New Graduate Student Orientation
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Orientation Topics

* Academic Success
  * The Graduate School
  * Research and scholarship
  * Academic support services
  * Library services
  * Being successful

* Student Support Services
  * GVSU services overview
  * Graduate Student Association (GSA)
  * Student support services
  * Information technology
What is graduate education about?

- Acquiring deeper knowledge and developing advanced skills expected of an entry-level professional
- Gaining deeper and richer, high impact learning experiences
- Preparing you for professional certification and licensure
- Improving your chances of starting a meaningful career related to your field of study
How can the Graduate School help you be successful?

* Support all aspects of Graduate Education
* Enforce the Graduate Education Policies
* Produce the Graduate Student and Advising Guidebooks
* Fund opportunities for graduate students
  * Graduate Assistantships (stipend + tuition remission)
  * Presidential Research Grants
  * Academic Conference Fund
* Provide support for Graduate Student Association

www.gvsu.edu/gs
Every topic is included and linked to the resource page!

www.gvsu.edu/gs/guidebook
Research and Scholarship
Research and Scholarship

Contact –
Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence
www.gvsu.edu/csce
Internal Support for Research/Scholarship

• Funding to initiate, maintain, and disseminate your research, scholarly, and creative activities

• Funding Programs for Graduate Students
  • Presidential Research Grants (Graduate School)
  • Academic Conference Fund (Graduate School)
  • Open Access Publishing Fund (Library)

• Funding Programs for Faculty

Contact –
Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence
www.gvsu.edu/csce 049 J.H. Zumberge
331-2281, csce@gvsu.edu
Tips for Getting Started

• Consider a general area in which you want to do work
• Start reading in the interest area
• Start formulating ideas as you read
• Talk to experts in the interest area
• Keep a research notebook or journal
• Once you decide on a research topic consider:
  • Do you need approval (human, animal, or laboratory)?
  • Do you need funding?
  • Can the project be done in the timeframe of the degree?

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Statistical Consulting Center

- Provides advice with projects that are for research or instruction
- Provides assistance with:
  - Designing a study
  - Developing a questionnaire
  - Selecting a sample
  - Managing and analyzing data
  - Interpreting results
Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors

- Trained consultants can help you brainstorm ideas, organize content, integrate research, polish a draft, and document sources
- Graduate students can take advantage of the writing center drop-in hours or by setting an appointment using the online appointment system

Contact –
Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors
www.gvsu.edu/wc 120 Lake Ontario Hall
331-2922 johpatri@gvsu.edu
Graduate School Writing Support

https://www.gvsu.edu/gs/graduate-writing-resources-96.htm

• Universal graduate writing resources
• Program specific writing examples
• Thesis and Dissertation information
• Writing Guides
GVSU Speech Lab

• Consultants are trained to work with clients on all elements of the speechmaking process including: topic selection, organization, supporting materials, and most importantly, practicing delivery.

• Three locations to serve students
  • Allendale Campus - 154 Lake Michigan Hall
  • DeVos Campus - Steelcase Library
  • Evening consultations - Knowledge Market in Pew Library

Contact –
GVSU Speech Lab
www.gvsu.edu/speechlab/  154 Lake Michigan Hall
331-8115
Program Liaison Librarians

Are the primary link to the libraries, who provide assistance with:

- your research question
- copyright and author rights
- data reference
- citation management help
Library Collections

• From rare books to the latest research across disciplines
• If the library does not have it, staff can get it for you through document delivery
Scholarly Communications

- Services and infrastructure to help showcase and disseminate scholarly, creative, and educational works by GVSU student authors
Additional Support Services

• Document delivery
• Interlibrary loan
• Knowledge Market

They are there to help!
Have a question?
Just ask
Your research journey starts here,

www.gvsu.edu/library/
What does it take to be successful as a graduate student?

- Motivation
- Perseverance
- Resilience
- Good time management
- Financial support
- Encouragement
- Building a mentoring team
- Emotional & intellectual support
- Leading a balanced life

"Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person."

Albert Einstein
How do you build a mentor team?

- Read faculty bios
- Meet your program faculty
- Talk with your graduate program director
- Talk with students currently in the program
- Talk with program alumni
- Engage with professionals

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."
- Albert Einstein
Tips for getting started

∗ Know the program and course requirements
∗ Establish a workable timeline to finish your course and degree requirements
∗ Identify a mentoring team
∗ Get involved
University Governance
(INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY*)

Standing Committees:
• Graduate Council
• Academic Policies and Standards Committee
• Faculty Salary and Budget Committee
• Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee
• University Assessment Committee
• Campus Life Committee
• Online Education Council

For More Information: www.gvsu.edu/gsa/standingcommittees
Graduate Student Association
(INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY*)

Strives to promote interdisciplinary communication and collaboration in order to enhance a holistic graduate student experience.

