hot Plate or Toaster Oven
- Candles
- Flammable Items
- Microwave (we provide them!)
- Guns or Weapons
- Alcohol or Drugs

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How are room assignments made?

Assignments are made **first-come, first-served**, with returning students receiving priority until a certain date.

## How are roommates assigned?

If you and another student request each other, we do our best to honor that. Otherwise, we match roommates based on your housing application answers.

## Can I have a room of my own?

Yes – when available.

- **Snoeyenbos Hall:** one single per suite
- **Kolstoe Hall:** four-person suites only
- **Robertson & McCoy Halls:** singles available

Upperclassmen get priority.

## When will I know my room assignment?

Room assignment emails are typically sent **in early June**. You'll also receive your roommate's name and email.

## What if I want a different room?

You may request a room change starting the **3rd week** of the semester.

- Changes after this date include a **\$25 processing fee**
- No changes are allowed during the first two weeks unless approved by the Director

## Why can't I bring my own microwave or air conditioner?

The building electrical systems can't support a microwave in every room – but don't worry, community kitchens and lounges have microwaves for you to use. All buildings have air conditioning available in some capacity.

# OUR COMPASS

Residence Life's guiding values and learning outcomes <sup>1</sup> communicate to our staff and residents our expectation their behaviors and areas where they can expect to experience growth through their residence life experience.

# WHAT WE VALUE

1. **Personal Accountability** – managing one's actions without blaming outside factors when something goes wrong
2. **Social Responsibility** – considering the impact of your actions on others and striving to create a positive impact in your community
3. **Community Involvement** – participating actively in the activities that contribute to the well-being and development of the residence hall community
4. **Civic Engagement** – improving communities and addressing public concerns through individual and collective actions
5. **Self-Improvement** – engaging in the ongoing process of developing oneself through self-reflection



# DINING SERVICES

## SODEXO FOOD SERVICES

Sodexo Food Services offers students meal plan options that are a combination of flex dollars and meals per week. The plans are semester-long contracts where you choose the plan that works for you, depending on your eating habits. These plans are listed under the Business Office on page 6.

Students can choose between our two dining facilities on campus: the Cafeteria and the Viking I. During the week, students can use their meals to eat in the Cafeteria and can use flex dollars in other areas. Meals can be used to purchase meal equivalents in the Viking I on the weekend. Students are also able to use their flex plan dollars at Viking Grounds, a Starbucks Coffee Shop located in the VCSU Memorial Student Union Center. Students can add additional voluntary dollars at any time to their accounts. That money is used tax free, and students will get an additional 8% credit on the dollar amount.

## FAQS

### Where can I eat on campus?

The Cafeteria and Viking I. The Cafeteria serves breakfast, lunch and dinner in a buffet style, complete with drinks, soup, salad and dessert. The Cafeteria provides an excellent atmosphere for a nice sit down meal with friends.

The Viking I serves breakfast, lunch and dinner where students can purchase a complete meal or select individual items to purchase. This is ideal for those fast-food cravings and quick snack stops. Items can be eaten in our seating area or purchased 'to go.'

Sodexo also operates Viking Grounds, a Starbucks coffee shop located in VCSU's Student Center. This is another establishment where students can use their meal plan flex dollars.

### How do meal plans work?

Your meal plan will be loaded on your ID card. You need to have your ID each time you eat. Your plan consists of a certain number of meals per week, along with a set amount of "flex dollars". Your meal plan can be used 7 days a week, but Monday-Friday they must be used in the Cafeteria, and Saturday and Sunday they must be used in the Viking I. Your flex dollars can be used in the Viking I and Viking Grounds or used to purchase additional meals in the Cafeteria if you run out of your meals for the week.

### What should I consider when choosing the proper food service plan?

Think about your eating habits. Do you like to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner? Do you only like to eat two meals a day? Do you normally snack throughout the day? These are all things to take into consideration while choosing a board plan that will best fit your needs.

### Who is required to buy a plan?

All residence hall students are required to be on a food service plan.

### What do I do if I lose my ID card?

Report the loss at the Student Center Information Desk. A replacement ID will result in a \$25 charge.

### May I transfer my balance to the next semester?

No. It must be used in the semester it was purchased.

