

# ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



Fall 2021

**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 about deadlines or wish to schedule a visit, please contact the Admissions Office at (800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025 or email us at [admissions@gvsu.edu](mailto:admissions@gvsu.edu).

## HOUSING DEADLINES

Now that you have been admitted to Grand Valley, we recommend that you apply to live on campus as soon as possible. Complete the Housing Application by logging into your myBanner account at [gvsu.edu/housing/](https://gvsu.edu/housing/).

When living on campus, all living expenses are included in the rate; you manage one consolidated bill and deposits rollover from year to year. Students enjoy living on campus because of the convenience to dining, classrooms, study areas, and recreation spaces.

### Important Information:

- Freshmen are required to live on campus. We offer many styles of housing for freshmen — traditional-style, suite-style, one bedroom apartment-style, two bedroom apartment-style, and cluster-style. Living-learning communities are available on South Campus. Traditional-style is the default preference for all incoming freshmen.
- Please apply online at [gvsu.edu/housing/](https://gvsu.edu/housing/). To apply by mail, visit [gvsu.edu/housing/apply](https://gvsu.edu/housing/apply) for a printable application, or contact Housing and Residence Life to request a copy be mailed to you.
- Students are encouraged to provide multiple housing style preferences on their application. These will be used during the placement process.
- The Housing Application requires a \$150 deposit. Students who cancel their housing contract in writing prior to May 1 via [gvsu.edu/housing/cancel](https://gvsu.edu/housing/cancel) will receive a \$150 deposit refund. No refunds will be made after May 1.
- Incoming freshmen are eligible for a housing assignment if they have a housing deposit, a completed housing application, contract, and an advising and registration session reservation.
- Roommate requests must be mutual, be received by May 1 for consideration, and are not guaranteed.
- You will be notified of your housing and roommate assignment via email during the summer prior to your arrival on campus. Roommate and room style requests are not guaranteed.

## ✓ CHECKLIST ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a visit to campus   | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule an advising and registration session and submit enrollment fee by May 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for financial aid by March 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Send final high school transcripts by June 30                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Submit housing application no later than May 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual enrollment/early middle college students: send college transcripts          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for GVSU endowed scholarships at <a href="https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships">gvsu.edu/myscholarships</a> |   |

- Visit [gvsu.edu/housing/options](https://gvsu.edu/housing/options) to view housing photos, room layouts, and furniture included.
- For information on requesting an exemption from the housing requirement, visit [gvsu.edu/housing/](https://gvsu.edu/housing/).

## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Financial assistance is available to eligible students from a variety of sources. Financial aid can include institutional scholarships based on academic performance or other exceptional abilities, as well as federal and institutional grants, loans, and work study. To be considered for these types of aid, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students interested in receiving financial aid at Grand Valley should file the FAFSA. The 2021-2022 FAFSA is available beginning October 1 at [studentaid.gov/fafsa/](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa/). All applicants are strongly encouraged to file a FAFSA by March 1 for maximum consideration for grant and scholarship aid.

Grand Valley has an outstanding merit-based scholarship program. Students admitted by December 31 are considered for GVSU merit scholarships. Initial scholarship eligibility is reviewed and determined at the time of admission. Additional consideration for scholarship and/or grant assistance will be determined in mid-January and will be sent out by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Final scholarship decisions are made by July 31. Visit [gvsu.edu/scholarships](https://gvsu.edu/scholarships) for specific details.

GVSU also offers a variety of other scholarship opportunities based on interest, academic performance, special talents, or major. The majority of scholarship deadlines are January through March. Students may search and apply for these scholarships each year through [gvsu.edu/myscholarships/](https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships/). Please visit our website [gvsu.edu/financialaid](https://gvsu.edu/financialaid) for more information and feel free to contact us at (616) 331-3234 or via email at [finaid@gvsu.edu](mailto:finaid@gvsu.edu) if you have any questions.

## ENROLLMENT/ADVISING AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

✓ Return your advising and registration reservation and the enrollment fee by May 1.

