

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



Congratulations on your recent acceptance to Grand Valley State University. Please read this brochure carefully for important information regarding deadlines and other events that you need to be aware of over the next several months.

If you have any questions about deadlines or wish to schedule a visit, please contact the Admissions Office at (800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025 or email us at admissions@gvsu.edu.

NEW TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

As a new transfer student at Grand Valley State University, you must schedule your Orientation session. There is a \$50 nonrefundable fee when you schedule your session.

Now that you are admitted, please watch your mail for more information about Orientation.

✓ Schedule Orientation.

During your Orientation session, you will meet individually or in a small group setting with an academic advisor. You will select and register for your Grand Valley classes and learn more about services and resources to help you succeed at Grand Valley. At GVSU, academic advising is an integral part of your academic experience. We provide multiple levels of support for you during and after the transfer process to ensure that you receive appropriate guidance and assistance in helping you achieve your academic and career goals. In addition, you will receive information on how the coursework you have completed will transfer and on the program of study in which you are interested. **Please be sure that we have the most current transcript on file before you attend your Orientation session.** This helps us make certain we provide the most accurate advice on an appropriate schedule of courses for the coming semesters.

All the majors available at Grand Valley are organized into seven different colleges:

- Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies
- College of Education and Community Innovation
- College of Health Professions
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Kirkhof College of Nursing
- Seidman College of Business
- Seymour and Esther Padnos College of Engineering and Computing

✓ CHECKLIST ITEMS

- ☐ Apply for financial aid by March 1
- ☐ Submit housing application (if needed)
- ☐ Register for Orientation
- ☐ Send a final transcript from previous college attended
- ☐ Purchase parking permit
- ☐ Apply for GVSU endowed scholarships at gvsu.edu/myscholarships

You will work with an academic advisor from the appropriate college for your major. Students seeking a degree in education will meet with an advisor for their teachable major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Transfer students undecided about which major they would like to pursue will meet with an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. To see a complete listing of majors available at Grand Valley, along with detailed information regarding in which college a particular major resides, please review the GVSU Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog online at gvsu.edu/catalog.

HOUSING

✓ Submit housing application (if needed).

We recommend that transfer students live on campus for at least their first year as a Laker. Staying with us will ease your transition to a new campus, and you will create greater connections at Grand Valley with live-in staff support and residential programming. Additionally, you will be conveniently close to classes, advisors, dining, and recreation spaces; you're always home when you live on campus. When living on campus, all living expenses are included in the rate; you manage one consolidated bill, making your time at Grand Valley as smooth and simple as possible. Complete the Housing Application by logging into your myBanner account at gvsu.edu/housing.

ELECTRONIC BILLING

Students will be notified by email when new charges have been added to their account or when a monthly payment becomes due. If the student provided a parent email address, they will also receive notification. The student's Network ID and password are required to view any financial information. If the student set up proxy access for a third party, they will be able to review the bill and make payment with their email and PIN.

MTA AND MACRAO

Students who transfer with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) or the MACRAO agreement have satisfied the Foundations categories of the General Education Program and one Supplemental Writing Skills course. Transfer students with the MTA or the MACRAO are required to complete one Supplemental Writing Skills course in their major or division. In addition, transfer students with the MTA or the MACRAO must also fulfill the following general education requirements: a two-course cultural emphasis requirement and a two-course Issues requirement.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

GVSU offers transportation services ranging from carpooling to transit services. GVSU provides daily bus service between the Allendale Campus, Grand Rapids Campus, Health Campus, and the surrounding area. All GVSU and The Rapid transit routes are free to current students, faculty, and staff with a valid Grand Valley ID card.

For more information on bus schedules, routes, and transportation programs, visit gvsu.edu/bus. Please note that frequency of service is reduced during spring/summer semesters and university breaks. Questions or concerns? Contact GVSU Transportation Services at (616) 331-6700 or at bus@gvsu.edu.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION



Complete your FAFSA online at studentaid.gov/fafsa by March 1.

Financial assistance is available to eligible students from a variety of sources. Financial aid can include institutional scholarships based on academic performance or other exceptional abilities, as well as federal and institutional

grants, loans, and work study. To be considered for these types of aid, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students interested in receiving financial aid at Grand Valley should file the FAFSA. The 2023-2024 FAFSA is available beginning October 1 at studentaid.gov/fafsa. All applicants are strongly encouraged to file a FAFSA by March 1 for maximum consideration for grant and scholarship aid.

Grand Valley has an outstanding merit-based scholarship program. Transfer merit scholarships are awarded based on cumulative college grade point average. Students admitted by March 1 are considered for GVSU merit scholarships. Initial scholarship eligibility is reviewed and determined at the time of admission. Final scholarship decisions are made by July 31.