### May I use my plan to pay for meals for my guests?

Each semester, Sodexo adds four, six, eight or ten guest passes to each board plan depending on which plan is purchased. Guest meals must be paid for with the guest passes, flex dollars, or cash. You may not use your board plan meals for guests.

### May I change my plan level?

Yes, you can. Forms can be found at the Information Desk in the Student Center. Fall semester board plan changes must be made by the date that all fall charges are due. Spring semester board plan changes must be made by December 15.

## FOOD SERVICE HOURS

### CAFETERIA

#### MONDAY – FRIDAY

BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

LUNCH 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

DINNER 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

DINNER 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### VIKING I

#### MONDAY – THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Fryer/grill shuts off @ 9:45 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fryer/grill shuts off @ 4:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

\*\* 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

\*\* 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

\*\* 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Fryer/grill shuts off @ 9:45 p.m.

\*\* Denotes Board meal served in Viking I

### VIKING GROUNDS

#### MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT CENTER

The Valley City State University Memorial Student Union Center and its many services is an important part of your experience at VCSU. The Student Center serves as the “center stage” of the entire campus. By design, and especially because of its unique location, the Student Center is naturally one of the busiest buildings on campus. A recent survey found that nearly 3,500 separate and distinct activities are held within the confines of the Student Center each academic year. To you, it may mean coffee, meeting a friend, studying, watching TV, reading, resting, getting your mail, shopping at the bookstore or playing in the game room. The Student Center provides conference rooms, a complete food service, bookstore with mail service, game room, ATM and a number of lounge areas. The Student Center strives to create and administer programs which serve the best interests of the students. Programs and activities are planned and administered by student groups, the Viking Campus Activities Board and the Director of Student Activities.

### BUILDING HOURS

Mon. – Thurs.	7:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	11:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	11:15 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

### INFORMATION DESK HOURS

Mon. – Fri.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Saturday	11:15 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:15 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

### Information Desk

- Information about the Student Center
- Reservations of Student Center facilities
- Information about various campus activities
- Claim lost and found items

### Lower Lounge Game Room

- Study Area
- Lower Level Printer
- Pool Table
- Ping Pong Table
- Foosball Table
- Large Screen TV

*Questions regarding the game room should be addressed to the Student Center Information Desk.*

### Vehicle Booster Cables, Battery Charger & Extension Cords

- Available for your use at no charge from the Student Center Information Desk.
- Students must provide their Viking Card/driver's license to use the equipment.

### ATM Machine

- An ATM is located on the main floor of the Student Center next to the Information Desk.

### Identification System

The official university identification system is administered by the Student Center Information Desk. All VCSU students must have a current official VCSU Viking Mobile ID installed on their mobile device or carry a VCSU-issued Viking Card if they choose not to have the Viking ID, or if the Viking ID cannot be installed. The Viking ID (or Viking Card) is the property of Valley City State University and must be surrendered upon request by school officials. The Viking ID provides access to your residence hall, board meal plan and university sponsored events. It is unlawful to allow another person to use your Viking ID. The Viking ID is issued upon initial enrollment at VCSU. Students who are unable to have the Viking ID installed on their mobile device or do not have a mobile device will be issued a Viking Card at no charge. If they opt for a Viking Card instead of a Viking ID, they will be charged \$25 for a Viking Card. If a student's mobile phone is lost or stolen, or if their Viking Card is lost, stolen, or mutilated, it should be reported to the Student Center Information Desk. The Viking ID will be restored upon recovery or replacement of the mobile device at no charge, but a replacement Viking Card will result in a \$25.00 charge. If a student gets a new phone, they should contact Technology Services to assist with installing the Viking ID on the new phone.

<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000035937>

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

With student activities sponsored by the Viking Campus Activities Board (VCAB) – a dedicated group of student volunteers who plan and host events throughout the year – along with more than 30 student organizations and honor societies, there’s always something happening on campus. And if you don’t see a club that matches your interests, you can start your own. Chances are, you’ll find other students who share your passion.

