

FRESHMAN STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



Fall 2024

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 and Recruitment Office at (800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025 or email us at admissions@gvsu.edu.

HOUSING DEADLINES

Now that you have been admitted to Grand Valley, we recommend that you apply to live on campus as soon as possible. Complete the Housing Application by logging into your myBanner account at gvsu.edu/housing using your GVSU credentials.

When living on campus, all living expenses are included in the rate; you manage one consolidated bill. Students enjoy living on campus because of the convenience to dining, classrooms, study areas, and recreation spaces.

Important Information:

- First-year students are required to live on campus. We offer many styles of housing to meet individual needs, lifestyles and fit a variety of budgets — traditional-style, suite-style, one-bedroom apartment-style, two-bedroom apartment-style, and cluster-style. We also offer apartment living for first-year students, available in shared or private bedroom configurations. These styles allow for meal plan flexibility. Traditional-style is the default preference for all incoming freshmen.
- Please apply online at gvsu.edu/housing. To apply by mail, visit gvsu.edu/housing/apply for a printable application, or contact Housing and Residence Life to request a copy be mailed to you.
- Students are encouraged to provide multiple housing-style preferences on their application. These will be used during the placement process. Preferences are not guaranteed.
- Incoming first-year students are eligible for a housing assignment if they have a completed housing application and an Orientation session reservation.
- After applying for housing, details will be provided regarding My College Roomie, GVSU's roommate matching and Laker connection platform. Students must complete their preference questionnaire via My College Roomie, as the information is used to determine room and roommate preferences during placements.
- Roommate requests must be mutual, be received by May 1 for consideration, and are not guaranteed.
- You will be notified of your housing and roommate assignment via email during the summer prior to your arrival on campus. Roommate and room-style requests are not guaranteed.



YOUR NEXT STEPS

Depending on what time of year you're admitted to GVSU, these next steps may be available right away or in a few months.

- ☐ File FAFSA to be considered for financial aid by March 1
- ☐ Submit housing application
- ☐ Register for Orientation

- Visit gvsu.edu/housing/options to view housing photos, room layouts, and furniture included.
- For information on requesting an exemption from the housing requirement, visit gvsu.edu/housing.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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 by March 1 for maximum consideration for grant and scholarship aid.

Grand Valley has an outstanding merit-based scholarship program. Students admitted by March 1 are considered for GVSU merit scholarships. Initial scholarship eligibility is reviewed and determined at the time of admission. Additional consideration for scholarship and/or grant assistance will be determined in mid-January and will be sent out by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Final scholarship decisions are made by July 31. Visit gvsu.edu/scholarships for specific details.

GVSU also offers a scholarship matching database, myScholarships, to help admitted students match with GVSU donor and department-specific scholarships. MyScholarships also gives students access to more than 10,000 external scholarship opportunities. These scholarships vary and may be based on interests, academic performance, special talents, major, and more. The majority of GVSU scholarship deadlines fall between January and March 1, while external scholarship deadlines vary year-round. Students may search and apply for these scholarships each year through gvsu.edu/myscholarships.

Please visit our website gvsu.edu/financialaid for more information and feel free to contact us at (616) 331-3234 or via email at finaid@gvsu.edu if you have any questions.

ORIENTATION

✓ Sign up for Orientation.

In mid-January, the Admissions and Recruitment Office begins sending admitted

student information regarding New Student Orientation, which includes advising and class registration. Your first step is to sign up for Orientation and pay the Orientation fee by **May 1***. You can register for a session online at gvsu.edu/orientation. **After May 1, we cannot guarantee space in the freshman class.** If you cancel your admission to Grand Valley prior to May 1, the Orientation fee is refundable. Please also watch your mail for your Orientation brochure and respond promptly. Contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions about Orientation.

**This fee is refundable until May 1.*

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

GVSU offers transportation services ranging from carpooling to transit services. GVSU provides daily bus service between the Allendale Campus, Robert C. Pew 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.

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.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET INFORMATION

If you are considering a computer purchase, please visit our website at gvsu.edu/it/softwarehardwareapps-69.htm where you will find information on computer vendors who offer student discounts.

As a GVSU student, you have free access to the Internet on campus either through the wired ports or wireless access. You can find instructions to set up your computer to the wireless network on our website, go to gvsu.edu/it and select Gaming and Mobile Resources.

COMPLETED COLLEGE LEVEL COURSEWORK

If you have completed college level coursework through dual enrollment or early/middle college, you must have an official college transcript sent to GVSU prior to your Orientation session. Contact the college attended to request that an official transcript be sent to the Admissions and Recruitment Office at Grand Valley State University.

If you have taken an Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam, please send an official copy of your score results to the Admissions and Recruitment Office for credit evaluation.

