

TRANSFER STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



Congratulations on your recent acceptance to Grand Valley State University!

Read on for key dates, resources, and next steps as you start your Laker journey.

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

- ✓ Sign up for Orientation
- ✓ Apply for Housing (if needed)
- ✓ File FAFSA to be considered for financial aid by March 1
- ✓ Purchase a parking permit (if needed)

For any questions or to schedule a campus visit, please contact:

Admissions and Recruitment Office
(800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025
admissions@gvsu.edu
gvsu.edu/admissions

✓ Sign up for Orientation

NEW TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

gvsu.edu/orientation

As a new transfer student at Grand Valley State University, you must sign up for an Orientation session to schedule your classes. There is a nonrefundable fee due upon sign up. **Please watch your email for more information.**

During Orientation, you will meet with an academic advisor, register for classes, and learn about resources to help you succeed. Ensure your most current transcript is on file for accurate course scheduling. You will receive information about how your previous college coursework will transfer into your GVSU program of study.

Grand Valley majors are organized into eight colleges, you will work with an academic advisor from the college corresponding to your major. Education students will meet with an advisor for their teachable major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Undecided transfer students will meet with an advisor in the Exploratory Advising Center.

Students can also visit gvsu.edu/admissions/transferadmits to learn more about academic resources and student life opportunities.

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)

If you are transferring with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) or MACRAO, you will have fulfilled the Foundations categories of the General Education Program and one Supplemental Writing Skills course. You must complete an additional Supplemental Writing Skills course within your major or division. Additionally, you need to meet requirements for a two-course cultural emphasis and a two-course Issues requirement.

✓ Apply for Housing (if needed)

HOUSING

gvsu.edu/housing

We recommend that transfer students live on campus for their first year as a Laker, but it is not required. This eases your transition and helps you connect with the Grand Valley community through live-in staff support and residential programs. You'll be close to classes, advisors, dining, and recreation. All living expenses are included in one consolidated bill. Visit gvsu.edu/housing to learn more about housing styles and pricing and to submit your housing application.

✓ File your FAFSA as soon as possible for priority scholarship consideration

FINANCIAL AID

gvsu.edu/finaid

FAFSA

Financial aid is available from various sources, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. To be considered for these types of aid, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **For maximum aid consideration, submit the FAFSA by March 1.**

FAFSA is available online at studentaid.gov/fafsa. Be sure to include **GVSU school code 002268** to ensure we receive your information.

Scholarships

Grand Valley offers merit-based scholarships for students based on GPA. Students admitted by March 1 for spring/summer admission, July 1 for fall admission, and November 1 for winter admission are automatically considered for GVSU merit scholarships. Further scholarship and grant decisions are communicated through the Office of Financial Aid.

GVSU provides access to the **myScholarships** database to match students with both GVSU department-specific and donor-funded scholarships, as well as access to more than 10,000 external scholarship opportunities.

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.

ELECTRONIC BILLING

gvsu.edu/studentaccounts

Student electronic billing information can be accessed at gvsu.edu/banner. Students will receive email notifications for new charges or upcoming payments. Parents, if their email was provided, will also receive notifications. Accessing financial information requires the student's Network ID and password, issued upon admission to GVSU. Students can authorize third-party access through proxy setup to view and manage online bills and payments. Instructions for providing proxy access can be found at gvsu.edu/studentaccounts.

For billing questions and support, contact Student Accounts at **(616) 331-2209**, gvsu.edu/studentaccounts, or in person at **1049 Zumberge Hall** on the Allendale Campus.

STUDENT EMAIL AND NETWORK ACCOUNT

gvsu.edu/it

Network ID

As a GVSU student, you'll use a Network ID and password for access to computer labs, email, Banner, multifactor authentication, and more. Instructions to activate your username and password will be emailed to you.