One of the most exciting challenges you’ll encounter is balancing the fun and involvement of extracurricular activities with the rewarding demands of your academic coursework. VCSU offers a wide range of student organizations and activities, including but not limited to:

### ORGANIZATIONS & HONOR SOCIETIES

ACM Student Chapter	SAAC – Student Athletic Advisory Club
Art Alliance	Sigma Tau Delta
Chi Alpha	Social Justice Council
CRU	Spanish Club
DECA	Student Chapter Wildlife Society
Disc Sports Club	Student Nurse Organization
Drama Club	Student Senate
Early Music Club	Trap Shooting Club
Education Club	Viking Campus Activities Board (VCAB)
English Club	VCSU American Fisheries Society
Fantasy Club	VCSU Collegiate HOSA – Health Occupations Students of America
Kappa Delta Pi	VCSU Conservatives
Music Teachers National Association	VCSU The Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society
NAFME	Viking Ambassadors
National Society of Leadership & Success (NSLS)	Vikings for Christ
Phi Alpha Theta/History Club	Viking Catholic
Psychology and Human Services Club	Viking Student Veterans
Pre-Professional Club	



### STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate helps give students an opportunity to make a student’s voice heard and helps make a difference at VCSU. The various university committees, community involvement and intercollegiate relations help improve the university experience for everyone. Student Senate is the governing body for the student association, which includes all VCSU students. Student Senate members are elected by the student body. Student Senate acts as a liaison with the faculty and administration and is the official voice of the students in university affairs. VCSU Student Senate also represents VCSU every month of the academic year in the North Dakota Student Association.

#### HELP US HELP YOU!

Student Senate wants to work for the students at VCSU. However, we can’t do that unless the students come to us with issues. You can communicate your issues either through email, concern box located on the wall next to the coffee stand or through our social media. Student Senate also hosts Table Times as another chance for students to raise concerns. If there is something YOU want done on campus, don’t hesitate to contact us.

**VCSU Student Senate is here for you!**



# CAREER SERVICES

## CAREER SERVICES

### STUDENTS INTERESTED IN:

- Career and major exploration
- Internships and job shadows
- Resume and cover letter help
- Interview preparation
- Graduate school application assistance
- On and off-campus job search assistance and resources
- Professional employment search assistance

### CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

- Classroom presentations on a variety of career-related topics
- Various interest/values/skills assessments
- Career exploration assistance and resources
- Campus visits with prospective students who are deciding on a major
- Graduate and professional school information and resources
- Instructor for CARS 120: Career Exploration and CARS 130: Job Search

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

On and off-campus job search assistance and resources

*\*\*Please note that for on-campus jobs, currently enrolled VCSU students can search and apply in the "Student Employment Opportunities" section at:*

[www.vcsu.edu/jobs](http://www.vcsu.edu/jobs)

- Professional-level job search assistance — local, state and nationwide
- Internship placement and coordination of internship for academic credit
- Job shadow placement
- Help with resume and cover letter writing and interview preparation
- On-campus and virtual workshops and seminars
- Annual Career and Internship Expo
- On-campus employer visits
- Individual appointments for any career planning needs

### DECIDING STUDENTS

Career Services will also assist students in finding their career path and deciding on a major.

- Visit with the Director for Career Services about appropriate career exploration and planning assessments
- The option to enroll in CARS 120 Career Exploration, taught by Director for Career Services

# MAIL SERVICES

Mail Service is handled by the Bookstore. Incoming mail is distributed daily, Monday through Friday, and outgoing mail is picked up in the upper level of the Bookstore Monday through Friday by 3:00 p.m. All students living in the residence halls will be assigned a campus mailbox. Off-campus students may also request a campus mailbox by contacting the Bookstore. The mailboxes are in the lower level of the Student Center. Packages and other mail too large for the student mailboxes will be held in the upper level of the Student Center and available for pickup during regular business hours. Students will be notified by campus email when they have a package.

Stamps are available at the Bookstore which also offers shipping via USPS or UPS.

If you have any questions regarding mail or the VCSU Bookstore, please call 701-845-7141.

Student Name  
Box Number  
230 Viking Drive SW  
Valley City, ND 58072

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Visits to Student Health Services are free, confidential, and unlimited to all students enrolled at VCSU. Services provided include assessment and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, over-the-counter medications and referrals to medical providers when needed. All medical care received off campus is the financial responsibility of the student.

Along with providing education on many health and wellness topics, smoking cessation counseling is also available as VCSU is a tobacco-free campus.

