GRAND VALLEY CALENDAR 2022

Winter Semester 2022

 Arrival .............................................. January 3, 2022
 Orientation ........................................ January 4 – 9, 2022
 Classes Begin ...................................... January 10, 2022
 MLK Day Recess .................................... January 17, 2022
 Spring Break ....................................... March 6 – 13, 2022
 Classes End ........................................ April 23, 2022
 Examinations ..................................... April 25 – 30, 2022
 Housing Closes ................................... April 29, 2022
 Semester Ends .................................... April 30, 2022

Fall Semester 2022

 Arrival .............................................. August 19 – 20, 2022
 Orientation ........................................ August 21 – 24, 2022
 Classes Begin ...................................... August 30, 2022
 Labor Day Recess ................................ September 4 – 5, 2022
 Fall Break .......................................... October 23 – 25, 2022
 Thanksgiving Day Recess ..................... November 23 - November 27, 2022
 Classes End ........................................ December 12 – 17, 2022
 Examinations ..................................... December 12 – 17, 2022
 Housing Closes ................................... December 16, 2022
 Semester Ends .................................... December 17, 2022

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/isstudents/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) 331-8700 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. Visit grr.org for more information about the 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 Theresa Rowland, Title IX coordinator, 4015 Zumberge Hall, titleix@gvsu.edu, (616) 331-9530.

INTERNATIONAL 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 before you arrive at GVSU.

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

HOUSING DEADLINES

#GVSUbound

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

Important Information:

- Please apply online at gvsu.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 gvsu.edu/housing/options to view housing photos, room layouts, and furniture included.

VISA APPOINTMENT

Check Documents:

Before applying for your visa, you must make sure all of the documents sent to you by U.S. Immigration and Grand Valley are correct. Pay special attention to the spelling of your name, date of birth, major, and funding source.

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SAFETY
The Department of Public Safety, whose job is to provide a safe and secure environment in which to work, live, and learn, provides a great deal of information concerning lost and found items, parking, emergencies, bike registries, crime statistics, and more. For information, visit gvsu.edu/gvpd.

SOCIAL SECURITY
Students will apply for a social security number after securing an on-campus job and two weeks of the semester have passed. Details can be found at gvsu.edu/istudents.

ELECTRONIC BILLING
Grand Valley State University requires all first semester international students to pay tuition, fees, and on-campus housing in full by the Friday before classes begin. 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. You may pay your bill by credit card, cash, money order, or through Western Union. Details may be found at gvsu.edu/studentaccounts/forms/finance.

DISABILITY SUPPORT RESOURCES
Disability Support Resources (DSR) collaborates with students, faculty, and staff to promote equal access to the campus community that meets the needs of students with disabilities and 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 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. Alternative format textbooks, alternative testing, assistive technology, learning skills assistance, and transportation on the Allendale Campus are some of the services available. 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 feel that you can benefit from these resources, please call us at (616) 331-2340, email at dsr@gvsu.edu, or visit our office at 215 The Blue Connection.

STUDENT HEALTH
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. Visit gvsu.edu/campushealth to learn more about health care resources and services including a pre-arrival student health checklist. Learn more about prioritizing your health and well-being at gvsu.edu/studentwellness.

Campus Health Centers
The Campus Health Center, operated by Metro Health University of Michigan, provides convenient and quality care for GVSU students, faculty, and staff. Health care providers offer a variety of services including:
• Treatment for illness
• Women’s health
• Allergy shots
• Immunizations
• Physicals
• Sports medicine and X-ray
• Most health insurance plans are accepted. Walk-ins are accepted; scheduled appointments recommended. Visit gvsu.edu/campushealth for more information.

The GVSU Family Health Center, operated by the Kirkhoff College of Nursing, is close to GVSU’s Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus and the Health Campus. Primary care services include:
• Student health, women’s health, LGBTQ, and sexual health
• PreP and PEP
• Immunizations
• Behavioral health and social work services
• Pediatrics
• Nutrition counseling (pro bono)
• Health compliance
• Travel clinics and more
Free parking, most insurance plans accepted, and visit types include telehealth, same-day appointments for established patients, and same-day convenience appointments for students with acute/minor illnesses. Visit gvsu.edu/fhc for more information.

Recreation and Wellness
The Recreation & Wellness Department, through a variety of programs, provides inclusive and diverse recreational opportunities that inspire participation, promote health and well-being, and encourage student development and success. Visit gvsu.edu/rec for more information on how to get involved.

University Counseling Center
The University Counseling Center is committed to improving the mental health of GVSU students through counseling, education, and consultation. Short-term services are available to all currently registered GVSU students free of charge. Visit gvsu.edu/counsel for more information.

Change of Address:
United States immigration law requires the reporting of a change of address within 10 days of the move, even if it is changing apartments within the same complex.

Travel Signature:
Students wishing to leave the U.S. for either travel or vacation must have their I-20 or DS-2019 endorsed by the designated school office. Students must go to the Padnos International Center to get the signature. Please allow a minimum of two days for the signature.

CLASS REGISTRATION—UNDERGRADUATE
An academic advisor will contact you to set up a time to register for courses. Your advising appointment is a time for you to talk with your advisor about your program of study, your class schedule, graduation requirements, and any other academic concerns you may have. Ideally, after your appointments, you will be registered for 12 to 15 credits per semester. Federal law requires undergraduate international students to be registered for a minimum of 12 credits for both fall and winter semesters. For more information, contact us by email at global@gvsu.edu.

CLASS REGISTRATION—GRADUATE
You should contact your program director to get more information about the program curriculum and course registration. You can find the name of the program director on your acceptance letter. If you are unable to find your program director, contact us at global@gvsu.edu.

REGULATIONS
Full-Time Enrollment:
In compliance with the United States Citizenship, Immigration, and Naturalization Service (USCIS), undergraduate international students are required to carry no fewer than 12 credits each semester and have two semesters to achieve a 2.0 GPA. Graduate international students are required to carry no fewer than nine credits each semester and have one semester to achieve the appropriate GPA. For that reason, students must have the written approval of the director of international and scholarship services before adding, dropping, or changing classes. Failure to meet these guidelines may result in dismissal from Grand Valley State University and the USCIS will be notified that the student is out of status.

FINIAL TRANSCRIPT:
It is important that you send us an official or attested final transcript and graduation certification that includes your date of graduation. According to federal and state regulations, Grand Valley State University must verify your graduation and have a transcript on file.