Visit gvsu.edu/scholarships for specific details. GVSU also offers a variety of other scholarship opportunities based on interest, academic performance, special talents, or major. The majority of scholarship deadlines are January through March. Students may search and apply for these scholarships each year through gvsu.edu/myscholarships.

VETERAN SERVICES

The Military and Veterans Resource Center provides support services and resources to active duty service members, military veterans, guards/reservists, spouses, and family members. With a single point of contact serving military-connected students, our goal is to ensure we connect student

veterans and their families to relevant resources, address emerging issues, and provide the necessary information to help them succeed. Some of the services we offer include:

- Two dedicated veterans lounges (Allendale and downtown)
- Laker Vets, GVSU's award-winning chapter of the Student Veterans of America
- Deployment support
- Veteran-specific scholarships and financial aid counseling
- Housing, employment, and mental health services

To contact the Military and Veterans Resource Center manager, call (616) 331-2369 or email wolfeji@gvsu.edu.

COMPUTER ACCESS INFORMATION

The GVSU housing network, wireless network, Blackboard, library, student email system, and computer labs all use the same user ID and password.

Grand Valley supports wireless computing, which is available in all of our academic buildings and housing locations. For connectivity instructions, go to gvsu.edu/it and under Get Help, select Getting Connected.

Any computer questions should be directed to IT Services at (616) 331-2101 or it@gvsu.edu.

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT CENTER

GVSU Children's Enrichment Center (CEC) is an on-campus early care and education facility, supporting the growth and development of young children ages 2.5 to 12.

The CEC has a long history of providing high-quality, affordable care to GVSU student parents as a way to support their academic experience and encourage their persistence. Contact the Children's Enrichment Center today at (616) 331-KIDS or gvsu.edu/child with questions about enrollment, the Student Parent Club, scholarship opportunities, and more.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Student Employment Office aids students in obtaining employment that will help finance their education and develop work skills for their future careers. We work with all university departments and the community to create part-time and summer employment opportunities for students. As part of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, we administer the Federal Work-Study Program university-wide. Once you have registered for the Orientation session, please visit our website at gvsu.edu/studentjobs and look for the New Student Login tab under the Handshake section to create an account and begin searching for current jobs. Both on-campus and off-campus part-time jobs are posted daily. For more information, please contact Student Employment at (616) 331-3238 or visit us in person at 100 Arend and Nancy Lubbers Student Services Center.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

As a new Laker, using the eight dimensions of wellness to guide your personal well-being, and engaging with resources on campus can support your physical and mental health.

Visit gvsu.edu/campushealth to learn more about health care resources and services including a pre-arrival student health checklist. Learn more about prioritizing your health and well-being at gvsu.edu/studentwellness.

Campus Health Centers

The **Campus Health Center**, operated by Trinity Health Medical Group, provides convenient and quality care for GVSU students, faculty, and staff. Health care providers offer a variety of services including:

- Treatment for illness
- Imaging/X-ray
- Immunizations and allergy injections
- LGBTQIA+ care
- Physicals
- Prescriptions
- Women's health

Scheduled appointments are recommended. Visit gvsu.edu/campushealth for more information.

The **GVSU Family Health Center**, operated by the Kirkhof College of Nursing, is close to both our Pew Grand Rapids Campus and Health Campus in Grand Rapids. Primary care and behavioral health services include:

- Student health, women's health, and sexual health (including STI testing)
- Therapy, social work services, and medication management
- LGBTQ+/Transgender care
- Health compliance
- Immunizations/Allergy injections
- PrEP and PEP
- Nutrition counseling (pro bono)
- Pediatrics
- Travel clinics and more

Free parking, most insurance plans accepted, and visit types include telehealth, same-day appointments for established patients, and same-day convenience appointments for students with acute/minor illnesses. Visit gvsu.edu/fhc for more information.

Recreation and Wellness

The **Recreation and Wellness Department**, through a variety of programs and services, empowers and supports students to pursue their overall well-being by providing experiences to build community, develop life skills, discover passions, and have fun. Visit us at gvsu.edu/rec or follow us on Facebook or Instagram @gvsurecwell for more information.

University Counseling Center

The **University Counseling Center** offers a broad spectrum of services to support student mental health, including counseling, referral, and self-help resources, in addition to community outreach and consultation. Services are free to currently enrolled Grand Valley students. Visit gvsu.edu/counsel for more information.

DISABILITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Disability Support Resources (DSR) provides support services and accommodations that enhance the learning environment for students with documented disabilities. DSR promotes a broad definition of diversity that appreciates disability as an integral part of the academic experience.

DSR collaborates with students, faculty, and staff to promote equal access to the campus community that meets the needs of students with disabilities, fosters student independence, and recognizes students based on their abilities rather than their limitations. These practices help to identify innovative approaches and resources that support a

diverse range of abilities and opportunities while maintaining compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. DSR encourages the university community to empower students, enhance equity, and provide a platform for innovation and inclusion.