The Student Health Services Office is located on the first floor of Mythaler Hall and is staffed by a Registered Nurse. Office hours are Monday–Friday when classes are in session. Appointments can be made by calling or emailing the Student Health Services Office, but walk-ins are always welcome.

Valley City State University’s Student Health Services mission is to help each student achieve optimal health and wellness by providing quality health care so each student may participate fully in the educational and personal growth opportunities offered by the University.



## COUNSELING SERVICES

Our services are free and confidential for all enrolled students. A student may discuss any personal concern with our clinical mental health counselors. Student concerns typically involve academic and personal stress, relationships with others, life discussions, values clarification, study problems, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, grief, trauma, sexual identity issues, alcohol or drug use, general confusion or concern, or other mental health disorders. We offer free consultations, assessments, and referrals.

Group counseling workshops, seminars, and group presentations and trainings are also provided by the counseling office by request.



# ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG POLICY

## University Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Free Campus Policy

The VCSU Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Free Campus Policy applies to students while on campus and at off-campus university sponsored events.

Student-athletes may have additional sanctions applied. Student-athletes need to review the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct to review additional sanctions.

### Alcohol Policy

Valley City State University, in accordance with ND State Board of Higher Education Policy 918, prohibits the possession, sale, dispensation, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages upon land, or in buildings owned by the Board or its institutions. Exceptions to the policy are provided for university apartments or as permitted with the approval of the president.

The VCSU Alcohol Policy applies to students while participating in off-campus university sponsored events including university sponsored travel to and from events.

Alcoholic beverages and the possession of empty alcoholic beverage containers are prohibited in the residence halls. Residence hall students found to be responsible for hosting events where alcohol violations occur, will be subject to additional sanctions. Hosting is defined as having more than one non-resident of the room or suite present at the time of the violation.

Behavior while in a state of intoxication that is loud, disruptive, potentially harmful to the health or safety of self or others or affecting the cleanliness or maintenance of university facilities is considered a violation of the policy.

All fines collected are applied to substance abuse education programs, speakers, and materials. VCSU reserves the right to assign additional sanctions as deemed necessary or appropriate. The above sanctions are subject to review and change, as necessary.

Residence Hall students found to be responsible for hosting events where alcohol violations occur will be subject to additional sanctions. Hosting is defined as having any non-resident of the room present at the party. Residents of party rooms will be assessed an additional \$150 fine.

### Cannabis, Nicotine, and Tobacco Free Campus

*Rationale for Prohibiting Smoking, Cannabis, Nicotine, and Tobacco Products Use*

Valley City State University is committed to a healthy and safe environment for students, employees, and visitors. Use of cannabis, nicotine, and tobacco products including but not limited to, e-cigarettes and vaping products is prohibited on all campus property. Campus property includes all property, both indoor and outdoor, that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by Valley City State University, all buildings, green spaces, athletic fields, parking lots, sidewalks, walkways, and state vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, students, visitors, and contractors. The purpose of this policy is to protect the public health and

welfare by prohibiting smoking and the use of cannabis, nicotine, and tobacco products, including Electronic Smoking Device (ESDs); to guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke free air, while recognizing that the need to breathe smoke free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke; and to encourage a healthier, more productive living/learning environment for all members of our campus community. The smoking of tobacco, hookahs, nicotine, or cannabis products and the use of ESDs are forms of air pollution and constitute both a danger to health and a material public nuisance.

### Illicit Drug Policy

The illegal possession of paraphernalia or use of compounds that produce hallucinations or illusions when introduced into the body and all compounds covered under federal and state drug control laws are prohibited. They are not allowed on campus or in the residence halls. Individuals who engage in such illegal acts are subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.

To find out more about North Dakota drug laws, visit [www.legis.nd.gov](http://www.legis.nd.gov)

### Parental Notification Policy

The Vice President for Student Affairs has the authority to notify parents or guardians when students under the age of 21 are found to have committed violations of university policies related to the possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or drugs. The notification of parents is warranted in any of the following cases:

The violation involved harm or threat of harm to person(s) or property.

The violation involved an arrest in which the student was taken into custody.

The violation resulted in or could result in the student being suspended from the university and/or dismissed from the residence halls.