- Serves as leadership for all graduate students
- Advocates for graduate students to include having representation, funding for GSA organizations, and lobbying efforts with governance and the administration
- Manages the GSA funding process to ensure opportunities for all participating programs
- Creates opportunities for graduate students to network beyond your program by hosting educational and social activities

Christina Chong  
CSAL  
President

Camille Pulver  
MPA/MSW  
Vice-President

Jesse Smade  
Business Finance Officer

Kersten O’Brien  
Nursing Admin. Officer

Nate Swanson  
CSAL  
Comm. Officer
Student Assistance Center

• Student ID cards
• Registration
• Payments
• In-school loan deferment
• Enrollment verification
• Transcripts

• GI Bill Certification* (Allendale, call 616.331.3327)

DEVOS CENTER & ALLENDALE LOCATIONS
Financial Aid

• Federal Direct or Grad-PLUS Loans: Requires FAFSA & half-time status
• Scholarships  
  www.gvsu.edu/scholarships
• Emergency loans ($500 max)
• Offices are located in Allendale.
• Contact finaid@gvsu.edu or 331-3234

www.fafsa.gov
Consultation
Career Fair/Events
On-campus Recruiting
Career Positions
Disability Support Resources

www.gvsu.edu/dsr

Office: The Blue Connection (Allendale)
Phone: 616-331-2490
E-mail: dsrgvsu@gvsu.edu

Disability Support Resources provides resources and accommodations to enhance the environment for persons with disabilities – at all locations.

Some examples of accommodations and services:
- Extended test-taking time
- Readers/scribes for tests
- Electronic Enlarged print materials
- Permission to record lectures
- Assistive technology
- Preferential seating
- Absence, tardiness flexibility and frequent breaks
- Use of a laptop in class to take notes
UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

(616) 331-3266

Free Services

DEVOS CENTER & ALLENDALE LOCATIONS
Grand Valley State University
Domestic Student Health Insurance Plan
(NON-MANDATORY PLANS)

- Student Health Insurance is required for international students
- Ascension is our provider for students who are interested in health insurance
- Students can select a PPO or HMO plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Other options are available through GVSU’s Private Health Insurance Exchange in partnership with IXSolutions

http://www.gvsu.edu/studentinsurance
COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AND EQUITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

Grand Valley State University is committed to inclusion and equity, and strives to establish a climate that welcomes and affirms the contributions of all students and employees.

The University is guided by values for inclusiveness and community which are integral to our mission to educate students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies, and to enrich the community through excellent teaching, active scholarship, and public service.

The University strives to provide all members of its community an inclusive environment and equitable opportunities for success.

All members of the community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others.
Inclusion Initiatives

Office of Inclusion and Equity (VP/DIVISION)
Student Affairs/Dean of Students Office
Title IX: Sexual Misconduct
Anti-harassment Protections
Bias Incident Protocol
Disability Support Resources
Social Justice Centers
Veteran Support

www.gvsu.edu/inclusion
Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972 requires that all entities receiving federal funds or financial assistance prohibit sex based discrimination and sexual misconduct in their education programs and activities.

Title IX states no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any GVSU educational programming or activity.

Title IX protects any person from sex-based discrimination, regardless of their real or perceived sex, gender identity, and/or gender expression. Female, male and gender non-conforming students, faculty and staff are protected from any sex-based discrimination, harassment or violence.
Anti-Harassment

Sexual or gender-based harassment is prohibited conduct at the University. No employee, student or other person at the University shall engage in sexual or gender based harassment.

1) **Sexual Harassment** is any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or other unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, whether verbal, non-verbal, graphic, physical, or otherwise…

2) **Gender-Based Harassment** includes harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, transgender, gender non-conforming, transitioning, gender identity, or gender expression, which may include acts of aggression, intimidation, or hostility, whether verbal or non-verbal, graphic, physical, or otherwise, even if the acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature…

3) **A “hostile environment”** exists when the sexual or gender-based conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with, limits, or deprives an individual from participating in or benefitting from the University’s education or employment programs and/or activities.
Sexual Misconduct

>Ssexual misconduct is any conduct that is considered sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and sexual exploitation.