In mid-January, the Admissions Office begins sending admitted student information regarding class registration and freshman

advising and registration session. Your first step is to return your advising and registration reservation with your enrollment fee by **May 1**. You can also register for a session online at [gvsu.edu/orientation/](http://gvsu.edu/orientation/). **After May 1, we cannot guarantee space in the freshman class.** If you cancel your admission to Grand Valley prior to May 1, the enrollment fee is refundable. Please watch your mail for your registration packet and respond promptly. Contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions about class registration and enrollment deadlines.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

GVSU offers transportation services ranging from bike rentals and carpooling to transit services. GVSU provides daily bus service between the Allendale Campus, the Grand Rapids campuses, 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/](http://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](mailto:bus@gvsu.edu).

## ELECTRONIC BILLING

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. More information regarding the ebilling system will be presented during freshman advising and registration session.

## COMPUTER INFORMATION

If you are considering a computer purchase, please visit our website at [gvsu.edu/it](http://gvsu.edu/it) and click on Software/Hardware/Apps under Other Resources, where you will find information on computer vendors who offer student discounts.

As a resident living on campus, you have free access to the Internet from all on-campus student living areas either through a wired port and/or wireless access. You can find instructions to set up your computer to the wireless network on our website at [gvsu.edu/it](http://gvsu.edu/it) and then under Get Help, select Getting Connected.

## COMPLETED COLLEGE LEVEL COURSEWORK

If you have completed college level coursework through dual enrollment or early/middle college you must have an official college transcript sent to GVSU prior to your advising and registration session. Contact the college attended to request that an official transcript be sent to the Admissions Office at Grand Valley State University.

If you have taken an Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam, please send an official copy of your score results to the Admissions Office for credit evaluation.

Official transcripts and test scores can be mailed to:

Admissions Office  
Grand Valley State University  
1 Campus Drive  
Allendale MI 49401

Email: [adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu](mailto:adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu)

## PARKING PERMITS

✓ Parking your vehicle on campus requires a parking permit or using pay to park locations. Visit [gvsu.edu/parking/](http://gvsu.edu/parking/).

Parking your vehicle on either the Allendale Campus or the Pew Grand Rapids Campus requires a parking permit. The permit costs \$240 per semester for those commuting to campus and enrolled in

seven or more credit hours. For commuting students with fewer than seven credit hours, the cost is \$150 per semester. For students living on campus in GVSU housing, parking permits are \$210 per semester. Students with classes at the GVSU Health Campus are required to park on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus and ride the free transit system to the Health Campus, as student parking is not accommodated at those locations.

Academic year permits are available for purchase at [gvsu.edu/parking/](http://gvsu.edu/parking/). The cost of the permit will be placed on your student account at the beginning of each semester. Temporary permits are available for purchase to all students each semester at a cost of \$10 per day and billed directly to your student account. Parents and guests may obtain a visitor parking permit free of charge by visiting Grand Valley Parking Services, which has two locations: the north end of the Allendale Campus in the Service Building or at the Pew Grand Rapids Campus located at 102 Eberhard Center.

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/](http://gvsu.edu/parking/).

## GMAIL

Grand Valley has contracted with Google to provide Gmail along with Google Apps for Education and Calendar. Gmail is free and required for all students. The Gmail account will be the official method of communication to students while they are enrolled at GVSU. Please visit [gvsu.edu/it](http://gvsu.edu/it) for additional information.

## FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

All incoming freshmen must submit a final high school transcript that includes the date of graduation before attending GVSU. According to federal and state regulations, Grand Valley State University must verify your high school graduation with a final transcript on file.

You may request the transcript through the electronic delivery service Parchment or submit it by mail to:

Admissions Office  
Grand Valley State University  
1 Campus Drive  
Allendale MI 49401

Contact your high school if you have any questions about submitting a final high school transcript.

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Student employment aids students in obtaining employment that will help finance their education and develop work skills for their future career choice. We work with all university departments and the community to create part-time and summer employment opportunities for students. As part of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, we administer the Federal Work-Study Program university-wide.