The student has shown a pattern of violations.

The student who committed the violation became ill and/or required medical intervention as a result of consumption of alcohol or drugs.

When possible, students will be notified that parental notification will take place. Students will be encouraged to discuss the situation with their parents prior to notification. A record of the notification will be kept on file in the student's record.

### All Violations

Violations carry from one year to the next. For example, if you received a violation last year and one this year, it would be your second violation.

### Full Policy & Sanctions

<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000034228-University-Alcohol-Tobacco-and-Other-Drug-ATOD-Free-Campus-Policy>

# SAFETY

## Residence Hall Security

Residence Halls are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Only students who live in buildings and maintenance workers are given access to these buildings.

## Security Cameras

VCSU has numerous surveillance cameras across campus. These cameras record happenings at building entrances and other areas. Camera footage is reviewed in the event of an incident. Live camera footage is not monitored.

## Threat Assessments

VCSU reviews warning signs, threats and other information and shares information with local PD in necessary cases. VCSU also follows state policies and guidelines to avoid potential problems.

## Safety Walk

Each year, Facilities Services staff, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Senate members walk around campus to find areas of improvement.

## Building Security

VCSU has employees on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, including building security staff who patrol the campus and check doors, halls and other areas from the hours of 3 p.m.–7 a.m. The building security staff is in direct contact with the VCPD if an incident occurs.

## Valley City Police Department

VCSU has an agreement with the VCPD to monitor the campus several times each day and to provide emergency response in the event of an incident. Their response time to an incident on campus is under five minutes.

## Fire Drills

VCSU conducts fire drills in each residence hall according to federal and state guidelines. The campus works with the local fire department in conducting unannounced drills to each residence hall to help get students acquainted with different entrances and exits. Fire drills are conducted each semester in all academic buildings.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Everbridge is the emergency notification system used by all 11 North Dakota University System colleges and universities to provide timely information and instructions directly to students, faculty, staff and others during emergencies or urgent situations. It uses cell-based telephone and text messaging, land lines and e-mail to inform participants of emergency situations. Everbridge is used only if a situation poses an urgent or immediate threat to health or safety or if a situation significantly disrupts campus activities such as a weather-related closing. All students are required to participate in Everbridge. Students will be reminded every 90 days to update their information or participate in the system through Campus Connection. At any time, students can update their information by clicking on the emergency notification link.

# PARKING

Parking permits are available to purchase online through Campus Connection.

The VCSU Parking Office is open and available for questions from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. *\*\*Permits will be mailed out to the address that is used during purchase*

The annual parking fee for students and employees is \$65.00. Permits purchased after fall semester are \$32.50 per permit. All VCSU parking lots require either a student permit, employee permit, or a guest pass. Visitor Parking passes can be requested through the OneStop Service Request - Facilities Services.

Lots that permit overnight parking:

- Lot 4, 5, 6, 7, a portion of 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18

Lots that DO NOT allow overnight parking:

- Lot 1, 8, 9, a portion of 10, 6

The permit holder, registered owner, or driver is liable for any parking violation expenses. Citations will be associated to users accounts and posted to VCSU Campus Connection. Citations are paid in the VCSU Business Office.

# Meet the Crew



## **Matt Belgarde**

West Fargo, ND  
Business Administration  
I like learning math as a hobby.



## **Mattilyn Nathan**

Fargo, ND  
Art Education with History Minor  
I have a collection of over 50 teapots.



## **Delaney Cotton**

Wheatland, ND  
Business Administration  
I am a dual sport athlete!



## **Michael Ouradnik**

Bismarck, ND  
Chemistry Education  
This is the second time I've been coaching at the local high school.



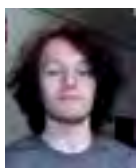
## **Janet King**

Leonard, ND  
Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences  
I own donkeys.



## **Jaydin Rombs**

Aberdeen, SD  
Music Education and Psychology  
I have been to 21 concerts since June of 2024.



## **Ricky Leik**

Pettibone, ND  
History  
I was held back in preschool.



## **Rose Schiele**

Velva, ND  
Elementary Education  
I can do the splits!



## **Jacob Lowery**

Langdon, ND  
Physical Education with Coaching Minor  
I like to go skiing.