>Ssexual misconduct is prohibited conduct at the University.

>The University will take prompt and effective steps to end Sexual Misconduct, eliminate any hostile environment caused by Sexual Misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy the discriminatory effects on the survivor and others.

Resources and Reporting Options

1. Victim Advocate: Krystal Diel, any student can seek support, options, and advocacy. For more information visit www.gvsu.edu/vro

2. Title IX Coordinator: Theresa Rowland. To report an incident of sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual misconduct contact Theresa at 616-331-9530 or gvsu.edu/titleix.

3. Grand Valley Police Department: For immediate assistance and/or to report sexual violence, contact GVPD or 9-1-1.

4. Confidential counseling is available, for free, through the University Counseling Center.

For more information, go to Quick links at https://www.gvsu.edu/inclusion
I DON'T DESERVE THIS... NOBODY DOES.

DATING/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SEXUAL, PHYSICAL, VERBAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL, OR FINANCIAL ABUSE IS ABOUT POWER AND CONTROL IN A RELATIONSHIP.

...BUT I NEVER SAID YES.

SEX WITHOUT CONSENT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT.

Krystal Diel
Victim Advocate
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“IF YOUR FRIEND IS INCAPACITATED, THEY CANNOT CONSENT.”
—Stacey Thurston
Biomedical sciences major
Current and Former Military Service Members

- Highly-trained GI Bill Certifying Officials (STU)
- Informed Veterans Network staff
- Veteran specific job coaching and networking opportunities
- Veterans’ Lounge (Kirkhof Center)
- Counseling and mentoring
- Disability accommodations
- Deployment and reentry accommodations
- Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Chapter 31)
- Updates via Website, Facebook, and Newsletter

(MING-STAP, TA, VOC-REHAB 616-331-2209)

www.gvsu.edu/veterans
ACCOUNTS: Student Logins and Passwords

Network Login
Example:

**Username**: jonesma
**Password**: test12ab

• Blackboard
• Student Email (Gmail)
• 500 MB of Network storage
• mystudentdata.gvsu.edu
• Web page space
• Wireless access

Banner
Example:

**G-Number**: G00123456
**Pin**: 1a34b56
(Pin length is 6 – 10)

• Register for classes
• Pay bills
• Get class schedules
• Change Network, Email and Blackboard password
• mybanner.gvsu.edu

(*Note: If you changed your name and you would like your username to change, visit [www.gvsu.edu/myname](http://www.gvsu.edu/myname))
University e-mail accounts
http://mail.gvsu.edu

To login use your GVSU network ID and Password

Your email address is:
your_network_ID@mail.gvsu.edu

*Important: All GV-related messages will be sent to your University email account. Check regularly, even if you forward messages to another account!
Your email account provides access to **Google Apps**: 

- Drive
- Docs
- Calendar
- YouTube
- Bookmarks
Redirecting the Student Email Account

• Click **Settings** at the top of any Gmail page, and open the **Forwarding and POP/IMAP** tab
• From the first drop-down menu select 'Add new email address'
• Enter the email address to which you'd like your messages forwarded
• For your security, we'll send verification to that email address
• Open your forwarding email account, and find the confirmation message from the Gmail team.
• Click the verification link in that email
• In your Gmail account, select the 'Forward a copy of incoming mail to...' option and select your forwarding address from the drop-down menu
• Select the action you'd like your messages to take from the drop-down menu. You can choose to keep Gmail's copy of the message or you can send it automatically to **All Mail** or **Trash**
• Click **Save Changes**
myBlackboard Learning Tools

• myBlackboard:  http://mybb.gvsu.edu
  or through the quick links section on the GVSU website
• Use your GVSU user ID and password to log-in
• Student Blackboard Help:
(*NEW) Introducing Blackboard Ally

Making course content accessible

Alternative Accessible Formats

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HTML</th>
<th>Other alternative formats</th>
<th>OCR</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>High quality semantic HTML version of the content</td>
<td>ePub, audio, electronic braille, etc.</td>
<td>Automatically OCR all scanned documents</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Blackboard Mobile
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME ACCESS

Available for iOS, Android and Windows
Bb Student is FREE!

• Responsive Design
• Activity Stream
• Assignments and Tests
• Grades & Progress
• Synchronous Learning
GVSUAlert! Emergency Notification System
www.gvsu.edu/gvsualert

All GVSU students, faculty and staff members are automatically registered to receive email notification to their email address.

