

**Academic Support & Student Services**

**DATE:** August 18, 2025

**TO:** Members of the Faculty

**FROM:** Grace Frederickson, Director of Student-Athlete Academic Services

**SUBJECT:** Excused Student-Athlete Absences

To participate in intercollegiate athletic competition, it will be necessary for members of the **Football** team to miss class on the dates listed below for competition. Given this, VALPO student-athletes will personally deliver a current competition schedule to each of their professors at the beginning of the semester. It is hoped that this practice will encourage increased faculty-student interaction in our continuing effort to improve the academic achievement of student-athletes. The VALPO Athletics Department, coaching staff, and team members place great emphasis on student-athlete academic success.

In accordance with Article 3.3.2 of the Faculty Handbook (**Absences Due to Sporting Events)**, it is inevitable that conflicts will arise between class requirements and sporting events. These student-athletes are keenly aware that academics are their first priority. Further, they recognize their responsibility for speaking with faculty in the first week of the semester, or when their competition schedule is released to make arrangements, in advance, to make up any academic work, submit assignments on time, or complete tests or quizzes that may be missed as a result of competition or travel.

The student-athletes are capable and motivated students who are very concerned about their academic success. In support of this, during the fourth or fifth week of the semester, Academic Support and Student Services will request an Academic Report, for the student-athletes in your class to obtain your feedback and suggestion regarding their academic success.

I would appreciate any consideration to the student-athlete for classes missed due to travel and competition representing Valparaiso University. If you would like to update us on a student-athlete’s performance in your class or you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [grace.frederickson@valpo.edu](mailto:grace.frederickson@valpo.edu) or phone at (502) 528-0134. Thank you for your time and consideration. In addition, I encourage you to come and support VALPO Athletics. GO BEACONS!!!

*By signing below, you are acknowledging that the student athlete has provided you with his/her team’s travel schedule showing dates of classes to be missed.*

| **Instructors Name** | **Class Name & Section** | **Class Day & Time** |
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**Fall 2025 Football Team Members**

Colin Abercrombie

David Akinbosoye

Ashton Allen

Caleb Baczek

Frank Bartell

Gabe Batres

Jonathan Bauzon

Nick Beidl

Jorge Benavente

Bertrand Berry

Michael Biesboer

Cooper Bothwell

Aaron Briggs

Donovan Brown

Marcus Brown

Kamren Bryant

Carsen Burckhardt

Max Carter

Connor Cervantes

Hattie Cotton - Manager

Jackson Crawford

Donovan Dey

Johnny DiBlasio

Connor Dickson

Dom Dinuzzo

Jacob Diver

Nathan Downey

Nico Downie

Luke Doyle

Jack Elgin

Anthony Feltrinelli

Shawn Fester

Nathan Fletcher

Kam Fouty-Koonce

Isaiah Fowler

Quinn Fracassi

Mathew Gasior

Xavier Gipson

Jacob Gorberg

Alex Goworowski

Tavion Grant

Chris Gundy

Jacardon Hardemon

Nathan Harris

William Hawkins

Colin Hayes

Justin Hemmersbach

Easton Hill

Nate Hillenburg

Christian Hilton

Brock Huggins

Omar Jackson

Nick Johnsen

Mark Johnson

Justin Jurmu

Rowan Keefe

Noah Kline

Mason Knoch

Bryce Koteles

Austin Lambert

Zander Lankford

Nic Lendino

Wyatt Little

Noah Long

Micah Mackay

Dj Manns

Michael Mansaray

Micah Markley

Silas Mathis

Tyler McBride

Billy Jack McCool

Brendan McIlvenna

Ace McKinnis

Dawaiian McNeely

Jay Melchiori

Case-Edward Miller

Jackson Modder

Matt Molnar

Marco Morales

Antony Morris

Hunter Nabers

OC Nurse

Marty O’Keeffe

Emmanuel Olojo

Niko Paic

Ryan Pauley

Jake Paulline

Alex Prine

Tristan Pusateri

Uriel Richardson

Ryan Ricketti

Jacob Ritter

Michael Rumoro

Dawson Rye

Jason Salman

Max Samuel

Luke Scoma

Carson Scott

Liam Shepherd

Amir Simmons

Zykeah Simms - Manager

Morgan Smith

Nathan Snedegar

Robert Spang

Iosua Stephens

Ethan Stierheim

Ralph Suarez

Nolan Teising

Dan Theiss

Tyler Threat

George Trojanek

Caron Tyler

Brayden Welch

Gus Wenning

De’Andre Wilborn

Kaiser Wilhelm

Adrian Williams

Carson Wilt

Bryson Winbush

Devin Yeats

**Fall 2025 Football Competition & Travel Schedule**

| **Competition Date/ Opponent** | **Location** | **Reporting/Departure Date/Time** | **Return Date/Time** |
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| 9/20/25 - North Dakota | Grand Forks, ND | 9/19/25 - 8:00am | 9/20/25 - 11:59pm |
| 10/4/25 - Drake | Des Moines, IA | 10/3/25 - 8:00am | 10/4/25 - 11:59pm |
| 10/18/25 - St. Thomas | St. Paul, MN | 10/17/25 - 8:00am | 10/18/25 - 11:59pm |
| 11/1/25 - Presbyterian | Clinton, SC | 10/31/25 - 8:00am | 11/1/25 - 11:59pm |
| 11/22/25 - Butler | Indianapolis, IN | 11/21/25 - TBD | 11/22/25 - 11:59pm |

**Actual Missed Classes:**

Friday, September 19th

Friday, October 3rd

Friday, October 17th

Friday, October 31st

Friday, November 21st