Students should register with DSR as soon as possible after admission to the university to ensure the timely provision of accommodations. Advisors can also assist students with disabilities with questions regarding course selection, scheduling, and exploration of their areas of career interest. If a student requires more comprehensive services in these areas, advisors can refer students to other on-campus resources. Alternative format textbooks, alternative testing, assistive technology, learning skills assistance, and transportation on the Allendale Campus are some of the services available. DSR also strives to educate the campus community on disability issues to cultivate a more inclusive and equitable campus for the benefit of all.

If you feel that you can benefit from these resources, please call us at (616) 331-2490, email at dsrgvsu@gvsu.edu, or visit our office at 215 The Blue Connection.

EMAIL

Grand Valley has contracted with Google to provide Gmail along with Google Apps for Education and Calendar. Gmail is free and required for all students. The Gmail account will be the official method of communication with students while they are enrolled at GVSU. Please visit gvsu.edu/it for additional information.

PARKING PERMITS



Purchase parking permit.

Parking your vehicle on the Allendale Campus, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, or Health Campus requires a parking permit. Permits are available to purchase at gvsu.edu/parking. The permit costs \$240 per semester for those commuting to campus and enrolled in seven or more credit hours. For commuting students with fewer than seven credit hours, the permit cost is \$150 per semester. For students living on campus in GVSU housing, parking permits are \$210 per semester. The cost of the permit will be billed to your student account.

Students with classes at the GVSU Health Campus now have a parking option in the 335 Michigan shared parking ramp located north and east of the Daniel and Pamela DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health. A commuter or resident permit is required.

In addition, temporary day permits are available for purchase online at a cost of \$10 per day and will be billed to your student account.

Pay-to-park short-term options are available on each campus and can be found on the Parking Services website.

Parents and guests may obtain a visitor parking permit free of charge by visiting Grand Valley Parking Services, which has two locations: the north end of the Allendale Campus in the Service Building or on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus located at 102 Eberhard Center.

Please direct parking questions to Grand Valley Parking Services by phone at (616) 331-PARK (7275) or by visiting the website at gvsu.edu/parking.

GRAND VALLEY CALENDAR 2023-2024

Fall Semester 2023

Convocation.....	August 23, 2023
Classes Begin	August 28, 2023
Labor Day Recess	September 3 – 4, 2023
Fall Break.....	October 22 – 24, 2023
Thanksgiving Day Recess.....	November 22 – 26, 2023
Classes End	December 9, 2023
Commencement	December 9, 2023
Examinations.....	December 11 – 16, 2023
Semester Ends.....	December 16, 2023

Winter Semester 2024

Classes Begin	January 8, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Recess.....	January 15, 2024
Spring Break.....	March 3 – 10, 2024
Classes End	April 20, 2024
Examinations.....	April 22 – 27, 2024
Semester Ends.....	April 27, 2024
Commencement	April 26 and 27, 2024

Spring/Summer Session 2024

Classes Begin first 6 and 12 weeks.....	May 6, 2024
Memorial Day Recess	May 27, 2024
Classes End first 6 weeks.....	June 17, 2024
Examinations first 6 weeks	June 18 – 19, 2024
Classes Begin second 6 weeks	June 24, 2024
Independence Day Recess.....	July 4, 2024
Classes End second 6 and 12 weeks	August 2, 2024
Examinations second 6 and 12 weeks	August 5 – 6, 2024
Session Ends	August 6, 2024

Calendars are subject to change. Visit gvsu.edu/registrar for most current academic calendar.



Admissions & Recruitment Office

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Allendale, MI 49401

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gvsu.edu

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Gerald R. Ford International Airport grr.org

This is the primary air transportation facility serving Grand Rapids and the West Michigan region. Located within Michigan's second largest metropolitan area, the airport provides a full range of air transportation services. The airport is located on 44th Street near Patterson Avenue SE.

Amtrak amtrak.com

Amtrak's Pere Marquette offers regular rail service between Grand Rapids and Chicago, providing fast and convenient rail connections to many destinations.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. greyhound.com

Intercity bus transportation arrives and departs from the Greyhound Bus Terminal located on Grandville Avenue near Wealthy Street. (616) 456-1700 or (800) 231-2222

The Rapid ridetherapid.org

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, and surrounding areas are served by The Rapid transit system. The Rapid buses run seven days a week and include evening hours. (616) 776-1100

TITLE IX

Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university. Grand Valley is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure that none of its education programs and activities discriminate on the basis of sex/gender. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX coordinator, 4015 Zumberge Hall, titleix@gvsu.edu, (616) 331-9530.