To receive GVSUAlert! SMS (text) messages, users must register their phone numbers. This simple step ensures that you will be notified as quickly as possible.

If GVSU Police determines that there is an active emergency, which places the safety of the campus community at risk, messaging is sent through the GVSUAlert! System

GVSUAlert! would be activated for:
• Weather hazards (tornado)
• Hazardous material incident
• Closings or cancelations
• Bomb scares or related threats
Other Resources

Personal Discounts
www.gvsu.edu/it/gvsu-softwarehardwareapps-69.htm

Computer Purchases:
Apple, Dell and Lenovo

Software:
SPSS
SAS
Qualtrics
Juno Pulse Anti-virus

Atomic Object Technology Showcase  www.gvsu.edu/techshowcase
Student Parking 2019-2020

- Parking permits are available for purchase online at 
  www.gvsu.edu/parking

- Commuter Student parking fees/semester:
  - $140 (6 credit hours or less)
  - $230 (7 credit hours or more)
  - $95 (Allendale – Lot J Commuter)
  Temporary daily permits are $10
  - $205 Residential
  ParkMobile App accepted at GV meters
  Overnight parking prohibited 3 - 6 a.m.

Grand Rapids: 616-331-6601               Allendale: 616-331-7275
Parking Tips:

• Parking permits are required in all GVSU parking lots.

• GVSU meter rate is $2.50/hour (Parkmobile App accepted)

• Cook-DeVos and Raleigh J. Finkelstein Hall do not offer student parking. Use GVSU’s free bus services. Information is available at http://www.gvsu.edu/bus

• Broken/failed meters are considered NO PARKING ZONES unless you are using the ParkMobile App

• Citations may be paid or appealed within 7 business days at www.gvsu.edu/parking
• Unpaid citations are transferred to Student Accounts after 40 days

Updates: www.gvsu.edu/parking/parking-changes-and-lot-updates-38.htm
GVSU Bus Services

- **Connector 50**: Allendale to Pew Campus continues to Cook DeVos Center for Health Sciences (no transfer needed)
- **Route 50 Park-N-Ride** located at the Walker Fire Station & Lake Michigan Drive by Meijer (free parking at either location)
- **Weekend Route 85** provides weekend service off-campus apartments (Fall/Winter)
- Route 37 serves northern apartments including Main Street Pub
- Route 48 serves the southern apartments adjacent to Allendale Campus
- **Weekend Route 85** provides weekend service off-campus apartments (Fall/Winter)
- Ride any RAPID bus for free by showing ID (including *Silver Line*)
- All buses have bike racks and are wheelchair accessible
- Download **myStop** mobile app for IOS and Android

www.gvsu.edu/bus
Staying safe and protecting your property

• Be an alert pedestrian (trains!)
• Larceny (laptops, tablets, phones, textbooks)
• Always lock your doors (residence & vehicle) and stow your valuables
• Register your bike
  www.gvsu.edu/gvpd/bike.htm
• Protect your property - use a U-lock!
• For any emergency Call 911
• GVPD Non-emergency: 616-331-3255

Download the RAVE Guardian Mobile Safety App for IOS and Android devices
Textbook Returns: Textbooks and e-books must be returned within the first week of classes for a 100% refund, or by the fifth week (only with proof of drop from course).

For courses that only meet on weekends, the deadline is extended one additional week.

New books must be in new condition or will be refunded as a used book:

— Books packaged with workbooks, online access codes, DVD's or CD's must include all components unused.
— A receipt is required to return or exchange any textbook. The current buyback value will be offered after the deadlines.
22 Dining Venues on Pew and Allendale Campuses

- Downtown (August – April): Starbucks, Plaza Café, Erbert & Gerbert Sandwiches and Seidman Café

Dining Dollars: $200 Express Plan

- Added convenience
- Purchase or Reload online ($25 minimum)

Accepted at all 22 venues

- Pew and Allendale Campuses
- Restaurants, C-stores and coffee shops

616-331-3016

www.gvsufood.com
GVSU Recreation Center

www.gvsu.edu/rec

Student access is FREE with a valid GVSU student ID!

YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids

www.gvsu.edu/ymca

Individual $160 semester
Family $360 semester
Events and Activities in GR
www.downtowngr.org
www.experiencegr.com
www.arenadistrictgr.com

Renting in GR
Off-Campus Living
Please complete the brief survey about your Graduate Student Orientation!