## **Kristen Spanier**

Jamestown, ND  
Health Science and Biology  
I have 5 siblings but only one brother.



## **McKenna Miller**

Jamestown, ND  
Elementary Education  
I love going to concerts. I went to 12 last year!



## **Jenna Volson**

Minot, ND  
Human Services with concentration in Child and Family Services  
I have 2 cats at home - Kanga and Bolt.



## **Cooper Allen Monilaws**

Fargo, ND  
Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences  
I may or may not own a sword.



# GAUKLER FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER



A high-quality fitness center for improving health and enhancing education and expanding social opportunities.

## The 63,000 square foot facility includes the following features:

- Swimming pool with four lap lanes and zero depth entry leisure pool
- Hot tub
- VCSU KHP Department with three classrooms, training room & physiology lab
- Two high school basketball courts with divider curtain and 12 adjustable basketball hoops from 8' - 10'; lines for two volleyball courts, and four badminton courts
- Three lane track (about 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  laps per mile)
- 9,700 sq. ft. fitness center
- Two group fitness rooms
- Indoor playground with multilevel play structure
- Party room for birthdays and other events
- Conference room
- Locker space including men's, women's and family locker rooms
- Parks and Recreation offices
- Caribou brewed coffee and smoothie bar

## Current Hours

Monday – Thursday:	5 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday:	5 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday:	6 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday:	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

## Membership

Membership for currently registered VCSU students is included in student fees. Students may obtain a Wellness Center ID by bringing their student ID and proof of current class registration to the Wellness Center front desk.

# PLACES TO STAY AND ENJOY IN VALLEY CITY

## The President's Guest House

Stay in a lovely Victorian home right on campus!

Call 701-845-7122 or toll free at 1-800-532-8641 to schedule a stay or event.



The historic President's House is located on the beautiful campus of Valley City State University. This magnificently preserved Victorian home, built in 1901, served as the home for VCSU presidents from 1921–1994. It is now being offered as a guest inn providing accommodations for visitors to the campus and the Valley City area. The President's House is also available for special events such as weddings, dining, teas, showers, business meetings, tours, and graduation receptions with full dining privileges for a few or many. Several local caterers are also available.

The main floor of the home contains a kitchen, dining room, den, sitting room, music room, one handicap accessible bedroom and full bathroom. The second floor has four bedrooms, a maid's room with a bed, and 1½ baths. There is also a third-floor bedroom. For more information, check out our website at [www.presidentshouse.com](http://www.presidentshouse.com)

### **SPECIAL EVENT PRICING** (use of main floor & bathrooms)

- \$35.00 – 4 hours
- \$60.00 – 6 hours
- \$100.00 – 12 hours

### **GUEST INN PRICING**

- \$75.00 single room per night
- \$200.00 entire home for one night
- \$175.00 per night entire home 2 or more consecutive nights
- \$1,000.00 entire home per 7-day stay

Prices do not include 10.5% tax. \$50 per night deposit required on entire home overnight rentals. Must cancel 60 days before rental or forfeit deposit.

## Local Hotels and Bed & Breakfast

### **AmericInn**

280 Wintershow Rd  
Valley City, ND, 58072  
701-845-5551

### **Econo Lodge**

455 Wintershow Road  
Valley City, ND, 58072  
701-845-5333

### **GrandStay Hotel & Suites**

271 Winter Show Road SW  
Valley City, ND, 58072  
701-490-3500

### **Open Country Lodge**

9678 35th St SE  
Spiritwood, ND, 58481  
701-490-1440

### **Airbnbs**

Farm Stay in Valley City  
Hunters Haven on Main  
Quaint Condo - City of  
Bridges  
The Cozy Cottage  
The Lodge  
Three Oaks Guest Inn

## Local Restaurants and Coffee Shops

Alley Beans

Bridges Bar & Grill

Budget Burger

Burger King

Casey's Pizza

Casa Mexico

Cookie Plätz

Dairy Queen

Eagles Club

Epworth's Holy

Grounds

Healthier You Nutrition

James Bon Bon Cafe

Jimmy's Pizza

Kirin House

Leevers Deli

McDonald's

North 9 Bar & Grill

– Valley City Town &

Country Club

PetroServe

Pizza Corner

Pizza Ranch

Sabir's Dining &

Lounge

Sky Lanes

Sodexo Cafeteria/

Viking I

Subway

Tavern 94

Taco John's

The Vault Coffee Shop

Viking Grounds

Wild Prairie Bakery

## The Valley City Activities Calendar, Tourism and Events

<https://www.valleycitytourism.com>

# NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST



## DURING ORIENTATION

While you're here on campus, take the opportunity to get your questions answered and become familiar with the people and resources available to you!

