The Rapid buses run seven days a week and include Wealthy Street. (616) 456-1700 or (800) 231-2222

Spring Break............................................................ March 3 – 10, 2024

Greyhound Bus Terminal located on Grandville Avenue near Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, and ridetherapid.org

Intercity bus transportation arrives and departs from the Greyhound Lines, Inc.

Amtrak

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Gerald R. Ford International Airport grg.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) 456-7700 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

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/calendar for most current academic calendar.

GRADUATE 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 regarding the information outlined in this brochure, please contact the Admissions Office at (800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025 or email gradadm@gvsu.edu.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

As a new graduate student at Grand Valley, you may have questions about the university. To provide you with the information you need to get started, GVSU offers a New Graduate Student Orientation prior to the start of each semester. The orientation is open to all new graduate students and is not program-specific.

New Graduate Student Orientation provides important information in a concise yet comprehensive format. By attending, you will learn about services, resources, and activities to help you navigate, acclimate, and succeed at GVSU. You will receive an invitation to New Graduate Student Orientation approximately six weeks prior to the first semester you begin taking classes.

For those unable to attend New Graduate Student Orientation, a virtual orientation to the services and resources that you will need as a graduate student is available at gvsu.edu/gradorientation.

REGISTRATION

Graduate students register for classes using our online registration system, myBanner, which is available at gvsu.edu/myBanner. Detailed registration instructions are available at gvsu.edu/register.

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.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

It is very important for graduate students to consult directly with their Graduate Program Director regarding academic advising and registration. Contact information for each graduate program is available at gvsu.edu/graduate-degree-programs.

HOUSING DEADLINE

New graduate students who want to live on campus should apply to the Office of Housing and Residence Life immediately upon acceptance for admission. Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. You can visit our website at gvsu.edu/housing to apply online and view housing photos and room layouts. Please note that your housing application must be accompanied by your security deposit.

Graduate students are typically placed in on-campus apartments, which are available in Allendale and Grand Rapids.

CHILDREN’S ENRICHMENT CENTER

The GVSU Children’s Enrichment Center, located on the Allendale Campus, serves children ages 2.5 to 12, both from the campus community and the nearby community. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday year-round. Please contact the Children’s Enrichment Center at (616) 331-KIDS or visit gvsu.edu/child if you have any questions.
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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

Student accounts interested in receiving financial aid at Grand Valley should file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by May 2024.

Available and are outlined on the student accounts website gvsu.edu/studentaccounts. For your convenience, a variety of payment options are automatically enrolled for electronic bill presentment. If you have additional questions, please call Grand Valley as your school of choice.

For students receiving financial aid at Grand Valley, you must list Grand Valley as a school to receive your FAFSA information; our school code is 00268. To assure maximum consideration for financial aid at Grand Valley, you should complete the FAFSA by March 1. Late applications are considered for aid, but some funds may not be available.

Additional information regarding financial aid is available at gvsu.edu/financialaid. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at (616) 331-3234 or (800) 748-0246 or via email at finaid@gvsu.edu if you have any questions.

VETERANS 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 students 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 wolvesj@gvsu.edu.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School provides leadership, oversight, and support for graduate education, graduate students, and faculty members. It develops programming and provides advising to assist graduate students through transitions from prospective student, to enrolled, graduating, and finally, alumna. It oversees graduate assistantships, including appointments and orientations. The Graduate School administers university policies for graduate education and reviews requests for exceptions to those policies.

The Graduate School website at gvsu.edu/gs provides information and resources for graduate students, including financial support, health information, writing resources, and project, thesis, and dissertation information. Resources such as the Graduate Student Guidebook, Advising Handbook, and Online Learning Guide are available at gvsu.edu/gs/guides-for-graduate-students-70.htm.

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.

PARKING PERMITS

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 $150 per semester (fall and winter only) for students with six or less credit hours, and $240 per semester (fall and winter only) for students with seven or more credit hours. 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 Lots 335 and 375 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. Please contact parking office at Grand Valley Parking Services by phone at (616) 331-PARK (7275) or by visiting the website at gvsu.edu/parking.

LAKER STORE

Most graduate classes will require specific textbooks, which are available through the GVSU Laker Store. You may shop online or at one of our two Laker Store stores on the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses. Please visit lakerstore.gvsu.edu 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 opportunities 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, academic accommodations, and equitable campus for the benefit of all.

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