Official transcripts and test scores can be mailed to:

Admissions and Recruitment Office
Grand Valley State University
1 Campus Drive
Allendale MI 49401

Email: adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu

PARKING PERMITS

✓ Parking your vehicle on campus requires a parking permit or using pay-to-park locations. Visit gvsu.edu/parking.

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 northeast of the Daniel and Pamella 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.

GVSU STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT

Grand Valley has contracted with Google to provide a GVSU Gmail account along with Google Apps for Education and Calendar for all GVSU students. This GVSU Gmail account is free and required for all students. Your GVSU Gmail account will be the official method of communication used by the university while you are enrolled at GVSU. Please visit gvsu.edu/it for additional information. Instructions to locate your GVSU Gmail address will be emailed to you.

FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

All incoming freshmen must submit a final high school transcript that includes the date of graduation before attending GVSU. According to federal and state regulations, Grand Valley State University must verify your high school graduation with a final transcript on file.

You may request the transcript through the electronic delivery service Parchment or submit it by mail to:

Admissions and Recruitment Office
Grand Valley State University
1 Campus Drive
Allendale MI 49401

Contact your high school if you have any questions about submitting a final high school transcript.

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 your 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 104A Arend and Nancy Lubbers Student Services Center.

DISABILITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Disability Support Resources (DSR) in the Division of Inclusion and Equity strives to educate the campus community on disability issues to cultivate a more inclusive and equitable campus. 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 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. Some available services include alternative format textbooks (if alternative books are unavailable),

alternative testing, assistive technology, learning skills assistance, and transportation on the Allendale Campus. 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 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.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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. Learn more about prioritizing your health and well-being at gvsu.edu/studentwellness.

Campus Health Services

- The Campus Health Center in Allendale, operated by Trinity Health Medical Group, provides convenient and quality care for GVSU students, faculty, and staff. Visit gvsu.edu/campushealth for more information.
- The Injury Care Clinic (ICC) is operated by Trinity Health Muskegon, in collaboration with GVSU. ICC is conveniently located on the Allendale campus and even includes physical therapy services. Visit gvsu.edu/icc for more information.
- The GVSU Family Health Center, operated by the Kirkhof College of Nursing, is near GVSU's Grand Rapids campuses. Visit gvsu.edu/fhc for more information.

Recreation and Wellness

Recreation and Wellness has many ways for you to get involved, be active, and live healthy! RecWell has both formal and informal opportunities and many of the options are free or low cost. Students can be active at our recreation facilities, meet with a fitness specialist, join friends in a group fitness class, participate in outdoor adventures, game with others at the Esports Center, engage with our wellness team and compete in a variety of intramural or club sports. Visit us at gvsu.edu/rec or follow us on Instagram or Facebook @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.

Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Services

The AOD office provides prevention, education, and recovery services to students on the Grand Valley campus. Our philosophy focuses on education and building awareness about making healthy and safe choices regarding alcohol and other drugs. The needs of Grand Valley's campus community vary greatly, our office focuses on providing a variety of services, which include individual and group substance use counseling, outreach events, educational presentations, recovery meetings, and self-help resources.

GRAND VALLEY CALENDAR 2024-2025

Fall Semester 2024

Convocation.....	August 23, 2024
Classes Begin	August 26, 2024
Labor Day Recess	September 1 – 2, 2024
Fall Break.....	October 20 – 22, 2024
Thanksgiving Day Recess.....	November 27 – December 1, 2024
Classes End	December 7, 2024
Commencement	December 7, 2024
Examinations.....	December 7 – 14, 2024
Semester Ends.....	December 14, 2024

Winter Semester 2025

Classes Begin	January 6, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Recess.....	January 20, 2025
Spring Break.....	March 2 – 9, 2025
Classes End	April 19, 2025
Examinations.....	April 19 – 26, 2025
Semester Ends.....	April 26, 2025
Commencement	April 25 and 26, 2025

Spring/Summer Session 2025

Classes Begin first 6 and 12 weeks.....	May 5, 2025
Memorial Day Recess	May 26, 2025
Classes End first 6 weeks.....	June 16, 2025
Examinations first 6 weeks	June 17 – 18, 2025
Classes Begin second 6 weeks	June 23, 2025
Independence Day Recess.....	July 4, 2025
Classes End second 6 and 12 weeks	August 1, 2025
Examinations second 6 and 12 weeks	August 4 – 5, 2025
Session Ends	August 5, 2025

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

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Gerald R. Ford International Airport

grr.org

This is the primary air transportation facility serving Grand Rapids and West Michigan. 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 in downtown Grand Rapids 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.



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1 Campus Drive
Allendale, MI 49401

Phone: (616) 331-2025
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Fax: (616) 331-2000

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