

19. Does the University have a curfew?

The University does not have a curfew. This enables students to take the work and ministry opportunities available to them and encourages students to set their own, personal boundaries that lead to a healthy lifestyle.

20. Does the University provide ministry placement and career planning services?

Career Services assists students with job fairs, career fairs, graduate school/seminary fairs and camp fairs. Other areas of assistance include resume building, interview skills, mock interview sessions and dress-for-success sessions.

21. What loans and scholarships are available?

There are a variety of federal and state grant and loan programs available, plus UVF's generous scholarship opportunities, some of which include Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) Loan, the UVF grant, academic scholarships, artistic achievement scholarships, church & ministry related scholarships, special group scholarships and more.

22. Is student health insurance available?

No. Students are encouraged to provide their own personal insurance as a student or be included under a parental plan.

23. What happens if my son or daughter gets sick or injured?

We have a highly trained campus nurse on campus three days per week. If needed, the nurse will be able to monitor and provide assistance with an ongoing medical condition. If the nurse is not available and your son/daughter needs medical attention he/she can seek medical attention at one of the local medical centers near the University (please see our Health Center brochure for information on these centers). If transportation is needed, students may contact a Residence Life staff person to arrange transportation by ambulance or volunteer.

24. What is your housing policy? Are students required to live on campus?

Unmarried students under 24 years of age are required to live in the residence halls unless they reside with their parents or a guardian.

Single students who are 24 years of age, financially self-supporting and/or in good standing with the University may live off campus. Married students may also live off campus.

25. Will males and females be allowed to visit each other in their rooms?

Open dorms occur two to three times each week for several hours in the evening. Resident Assistants monitor these open dorm times. In addition, UVF designates certain lounges as open lounges during day and evening hours. No member of the opposite sex is allowed in a lounge or room outside of the specified hours.

26. What hours are the Dining Commons open?

Monday-Friday:

Breakfast 7:30 - 9:30 am
Lunch 11 am - 1:30 pm
Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday:

Lunch 12 - 2 pm
Dinner 5 - 6 pm

27. Is there convenient public transportation?

University of Valley Forge is conveniently located minutes away from public bus and train stations in the Philadelphia area (SEPTA). This proximity to public transportation allows students the ability to visit many local venues such as: Philadelphia's Art Museum, The Kimmel Center of Performing Arts, Valley Forge National Park, The King of Prussia Mall and as many of the Phillies, Eagles, Flyers and 76er's games one can attend.

28. Can commuter students purchase meal plans?

Yes, they can. Interested commuter students should contact the Housing Coordinator in the Student Life office.

29. What is the University's mission statement and goals for students?

The mission of University of Valley Forge is to prepare individuals for a life of service and leadership in the church and in the world. University-wide Student Learning Outcomes, or goals, may be found in the Course Catalog or in the Student Handbook.

30. What are the names of the senior administrators?

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31. If I have questions, can I call?

Feel free to call us with any questions or concerns that you have.
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OTHER QUESTIONS YOU'D LIKE TO ASK:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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ACADEMIC

1. Will my son or daughter be able to graduate in 4 years?

Most UVF majors are designed so that every student will be able to graduate in a 4-year time span.

2. What size are the classes? What is the student/faculty ratio?

UVF students enjoy a 14:1 student-to-faculty ratio, ensuring an intimate, spiritually nourishing educational environment that leaves plenty of room for one-on-one attention and personal growth.

3. Will someone be available to monitor my son/daughter's academic progress?

Each student receives academic advising. The advisor assists the student with class selection, academic progress, course sequencing and general academic concerns. The student must become familiar with the catalog requirements of his/her major since the student is responsible for fulfilling all program requirements.

4. Is there tutoring available? Is there a fee?

The Write Solution is a tutoring center for students needing assistance with written assignments, research papers, grammar/punctuation and beginning math coursework. Appointments can be scheduled or walk-in tutoring is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The schedule of hours is posted outside the tutoring center. No fee is required.

5. What academic programs are available?

Valley Forge offers over 50 undergraduate majors, a growing number of graduate majors and Life Enrichment Courses. UVF also awards several associates degrees and certificates of study. Students who complete a UVF bachelor's degree in a selected field of study graduate with a concentration in Bible as well. Degrees are listed on valleyforge.edu.

6. What is "service learning" and why is it required in some classes?

Service Learning is an educational experience in which students participate in an out-of-class service assignment to gain further understanding of the course content while developing a greater sense of civic responsibility. Approximately one-fourth of UVF courses include a service learning component.