GVSU Email

Grand Valley provides a free Gmail account through Google Apps for Education. This Gmail account will be the official communication method used by the university once you're enrolled in classes. You will be able to access your GVSU email account by visiting [mail.gvsu.edu](mailto:gvsu.edu) once you set up your GVSU network account.

Internet Access

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 at gvsu.edu/it.

Blackboard

Blackboard is an online course management system that faculty members can use for distributing course materials, communicating with students, posting assignments and grades, and much more. Many courses require the use of Blackboard. Please review the introduction and online tutorial for using Blackboard at gvsu.edu/elearn/help.

Computer Purchase Discounts

If you are considering a computer purchase, please visit our website at gvsu.edu/it/software to find information on computer vendors who offer student discounts.

Resources and Frequently Asked Questions

Laker Dock – access university resources, events, announcements, services, and technology in one online hub. View on your desktop at dock.gvsu.edu or download the app from the Apple or Google Play online store.

Easily access all applications by visiting my.gvsu.edu. Powered by Okta, this site links all apps, logins, and devices into a single account.

Find answers to common tech questions, like WIFI connection, printing, and password help at gvsu.edu/studenttech.

Answers to top student questions: gvsu.edu/studenttechhelp.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

gvsu.edu/studentjobs

The Student Employment Office provides a centralized source of employment information and opportunities for GVSU students. The office assists students in securing jobs to fund their education and build skills for future careers. Collaborating with university departments and the community, part-time, and summer employment opportunities are available as well as options for Federal Work Study. Visit gvsu.edu/studentjobs to learn more and explore employment options.

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** on the Allendale Campus.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

gvsu.edu/bus

The Rapid Bus System

GVSU provides daily bus service between the Allendale Campus, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, Health Campus, and the surrounding area. GVSU as well as The Rapid transit routes are free to current students 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.

Rideshare and Carpooling

Sharing a ride or carpooling is a great way to save money on your commute and reduce traffic congestion. Several ride-sharing and carpool options are available to the GVSU community, facilitated by The Rapid. Current offerings can be found at gvsu.edu/rideshare.

✓ **Purchase A Parking Permit**

PARKING ON CAMPUS

gvsu.edu/parking

Parking your vehicle on a GVSU campus requires a parking permit.

Parking Permits

Permit costs:

- \$240 per semester for those commuting to campus and enrolled in seven or more credit hours.
- \$150 per semester for those commuting to campus and enrolled in six or fewer credit hours.
- \$210 per semester for students living on campus in GVSU housing.

Permits can be purchased online with the Citizen Connect portal, found at gvsu.edu/parking. The cost of the permit will be billed to your student account.

Parking permit costs are subject to change. Visit gvsu.edu/parking for the most up-to-date information.

Other Parking Options

- **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 can get a free **visitor parking permit** at two locations: the Service Building on the north end of the Allendale Campus or the Pew Grand Rapids Campus at 102 Eberhard Center.

For parking questions, contact Grand Valley Parking Services at **(616) 331-PARK (7275)**, visit in person at the Service Building on the Allendale Campus or the Eberhard Center on the Pew Campus, or go to gvsu.edu/parking.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

gvsu.edu/campushealth

At GVSU, we define well-being as an optimal and dynamic state that allows people to achieve their full potential. By focusing on the whole person and the whole community, well-being becomes a shared goal and a shared responsibility.

Recreation and Wellness

GVSU Recreation and Wellness (RecWell) provides the campus community with a variety of opportunities that engage all levels of ability, skill, and interests. RecWell programs and services include: Intramural Sports, Club Sports, Fitness Services, Outdoor Adventures, Climbing Wall, Esports, and Spirit Programs. RecWell also hosts events throughout the year and employs student workers. A full list of opportunities and employment information can be found on our website at gvsu.edu/rec. Follow us on Instagram or Facebook @gvsurecwell.

Campus Health Services

- The Campus Health Center in Allendale 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 includes physical therapy services. Visit gvsu.edu/icc for more information.

