Orientation Information for International Students

1) Degree Requirements
   ___ Basic Skills: MTH 110, WRT 150, and 2 Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS) courses
   ___ General Education requirements (Foundations, Cultures, and Themes)
   ___ B.A. Degree Cognate: completion of 201 level in a foreign language
   ___ B.S. Degree Cognate: differs from one major to another, most include STA 215
   ___ Major and Minor requirements

2) Course Load
   ___ 12-16 credits (within block tuition)

3) Minimum Hours
   ___ 120 semester hours for a baccalaureate degree
   ___ 58 credits must be from a 4 year institution
   ___ Last 30 semester hours must be earned at GVSU

4) Catalog Limitations
   ___ Catalog limitation is 8 years. Follow the requirements listed in the catalog that matches your entry to GVSU. You may elect a more recent catalog, but you may not use requirements from a catalog prior to your term entry.

5) Prerequisites
   ___ Requirements you must complete before taking a course.

6) Co-requisites
   ___ Requirements you must do in conjunction with a course or complete prior to taking the course.

7) Online Catalog
   ___ http://www.gvsu.edu/catalog

8) Class Standing
   ___ Freshman: 0-24 credits, Sophomore: 25-54 credits, Junior: 55-84, and Senior: 85+

9) Academic Policies & Special Entrance Requirements
   ___ At GVSU good academic standing means earning at least a 2.0 GPA (“C” average). If you fall below 2.0, you will be placed on academic probation or jeopardy of dismissal. Some majors and programs require a higher minimum GPA so be sure to check with your advisor, major department, or find your major online to obtain specific requirements.

10) Registration and Grading
    ___ Add/Drop week - During the first week of classes you can drop and add a course in Banner. Drop and add must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday of the first week of classes.
    ___ Withdraw - You may withdraw from a course with a grade of “W” up to the end of the 9th week of classes. You may drop on Banner, but it is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor before dropping a course.
    ___ Credit/No Credit - You may take a certain number of courses credit/no credit, but you must officially designate these courses at the Student Assistance Windows in the Student Services Building by 5:00 p.m. on Friday of the first week of classes during the semester you plan to take the course. Some courses cannot be taken credit/no credit, so always check with an advisor first.
    ___ Incomplete - In the event of an extended illness, necessary absence, or other special circumstances you may request an incomplete (“I”). You must arrange with your professor to finish any remaining coursework by the end of the next semester to be awarded a grade.
    ___ Repeat course - You must fill out a Repeat Grade Form at the Student Assistance Windows in the Student Services Building. Only the most recent grade is used to calculate your GPA.