7. Will we get a copy of our daughter's/son's grades? Are grades sent home?

Students can log onto my.Valleyforge.edu to access grade information, student account information and official transcripts must be requested from the National Student Clearinghouse. The link is www.getmytranscript.com. It is important for parents to remember that grades, as well as other educational records, belong to the student under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Students should sign a FERPA waiver and give parents access to their educational records.

8. What is regional accreditation and where is UVF in the process?

Accreditation is a quality assurance process whereby educational institutions are evaluated by an external accrediting body to determine if standards are being met. If standards are met, accredited status is granted by the agency. UVF is regionally accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education (3624 Market Street, 2nd Floor West, Philadelphia, PA 19104), the highest level of accreditation possible for colleges and universities located in this geographic region. In addition, individual majors or programs may receive specialized accreditation. For example, our social work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

SOCIAL/INTERPERSONAL

9. What is available for students to do outside of class?

Outside of class there are cultural programs, special events, floor events, concerts, banquets and a variety of student activities, including athletics and intramurals that provide a rich and varied social atmosphere for students.

10. What specific sports and organizations are available?

Valley Forge has provisional membership to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, fielding varsity teams in women's sports (soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, and softball) and men's sports (soccer, basketball, cross country, golf and baseball). We also have several intramural sports opportunities. Student ministry teams, clubs and student organizations include the Student Government Association, Homeless Ministry, Teen Challenge Ministry, Curtain Call (UVF's drama club) and Science & Faith Society. A variety of opportunities exist in the Music Department, including the Concert Choir (by audition only), the College Choir

(open membership), College Band (open membership) and other music and drama teams (Chosen and Pneuma) that perform both on and off-campus. We also have several leadership opportunities including serving as a resident assistant, assistant resident assistant, START team leader, peer mentor, chapel usher or a missions committee member.

11. What opportunities for spiritual growth are available?

University of Valley Forge is dedicated to helping students grow in their relationship with God. A rich, vibrant and exuberant chapel atmosphere provides a daily opportunity for students, faculty and staff to express their faith through corporate worship and the preaching of God's Word. Students are encouraged to practice daily devotions and expected to attend church weekly. Prayer meetings and special services occur throughout the year.

12. What is the alcohol and drug policy and how is it enforced?

The purchase, possession, transportation, consumption or distribution of intoxicating beverages or tobacco products in any form is prohibited. For those under 21 years of age, consumption of alcohol is also a crime according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. The use of illegal drugs and the misuse of prescription drugs are prohibited. The steps our University will take in handling instances of drug or alcohol use are described in the student handbook. Our drug and alcohol policy may be found at valleyforge.edu and in the Student Handbook.

13. When are the Chapel services? Are students required to go?

Chapel Services are held Tuesday - Friday, 10 - 11/11:30 am. Daily chapel attendance is mandatory for all students who are enrolled in nine or more credit hours per semester, regardless of whether they live on- or off-campus. Students are permitted to miss a certain number of chapels without penalty. Other occasional chapel opportunities occur on evenings and weekends.

14. Are students required to go to church?

Weekly church attendance is fundamentally related to preparing to minister to people of all ages, seeing the local church in action, providing community outlets for ministry and accountability, and being integrally involved with a local body of believers. Class and chapel services are not a substitute for weekly church attendance in the local community. All students are expected to attend regular

Sunday services at a church within a reasonable driving distance of UVF. A church attendance survey is given to students during each semester.

15. Are there jobs available on and off campus?

The Comprehensive On-Campus Occupational Program (CO-OP) provides almost 200 on-campus jobs to help students pay for college. These jobs fall into the following three categories: non-restricted on-campus jobs, federal college work-study jobs and restricted on-campus jobs.

Our Career Services Coordinator spends a significant amount of time networking with local businesses to help connect students with off-campus jobs. UVF hosts a Job Fair during the first week of classes which attracts dozens of employers. There will also be listings of local employment provided throughout the semester, as opportunities become available.

16. Will my son/daughter need a car?

Not necessarily. Students are often able to carpool with other students for off campus needs.

COUNSELING/ADVISING

17. My student is very homesick. Is that normal?

A feeling of homesickness is very normal, and chances are, most new students feel the same way! Helping students see homesickness as a normal part of the transition to college will help your student learn to adjust. If homesickness continues for an extended period of time, or your student begins to show symptoms of depression, please encourage them to talk with his or her residence director, a professor or staff member for encouragement and support.

18. Is there personal counseling available?

Yes, we have a contracted, professional counselor who counsels during the week and in the evenings. Counseling sessions are \$40 per one-hour session, payable at the time of the appointment. Partial scholarship assistance may be available. Please encourage your student to take advantage of the counseling offered through our program any time it is needed. Questions about counseling may be answered through our Student Life Office.