University Counseling Center

The University Counseling Center offers a broad spectrum of services to support student mental health. 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 at Grand Valley offers a range of programs aimed at prevention, education, intervention, and recovery services for students. Emphasizing education and awareness, the AOD office promotes health decision-making concerning alcohol and drugs. Tailored to meet diverse campus needs, services encompass individual and group counseling, outreach events, educational talks, recovery meetings, and access to self-help resources. Learn more and explore resources at gvsu.edu/aod.

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT CENTER

gvsu.edu/child

The GVSU Children's Enrichment Center (CEC) is an on-campus facility offering early care and education for children aged 2.5 to 12. Dedicated to supporting GVSU student parents, the CEC provides high-quality, affordable care to enhance academic experiences and promote persistence.

For enrollment opportunities, information about the Student Parent Club, scholarships, and more, please contact the Children's Enrichment Center at **(616) 331-KIDS** or gvsu.edu/child.

VETERAN AND MILITARY SERVICES

gvsu.edu/veteran

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 lounges for student veterans (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 mvrccdirector@gvsu.edu.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

gvsu.edu/accessibility

Student Accessibility Resources promotes campus-wide inclusivity and equity by providing support services, accommodations, and educational initiatives that enhance the academic experience for students with disabilities at GVSU.

Upon admission, students should complete the online registration form at gvsu.edu/accommodate to register with Student Accessibility Resources, ensuring timely accommodations and connection with an advisor. Advisors help identify barriers, provide custom support, and facilitate personalized accommodations. Advisors can also assist students 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 them to other on-campus resources. Some available services include alternative format textbooks, alternative testing, assistive technology, learning skills assistance, and on-campus transportation.

Connect with Student Accessibility Resources in one of the following ways: **(616) 331-2490**, access@gvsu.edu, or visit the office at **215 The Blue Connection** on the Allendale Campus.

GRAND VALLEY CALENDAR 2026-2027

Fall Semester 2026

Move-in Week	August 24-28, 2026
Classes begin	August 31, 2026
Labor Day recess	September 6-7, 2026
Fall break	October 25-27, 2026
Thanksgiving Day recess	November 25-29, 2026
Classes end	December 12, 2026
Commencement	December 12, 2026
Examinations	December 12-19, 2026
Semester ends	December 19, 2026

Winter Semester 2027

Classes begin	January 11, 2027
Martin Luther King Jr. recess	January 18, 2027
Spring break	March 7-14, 2027
Classes end	April 24, 2027
Examinations	April 24-May 1, 2027
Semester ends	May 1, 2027
Commencement	April 30-May 1, 2027

Summer Sessions 2027

Classes begin first 6 and 12 weeks	May 10, 2027
Memorial Day recess	May 31, 2027
Classes end first 6 weeks	June 21, 2027
Examinations first 6 weeks	June 22-23, 2027
Classes begin second 6 weeks	June 28, 2027
Independence Day recess	July 5, 2027
Classes end second 6 and 12 weeks	August 9, 2027
Examinations second 6 and 12 weeks	August 10-11, 2027
Session ends	August 11, 2027

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



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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 route offers regular rail service between Grand Rapids and Chicago, providing fast and convenient rail connections to many destinations.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. greyhound.com (616) 456-1700 or (800) 231-2222

Intercity bus transportation arrives and departs from the Greyhound Bus Terminal located in downtown Grand Rapids on Grandville Avenue near Wealthy Street.

The Rapid ridetherapid.org (616) 776-1100

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.

HOTELS

For information on hotels with close proximity to GVSU campuses, visit gvsu.edu/hotels.

TITLE IX

Grand Valley State University is an antidiscrimination, equal opportunity institution, consistent with its obligations as a federal contractor. 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. University policy extends protections to additional identities. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX coordinator by emailing titleix@gvsu.edu, calling (616) 331-9530, or visiting 4015 Zumberge Hall.