- Add Viking Voyage Weekend to your calendar: August 21–24
  - Move-In Day is August 21, 2026
  - These activities are required for incoming freshmen
- Visit with Enrollment Services about any missing documents you might have
- Make sure your Housing is set up
- Activate your CampusConnection account
  - Keep your username and password in a safe place.
  - Do NOT share your credentials with anyone, including parents, as that violates NDUS policy.
- Register for classes
- Consider completing the FERPA Waiver
- Take your Viking Card photo
- Pick up your VCSU t-shirt
- Download the myvcsu (my VCSU) app and explore it
- Use your Bookstore coupon to buy some swag
- Use Starbucks coupon before the end of the day
- Meet at least one person who can be a resource
  - Ask questions, have fun!



## BEFORE VIKING VOYAGE

Before arriving on campus as a VCSU student, there are a couple additional tasks you may choose to do to prepare.

- Purchase parking permit (see Parking, pg. 20)
- Learn about Viking Card and check eAccounts (see Technology Services, pg. 10)
- Consider purchasing laptop insurance (page 9, item P)
- Contact your roommate to plan for Move-In Day: Aug 21, 2026

*Students with disabilities or requesting accommodations are asked to contact the Disability Support Services Office at 701-845-7307 at least 72 hours prior to arriving on campus.*



## AFTER VIKING VOYAGE

Reminder: Students who plan to work on campus are required to present I-9 employment eligibility documentation. Acceptable documents include an original Social Security card or birth certificate. Copies or photos of documents cannot be accepted.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>Move-In Day</b> August 21	<b>Viking Voyage Weekend</b> August 21-24	<b>Summer Vikes on Central</b> September 10	<b>Homecoming Week</b> September 14-19	<b>Family Weekend</b> October 16-18
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# VISION

As an innovative university, we deliver distinctive, learner-centered experiences.

# VCSU FIGHT SONG

V-C-S - we love the red and blue,  
V-C-S - we're always true to you.  
To you, we show our great adoration  
We're the best school in the land.  
Rah - Rah - Rah!

Always loyal, let them know we're  
here.

V-C-S - let's give a lusty cheer!  
Rah - Rah - Rah! Rah - Rah - Rah!  
V-C-S - Rah! Rah! Rah!  
Dear old V-C-S!



