WELCOME TO VU

Vincennes University and the Trailblazers look forward to your team visiting our community and campus. Information regarding travel, driving, lodging and Trailblazer Athletics is enclosed.
If we can do anything to make your visit more enjoyable, please contact our staff.
We look forward to your visit!

Harry Meeks
Athletic Director, Vincennes University

DIRECTIONS TO VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

Vincennes University is located in southwestern Indiana on the banks of the Wabash River, the state line between Illinois and Indiana. VU is located about an hour south of Terre Haute, IN, and an hour north of Evansville, IN. The closest international airport is in Indianapolis, about two hours northeast of Vincennes. VU is within about five hours of Chicago, IL; St. Louis, MO; Cincinnati, OH; and Nashville, TN.

Directions:
From the north: take State Road 41 south to Vincennes. Take the Sixth Street exit and turn right at the stop light onto St. Clair Street. Cross the railroad tracks and enter the VU campus.

From the south: take State Road 41 north to Vincennes. Take the Hart Street Exit and turn left at the top of the ramp. Turn right at the stop light onto Second Street, cross the railroad tracks and enter the VU campus.

From the east: take U.S. 50 west to State Road 41 South. Turn right at the stop light onto St. Clair Street and enter the VU campus.

From the west: take U.S. 50 east to State Road 41 South. Take the Sixth Street Exit and turn right at the stop light onto St. Clair Street and enter the VU campus.

Directions to off-campus Jerry Blemker Baseball Field:
From the U.S. 50/U.S. 41 Interchange on the north end of Vincennes, head south on Sixth Street and turn right onto Niblack Boulevard. Cross the railroad tracks at the stop sign and travel about a half-mile to the T in the road and turn right onto Old Terre Haute Road/Oliphant Drive. Jerry Blemker Field is about 200 feet ahead, on the left.

UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFO
Admissions
800-742-9198 or vuadmit@vinu.edu
Main Switchboard/Operator
812-888-VUVU
Bursar’s Office
812-888-4244
Old Post Bookstore
812-888-4334 or store@vinu.edu
Financial Aid
812-888-4361 or fa@vinu.edu
Housing
812-888-4225 or housing@vinu.edu
Parent & Family Services
812-888-5004 or parents@vinu.edu

Official VU Athletics Web Site:
www.govutrailblazers.com
Official VU Athletics Facebook Account:
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Official VU Athletics Twitter Handle:
@VUBlazerSports
University Mail Address:
1002 N. First St., Vincennes, IN 47591
www.govutrailblazers.com
VU QUICK FACTS

Location: 1002 First St., Vincennes, IN 47591
Founded: 1801
Enrollment 5,047
Nickname Trailblazers
Colors Blue and Gold
Athletic Affiliation: NJCAA
University President: Chuck Johnson
Athletic Director: Harry Meeks

Intercollegiate Sports (11):

Men: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf and Track & Field
Women: Basketball, Cross Country, Track & Field and Volleyball

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911
VU Campus Police 812-888-5555
Vincennes Police 812-882-1630
Vincennes Fire & Rescue 812-882-4261
Knox County Sheriff 812-882-7660

OTHER CONTACTS

Harry Meeks, Athletic Director 812-888-4511
Lesa Tucker, Athletic Secretary 812-888-4511
Gary Sparks, Associate Facilities Director 812-888-4428
Joe Haan, Athletic Trainer 812-888-5401
Troy Guthrie, Sports Information 812-888-6831

www.govutrailblazers.com
ATHLETIC STAFF DIRECTORY

ATHLETICS BOOSTER INFO

VU offers multiple ways for loyal fans to enjoy and support Trailblazer Athletics, including fan-friendly season ticket packages and the expanded Trailblazer Varsity Club program.

Season tickets for VU Men’s and Women’s Basketball are $75 each for seats behind VU team benches and are a great way to see all the Trailblazer men’s and women’s action throughout the season. The tickets also include admission to the Kiwanis Invitational, the Beckes Sodexo Classic, the VU Classic and the Women’s Sodexo Classic tournaments. NJCAA post-season tournament games are not included in the season ticket package.

General-admission season tickets (first-come, first-served) are not in a reserved section and are $50 each.

Individual reserved-seating tickets behind the teams’ benches are $7.50 each, while individual general-admission seating is $5 per ticket for adults. Single-game admission for junior high and high school students is $2 and children 12 and under are admitted free. VU faculty and staff (current or retired) and VU students are also admitted free with valid university I.D.

The Trailblazer Varsity Club offers multi-tiered membership opportunities and a wealth of benefits such as VU apparel, special event invitations, priority seating at games and much more. Membership starts at the $75 level. Portions of Varsity Club contributions may be tax deductible. The Trailblazer Varsity Club supports all VU sports programs.

• For more information on VU Trailblazer Varsity Club support levels, visit www.govutrailblazers.com or contact VU Athletics Secretary Lesa Tucker at ltucker@vinu.edu.

BROADCAST INFO

As the Voice of the Trailblazers, Dave Hunter has “painted a picture” of VU Men’s Basketball action since the 1982-83 season.

A veteran of more than 40 years behind the mic, Hunter calls all Trailblazer men’s basketball games on Blazer 91.1 WVUB. The broadcast is also streamed live at blazer911wvub.com. Hunter’s pre-game show begins 30 minutes prior to each game.