Visit our online job database, Handshake, at [gvsu.edu/studentjobs/](https://gvsu.edu/studentjobs/). Once you have registered for your freshman advising and registration session, you will be able to log in and begin searching current job postings. Both on-campus and off-campus part-time jobs are posted daily. For more information, please contact Student Employment at (616) 331-3238 or visit us in person at 100 Arend and Nancy Lubbers Student Services Center.

## 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 approaches and resources that support a diverse range of abilities and opportunities while maintaining compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). 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, 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) 331-2490, email at [dsvgsu@gvsu.edu](mailto:dsvgsu@gvsu.edu), or visit our office at 215 The Blue Connection.

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

As a new Laker, make a commitment to your health and well-being. Use the eight dimensions of wellness to guide your personal well-being. Engage with locations on campus to support you with physical and mental health resources.

The **Campus Health Center**, operated by Metro Health University of Michigan, provides convenient and quality care for GVSU students, faculty, and staff. The physicians and mid-level providers are able to offer a variety of services including: treatment for illness, women's health, allergy shots, immunizations, and physicals. Most health insurance plans are accepted. Walk-ins accepted; scheduled appointments recommended. Visit [gvsu.edu/campushealth](https://gvsu.edu/campushealth) for more information.

The **GVSU Family Health Center**, operated by the Kirkhof College of Nursing, is near GVSU's Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Primary care services include student health, women's health, LGBTQ health, sexual health, PrEP and PEP, immunizations, 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](https://gvsu.edu/fhc) for more information.

The **University Counseling Center** is committed to improving the mental health of GVSU students through counseling, education, and consultation. Counseling services are offered to all currently registered GVSU students free of charge. Visit [gvsu.edu/counsel](https://gvsu.edu/counsel) for more information.

Learn more about prioritizing your health and well-being at [gvsu.edu/studentwellness/](https://gvsu.edu/studentwellness/).

# GRAND VALLEY CALENDAR 2021-2022

## Fall Semester 2021

Convocation .....	August 27, 2021
Classes Begin .....	August 30, 2021
Labor Day Recess .....	September 5-6, 2021
Fall Break .....	October 24-26, 2021
Thanksgiving Day Recess .....	November 24-28, 2021
Classes End .....	December 11, 2021
Commencement .....	December 11, 2021
Examinations .....	December 13-18, 2021
Semester Ends .....	December 18, 2021

## Winter Semester 2022

Classes Begin .....	January 10, 2022
Martin Luther King Jr. Recess .....	January 17, 2022
Spring Break .....	March 6-13, 2022
Classes End .....	April 23, 2022
Examinations .....	April 25-30, 2022
Semester Ends .....	April 30, 2022
Commencement .....	April 29-30, 2022

## Spring/Summer Session 2022

Classes Begin (first six-week session and 12-week session) .....	May 9, 2022
Memorial Day Recess .....	May 30, 2022
Classes End (first six-week session) .....	June 20, 2022
Examinations (first six-week session) .....	June 21-22, 2022
Classes Begin (second six-week session) .....	June 27, 2022
Independence Day Recess .....	July 4, 2022
Classes End (second six-week session and 12-week session) .....	August 8, 2022
Examinations (second six-week session and 12-week session) ...	August 9-10, 2022
Session Ends .....	August 10, 2022

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Gerald R. Ford International Airport

[grr.org](http://grr.org)

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 at the intersection of 44th Street and Patterson Avenue SE.

### Amtrak

[amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com)

Amtrak's Pere Marquette offers daily rail service between Grand Rapids and Chicago, providing fast and convenient rail connections to many destinations.

### Greyhound Lines, Inc.

[greyhound.com](http://greyhound.com)

Intercity bus transportation arrives and departs from the Greyhound Bus Terminal located on Grandville Avenue near Wealthy Street. (616) 456-1700 or (800) 231-2222

### The Rapid

[ridetherapid.org](http://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

## 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](mailto:titleix@gvsu.edu), (616) 331-9530.



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