New Graduate Student Checklist
Welcome to graduate school at GVSU! Below you will find important information about departments, websites, and resources you will need to start and continue your graduate education journey.

Academic Resources

The Graduate School
The Graduate School provides resources and support to graduate students in all of GVSU’s badge, certificate, master’s, and doctoral programs:
- Graduate Student Resources.
- Guidebooks for Graduate Students.
- Master’s and Doctoral Programs.
- Policies and Procedures Manual for Graduate Education.

The Knowledge Market
The Knowledge Market is a combination of resources from the University Libraries, Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors, Speech Lab, and the Data Inquiry Lab.
- University Libraries: identify library liaisons, find database resources, and discover open access materials.
- Writing Center: define and organize paper topic, outline paper, and utilize tools for citations and editing.
- Speech Lab: prepare for individual or group presentations, outline topics, and draft professional speeches.
- Data Inquiry Lab: provides support for student-led quantitative data management, visualization, and analysis.
- Make an appointment with the Knowledge Market.

Online Learning Resources
The university has a number of resources for online learning, including the following:
- BlackBoard Support.
- Contact the IT Helpdesk at www.gvsu.edu/it/, helpdesk@gvsu.edu, or (616) 331-2101.
- Online Learning Guide from The Graduate School.
- Tips for Online Learning from The Knowledge Market.

Office of the Registrar
The Office of the Registrar provides assistance with registering for classes, maintaining the university's academic calendar and online catalog, MyPath, and more:
- Academic Calendar.
- Online Catalog.
- Registration Information and Tutorials on Banner.

Statistical Consulting Resources
- Data Inquiry Lab.
- Statistics Consulting Center.
- Statistics Tutoring.

Writing Resources
- Graduate Writing Resources from The Graduate School.
- Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors graduate writing resources.
Virtual Orientation
☐ The Virtual Orientation website has been designed to help students get started by introducing the services and resources for GVSU graduate students.

Campus Resources
Busing Transportation
☐ Bus routes and schedules.

Campus Maps
☐ Campus Maps for Allendale, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, and satellite locations.
☐ Virtual Tours of the Allendale, Pew, and Health campuses.

Parking
☐ Purchase a parking permit, learn about commuter lots, and find campus parking maps.

Financial Resources
Office of Financial Aid
The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships has several resources to assist graduate students:
☐ Tuition rates and Fees.
☐ Search for scholarships.
☐ Financial support: GVSU Financial Hardship Grant Request.

The Graduate School
☐ Graduate Assistantships: provide students with part-time work, financial support, experience within their field of study, and an opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a professional setting.
☐ Presidential Research Grants: grant awards of up to $1,500 are available to support the research projects of graduate students (intended as a one-time award during a graduate student’s GVSU academic career).
☐ Academic Conference Fund: awards of up to $600 (up to $800 for international travel) will be given to those invited to present or perform at a conference/meeting.

GradSense
☐ A resource from the Council of Graduate Schools that outlines how to budget for graduate school, transition financially from graduate school to a career, and information on repaying student loans.

Student Employment Office
☐ A resource for job-seeking students and hosts an online jobs database called Handshake (Career Center).
☐ How to use Handshake.

International Student Resources
The Graduate School
☐ Welcome International Graduate Students!

Padnos International Center
☐ The Padnos International Center acts as a home away from home for international students.
☐ International Student Expectations are provided through the Padnos International Center.
☐ Contact the International Student Services (ISS) Team with questions.
Professional Resources

GVSU Career Center
☐ Student employment, internships, and entry level positions are available on Handshake.
☐ Graduate student resources for career exploration and job searches.
☐ Assistance with Resumes and Cover Letters as well as Interviewing and Networking.

Laker Lifetime Learning (L3) Commitment
☐ L3 is a comprehensive and holistic network of services and resources that reinforce GVSU’s commitment to the continued learning of GVSU alumni, including financial resources, career support, and alumni networking.
☐ Digital badges, online certificates, and other career-advancing programs are also available.

PACES
☐ PACES (Professionalism, Advancement, Communication, Engagement, Success) is an online repository of resources and information to assist graduate students with all facets of their graduate study journey.
☐ PACES on Pinterest.

Social Resources

Graduate Student Association (GSA)
The GSA seeks to foster the intellectual, professional, and social development of the graduate student community. GSA advocates for, and is the primary voice for graduate students at GVSU:
☐ Visit the GSA website for information on events and opportunities.
☐ Follow GSA on Facebook.

Registered Student Organizations
There are numerous Graduate Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) available for graduate students to join for professional development and socialization with other graduate students.
☐ Current list of Graduate RSOs and information on how to join.

Social Justice Centers
GVSU has social justice centers and programs to serve students:
☐ Disability Resource Services.
☐ Campus Interfaith Resources.
☐ Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity.
☐ Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center.
☐ Office of Multicultural Affairs.
☐ Social Justice Education and Training.

Veterans Resources
☐ GVSU Veterans Network.
☐ Grand Valley Veterans Network Group on Facebook.
☐ For additional information, please contact Jill Wolfe at 616-331-3668 or wolfeji@gvsu.edu.

Health Resources
☐ Health Resources for GVSU students from The Graduate School.
☐ The Mental Health and Wellbeing Index contains a searchable database of GVSU programs, training modules and other resources in eight categories of wellness: emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, physical, occupational, social and spiritual.