All VU men’s and women’s basketball games and VU volleyball matches are streamed on NJCAATV.

SPORTS INFORMATION

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ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES

The VU athletic training facilities are located on the lower level of the VU P.E. Complex.

TRAINING FACILITY EQUIPMENT

• Hot and Cold Whirlpools
• Ice Machine
• Taping & Treatment Tables

TRAINING ROOM CONTACTS

• VU Athletic Training Room
• University Health Services
• Good Samaritan Hospital

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Mike Misner

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PREFERRED VISITOR LISTINGS

We encourage visiting teams and fans to visit the following area merchants (Courtesy of Vincennes Convention & Visitors Bureau)

**RESTAURANTS**

Arby’s  
2565 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 886-6151

Bill Bobe’s Pizzeria  
1651 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-2992

Buffalo Wild Wings  
2407 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 895-9464

The Cafe Moonlight  
512 Main St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 255-0228

China Buffet  
2808 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-2828

Denny’s  
2728 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 886-0169

Dogwood Barbeque  
2232 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-0552

Fazoli’s  
2322 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-3583

Hardee’s  
1906 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-5729

Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches  
2361 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
(812) 494-2315

La Carreta Mexican Restaurant & Bar  
630 Kimmell Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 895-9422

La Fiesta  
2222 N. Sixth St., or 1717 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 886-3990

Long John Silver’s Seafood  
2705 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-6722

McDonald’s  
2310 N. Sixth St. or 2320 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 886-5511

**RESTAURANTS (Continued)**

Monical’s Pizza  
1813 Willow St. (Suite 1A), Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 494-2100

Montana Mike’s Steakhouse  
1626 Willow St., Vincennes IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-4519

Mr. Gatti’s  
2221 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-9304

Pizza Hut  
2250 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 885-0500

Procopio’s Pizza & Pasta  
1527 N. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-0914

**LODGING**

Econo Lodge  
600 Wheatland Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-1479 Website: www.choicehotels.com

Holiday Inn Express  
2720 Battery Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (888) HOLIDAY Website: www.hiexpress.com

Quality Inn  
602 Wheatland Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 886-9900

Red Roof Inn  
1800 Old Decker Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-2100 Website: www.vincennesmotel.com

Rodeway Inn & Suites  
2555 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-2244 Website: www.rodewayinn.com

Super 8 Motel  
609 Shirlee Dr., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 882-5101 Website: www.super8.com

TownePlace Suites-Marriott  
1320 Willow St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
Phone: (812) 255-1500 Website: townplacesuites.com

**AREA AUTO RENTAL SERVICE**

Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
1631 Hart St., Vincennes, IN 47591  
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VU is in its third century of providing top quality education. VU is Indiana’s first college and is one of the oldest in America. It is the birthplace of one of the nation’s first two-year institutions of higher learning. Founded in 1801 and incorporated as Vincennes University November 29, 1806, VU is one of only two U.S. colleges founded by a President of the United States. William Henry Harrison founded VU and Thomas Jefferson founded the University of Virginia. Situated on the banks of the Wabash River, the 160-acre VU campus includes more than 30 modern buildings featuring red-brick construction consistent with the first campus building, the 1803 home of VU’s founder, William Henry Harrison. The Harrison mansion is open for tours. The campus also features red-brick walkways, abundant landscaping, and easy access to the legendary Wabash River and the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park. Vincennes is about 120 miles southwest of Indianapolis at the junction of U.S. highways 41, midway between the cities of Evansville and Terre Haute.
The city of Vincennes is rich in history. As the oldest city in Indiana, previously a French fur trading post, Vincennes has been at the forefront of the development of Indiana and the Midwest.

Founded in 1732, it was George Rogers Clark and his small army who took the largest land conquest in the revolutionary war away from the British in 1779. Greatly disadvantaged in number of troops compared to those inside Fort Sackville, Clark relied on the marksmanship of his troops and the ability to convince the British of a larger army to win the fort.

Today, the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes is the site of the largest Memorial Monument west of Washington, D.C. which honors the heroic accomplishments of Colonel Clark and his men. The City of Vincennes is one of only 3 communities in the entire state of Indiana with a National Park within our city limits.

In 1800, the Indiana Territory was formed and Vincennes, nestled along the Wabash River, became its capital. William Henry Harrison became its first governor and then went on to become the United States ninth president. Grouseland, the home he built and the first brick home in the territory, still stands today and is open for tours daily.

Vincennes was at the heart of many of Indiana’s firsts including site of the first Catholic church in Indiana, first county, first newspaper, first Presbyterian church, first Masonic Lodge, first bank and first medical society.

In 1801, the Jefferson Academy was founded. Eventually becoming known as Vincennes University, this is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the United States.

Vincennes history is also rich in architecture. Many French influenced homes and buildings dot the city. Many of the buildings are built not only around pre-1900s but also closer to the beginning of the 1800s. For instance the Indiana Territorial Capitol Building, considered the oldest major government building in the Midwest, was built in 1805 as a tailor shop.

for more info, visit the Vincennes Convention & Visitors Bureau
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Home of VU Baseball

VU P.E. COMPLEX
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COUNTRY CLUB OF OLD VINCENNES
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