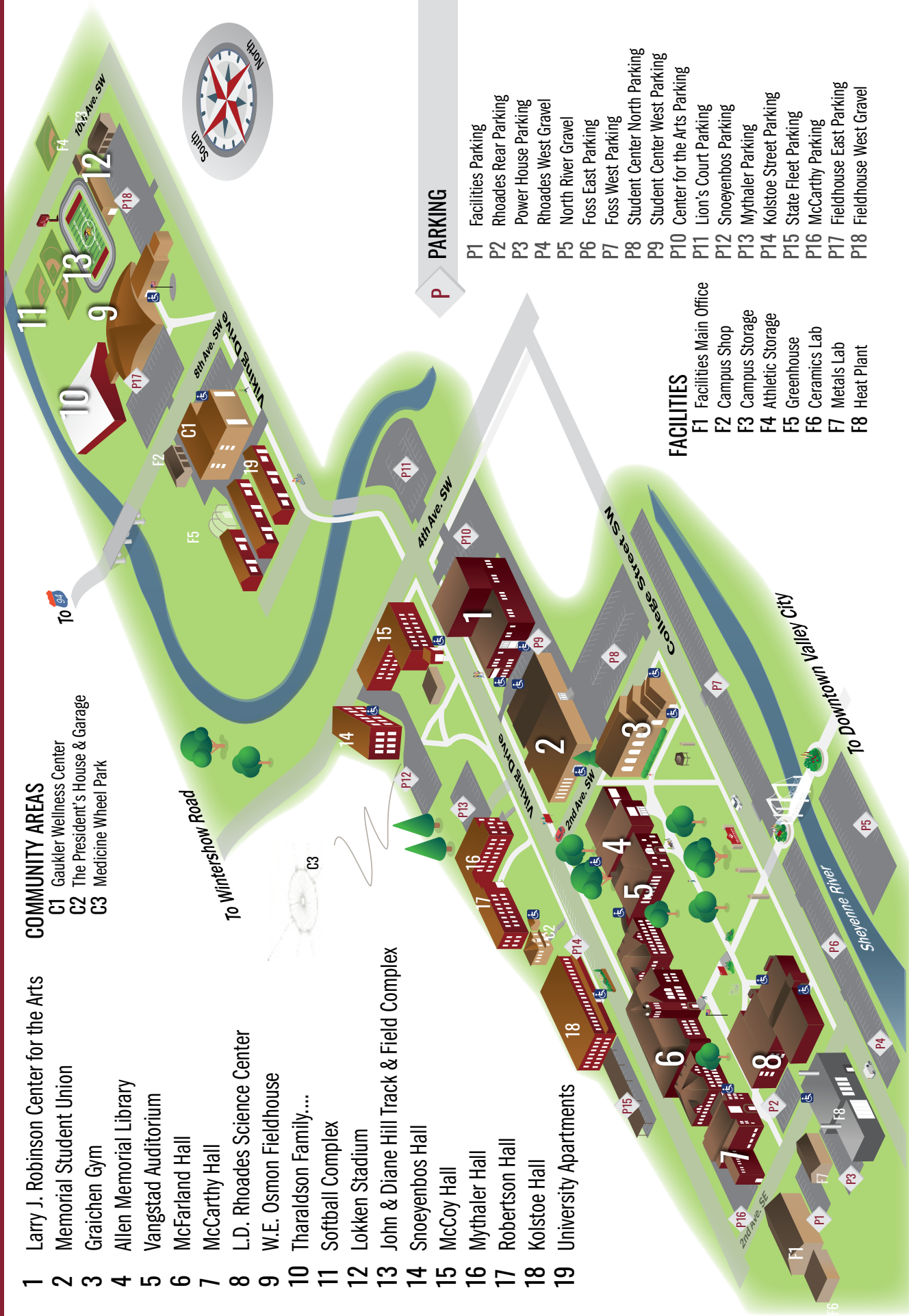
**VALLEY CITY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

# CAMPUS MAP

101 College Street SW  
Valley City, North Dakota 58072

- 1 Larry J. Robinson Center for the Arts
- 2 Memorial Student Union
- 3 Graichen Gym
- 4 Allen Memorial Library
- 5 Vangstad Auditorium
- 6 McFarland Hall
- 7 McCarthy Hall
- 8 L.D. Rhoades Science Center
- 9 W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse
- 10 Tharaldson Family...
- 11 Softball Complex
- 12 Lokken Stadium
- 13 John & Diane Hill Track & Field Complex
- 14 Snoeyenbos Hall
- 15 McCoy Hall
- 16 Mythalter Hall
- 17 Robertson Hall
- 18 Kolstoe Hall
- 19 University Apartments

- COMMUNITY AREAS**
- C1 Gaukler Wellness Center
  - C2 The President's House & Garage
  - C3 Medicine Wheel Park



**FACILITIES**

- F1 Facilities Main Office
- F2 Campus Shop
- F3 Campus Storage
- F4 Athletic Storage
- F5 Greenhouse
- F6 Ceramics Lab
- F7 Metals Lab
- F8 Heat Plant

**PARKING**

- P1 Facilities Parking
- P2 Rhoades Rear Parking
- P3 Power House Parking
- P4 Rhoades West Gravel
- P5 North River Gravel
- P6 Foss East Parking
- P7 Foss West Parking
- P8 Student Center North Parking
- P9 Student Center West Parking
- P10 Center for the Arts Parking
- P11 Lion's Court Parking
- P12 Snoeyenbos Parking
- P13 Mythalter Parking
- P14 Kolstoe Street Parking
- P15 State Fleet Parking
- P16 McCarthy Parking
- P17 Fieldhouse East Parking
- P18 Fieldhouse West Gravel