
CECI Advising Newsletter

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Hello CECI Students!

There's no denying the seasons changing now! This is a special issue of our newsletter -- our office wants to showcase resources on campus that can help you weather the season.

Please reach out if you want more information about anything featured in this newsletter.

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Your academic advisors are here to help you feel safe along your academic journey. **We want you to feel supported, secure, and set up to be successful. This newsletter is just one way for us to stay connected and to reach out.**

-CECI Undergraduate Advising Center

Please consider checking out our website at www.gvsu.edu/ceciadvising/ or our Instagram [@ceciadvising](#)

This Newsletter will connect you to our office, share updates and reminders, or offer you tips and tricks for achieving your own success!

Schedule Your Appointment Here!

Keep these IMPORTANT Dates in Mind:

Withdraw with a "W" Grade Deadline	November 7 by 5:00 pm ❶
Thanksgiving Recess	November 26-30
Examination Week	December 6-13
Classes End and Commencement	December 6
Semester Ends	December 13
Grades Due from Faculty	December 16 by 12:00 pm
Grades Available to Students	December 18

Check out the Registrar's Website for More Dates!

NEW! **Michigan Seal of Biliteracy (MI-SoBL).**

The **Modern Languages and Literatures Department** and the **Division of Enrollment Development and College Futures** have partnered to provide a new opportunity for current and incoming students to receive college credit for their [**Michigan Seal of Biliteracy \(MI-SoBL\).**](#)

The MI-SoBL is awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one additional world language through approved assessment pathways. Students who earned this recognition may now receive up to 15 Grand Valley State University credits.

To receive credit, students should contact their high school counseling office to have an official transcript—with the Seal of Biliteracy notation—sent directly to GVSU. Once received, credits will be automatically awarded, and the student will receive an evaluation detailing the credit applied.

Faculty and advisors are encouraged to share this information with students and direct questions as follows:

For questions about the award or transcript process: Admissions and Recruitment Office – admissions@gvsu.edu | (616) 331-2025

For questions about how awarded credits apply to academic programs and the new [Multilingualism Badge](#): Modern Languages and Literatures Department – moddept@gvsu.edu | (616) 331-3203

Check out the MI-SoBL Website to Learn More!

Student Events from your Advising Center



In our office we want to encourage our students to achieve academic excellence through prioritizing themselves first. As majors that are gearing toward helping professions, the CECI advising office wants to instill self-care and helpful coping strategies through these events for our students. It is time to focus on you through this series of events and we hope you will enjoy!

**Next Event: GVSU Teach-In Decompression Session,
November 13th**

[Click here for Event Flyer](#)



Kirkhof Lounge, Allendale

3:30pm-6pm

November 13th

Come sit with Advisors from the CECI Undergraduate Advising Office to color, draw, doodle, or chat as a way to decompress from attending Teach-In Sessions. Supplies will be provided. Just come as you are!

CECI W.A.V.E + GV Replenish, November 1st-November 20th

[Click here for Event Flyer](#)

GIVE-BACK-EVENT

REPLENISH

**CECI will be accepting donations from
November 1st - November 20th**

support your GVSU community and donate to the CECI
advising office as we support GVSU Replenish

Our Office, 321 DEV C

Nov 1st - Nov 20th

Replenish eliminates disparities and obstacles for student success by providing access to food and other basic needs. Please consider making a donation at our office!

[See list of requested/in-need items](#)

December Event: W.A.V.E Hot Cocoa Bar, December 1st

[Click here for Event Flyer](#)



DeVos 111A

December 1st

6pm-8pm

Kick off the last month of the year with the CECI Advising Team! Stop by our Hot Cocoa Bar for some hot cocoa, candy canes, marshmallows, CECI Mugs, and some wellness, vibrancy, and care!

Service Feature: The Library -- The Library of Things and Food for Fines

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

MOOD LAMP



- Quantity: 2
- Loan Period: 24 hours
- Includes: This is an integrated product that comes with a light, charger, cord and other components for both indoor and outdoor use, this kit provides a complete unit that makes it easy to get the lighting effect you need
- [User manual](#) (pp. 6-7)

The [Library of Things](#) is a collection of nontraditional materials including gadgets, tools, games, kits, electronics, wellness tools and more — all available to check out for free with your GVSU ID. Need something for a one-time project or want to try before you buy? Explore the collection and discover your next new Thing to borrow!

Categories

[Transportation](#)

[Home and Garden](#)

[Recreation and Games](#)

[Technology Accessories](#)

[Health and Wellness](#)

[Learning Support](#)

Check out the Library of Things for More!

Library News

FOOD FOR FINES: DAY OF GIVING FOOD DRIVE
November 04, 2024

FOOD FOR FINES

Bring **5** non-perishable food items and have your library book fines removed!

[Food for Fines](#) is here again! With the interruptions to SNAP benefits nation-wide, GVSU is focusing this Day of Giving to supporting [Replenish Basic Needs center](#). And the University Libraries is getting in on the giving: **from November 4-December 2, you can donate 5 food items and your library book fines will be forgiven!**

Donations can be dropped off at the following library locations. Swing by the front desk to drop off your items and have your book fines forgiven!

Valley Campus: Mary Idema Pew Library

City Campus: Steelcase Library

City Campus: Frey Foundation Library

Donations can include:

Shelf-stable pantry items

Personal hygiene

Household goods

For students who have lost SNAP benefits or are experiencing food insecurity, Replenish operates two locations:

Valley Campus: Kirkhof 0073: Hours Monday through Friday.

City Campus: Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences 347: Hours Wednesday – Friday.

[Visit the Replenish Basic Needs Center](#) website for specific hours and more details.

You can [learn more about or donate to GVSU's Day of Giving online](#).

Check out Food for Fines event page for more information!

Resource Feature 1: GV Campus Health Center

Campus Health Center

CLINIC HOURS & APPOINTMENT TIMES

IN-PERSON VISITS

NEWLY EXPANDED HOURS!

Starting Week of November 3: Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Starting Week of November 17: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Walk-In Hours | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Have a general inquiry or need to schedule an in-person appointment?

Call (616) 331-2800

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911 immediately!

NURSE LINE & TELEHEALTH VISITS

Seven Days a Week | 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Powered by [HealthBar](#)

Have a medical question and need to talk to a nurse, or want to schedule a telehealth appointment?

Call (616) 331-2800 and press Option 2

We're expanding services to support your [health on campus](#)!

During this ramp up phase, we are providing services to **students** and will be extending services to the greater GVSU community soon. We appreciate your patience as we

continue to grow our practice! Here's what we're building toward:

Expanded provider coverage and clinic hours

Full implementation of billing systems

More robust clinic services

Thanks to [HealthBar](#), currently enrolled students can access the following services at no cost during our ramp up period:

Telehealth appointments

Allergy injections

You **must provide your G-number** at the time of service. Please Note: Services **provided outside of the clinic may include costs** (e.g. lab work). Please contact us for more information.

[Check out the Campus Health Center Website for More!](#)

Resource Feature 2: Replenish Basic Needs Center for Students



The GVSU Replenish Basic Needs Center is a physical & virtual space that supports and promotes equitable access and success for all learners by offering free basic needs items while connecting students to essential services. Replenish helps students meet the short-term challenges of accessing basic needs while building and advocating for long-term support services to address essential needs using a holistic and social justice approach.

[Check out the Replenish Website for More!](#)

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