

# TRANSFER 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 and Recruitment Office at (800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025 or email us at [admissions@gvsu.edu](mailto:admissions@gvsu.edu).

## NEW TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

As a new transfer student at Grand Valley State University you are required to sign up for an Orientation session in order to schedule your classes. There is a nonrefundable fee due upon sign up.

**Now that you are admitted, please watch your email 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 from your area of study. You will select and register for your Grand Valley classes and learn more about services and resources to help you succeed at Grand Valley. In addition, you will receive information on how your previous college coursework will transfer into your GVSU program of study. **Please be sure that we have the most current transcript on file before you attend your Orientation session.** This helps us 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

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

## ✓ 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 (read on to learn more about scholarship and aid deadlines)
- Submit housing application (if needed)
- Register for Orientation

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](http://gvsu.edu/catalog).

While your Orientation session is dedicated to your class registration process, there will be opportunities to learn more about academic and student life resources at the beginning of each semester during Campus Life Night. You can also learn more about campus resources on the Admitted Transfer Student page at [gvsu.edu/admissions/transferadmits](http://gvsu.edu/admissions/transferadmits).

## 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](http://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, 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](https://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 [bus@gvsu.edu](mailto:bus@gvsu.edu).

## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

✓ Complete your FAFSA online at [studentaid.gov/afsa](https://studentaid.gov/afsa) 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 2024-2025 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. Consideration for scholarships is based on a complete admissions application submitted by March 1 for spring/summer admission, July 1 for fall admission, and November 1 for winter admission.

GVSU also offers a scholarship matching database called 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](https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships).

## VETERAN AND MILITARY 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 Grand Rapids)
- 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 director, email [mvrctdirector@gvsu.edu](mailto:mvrctdirector@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](https://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](mailto: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 at (616) 331-KIDS or [gvsu.edu/child](https://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](https://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.

## 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](https://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](https://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 includes physical therapy services. Visit [gvsu.edu/icc](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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.

## 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 (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. 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 [dsrcvsu@gvsu.edu](mailto:dsrcvsu@gvsu.edu), or visit our office at 215 The Blue Connection.

## 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](https://gvsu.edu/it) for additional information. Instructions to locate your GVSU Gmail address will be emailed to you.

## 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](https://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](https://gvsu.edu/parking).

# 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](https://gvsu.edu/registrar) for most current academic calendar.



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[gvsu.edu](https://gvsu.edu)

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## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Gerald R. Ford International Airport [grr.org](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto:titleix@gvsu.edu), (616) 331-9530.