Thanksgiving Day Recess ...................................... November 22 – 26, 2023
Examinations ...................................................... December 11 – 16, 2023
Semester Ends ........................................................ December 16, 2023
Spring Break............................................................ March 5 – 12, 2023

Please note these dates may change. If dates do change, you can find the updated orientation schedule and Grand Valley calendar information at gvsu.edu/istudents/orientation.

PARKING PERMITS
Parking your vehicle on the Allendale Campus, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, or Health Campus requires a parking permit. 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.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
GVSU offers transportation services ranging from carpooling to transit services. GVSU provides daily bus service between the Allendale Campus, 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.

AIRPORT PICKUP
All students should fly into Grand Rapids via the Gerald R. Ford International Airport – airport code GRR. Orientation leaders will be waiting in the baggage claim area. There are only three baggage carousels at this airport, so the leaders will be easy to find. Please supply your flight information a minimum of four days before your flight. You will receive an emergency contact number that you may call if there are any emergencies throughout your travel time. We strongly suggest that you NOT attempt to take the train from Chicago to Grand Rapids. Please book connecting flights that will bring you to the Gerald R. Ford International airport.

Orientation leaders take students to Meijer, a supermarket chain, where you may purchase any food, clothing, bedding, or household items you may need. The orientation leaders will also help you move into your campus housing.

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 Kevin Carmody, Title IX coordinator, 4015 Zumberge Hall, titleix@gvsu.edu, (616) 331-9530.

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 before you arrive at GVSU. If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Office at global@gvsu.edu.

HOUSING DEADLINES
Please submit your $150 housing deposit and complete the housing application by logging into your myBanner account at gsu.edu/housing.

Now that you have been admitted to Grand Valley, we recommend that you apply to live on campus as soon as possible. New undergraduate international students are required to live on campus. The housing application opens in September and housing assignments are made in order of application date. Students who apply early are more likely to be placed in their top preference housing style. Complete the housing application by logging into your myBanner account at gsu.edu/housing.

Important Information:
• Please apply online at gsu.edu/housing and log into your myBanner account using the Network ID and password information provided with your admit letter.
• Incoming students are eligible for a housing assignment if they have a housing deposit, a completed housing application, and contract.
• Incoming students who apply for housing by July 1 for fall and November 1 for winter are guaranteed an on-campus housing assignment.
• You will be notified of your housing and roommate assignment via email prior to your arrival on campus.
• Roommate and room-style requests are not guaranteed.
• Visit gsu.edu/housing to view housing photos, room layouts, and furniture included.

SEVIS Fee:
The SEVIS fee is a mandatory fee charged by the U.S. government for students attending Grand Valley on a F or J visa. The SEVIS fee is $350 for students attending on an F visa and $220 for students attending on a J visa. You will pay your SEVIS fee at FMJFee.com, either online or through Western Union.

Visa Appointment:
Once you have the receipt for your SEVIS fee, you should visit the U.S. Embassy website in your country and apply for a visa appointment.

Visa Application Questions:
You must be prepared to answer questions on the following topics:
• Family background
• Academic background
• Finances
• Why did you choose Grand Valley State University?
• Intent to return home

Point of Contact:
When you are asked for your point of contact in the U.S., please use the information below:
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