GOALS

- Interdisciplinary collaboration: Creating and facilitating cooperative learning opportunities for students, staff, and faculty and within the community
- Geographic and institutional identity: Defining characteristics of GVSU as a liberal education institution in West Michigan
- Resources and activities: Synthesizing learning across disciplines - locally and globally, with intention
- Student engagement: Empowering students to make waves through advocacy and service learning.





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Building new ways to think about water at GVSU and beyond



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What is MAKING WAVES?

The two-year Making Waves Initiative is creating collaboration and opportunities across campus among students, faculty, staff, and community. The initiative is providing new ways to explore and investigate the many ways that water touches our lives, from being a life-force to defining GVSU in relation to the Grand River and Lake Michigan. Our geographic context and expertise provide opportunities for students, staff, faculty and the community to take a deep dive into the topic of water and to make a difference locally and globally.

The Initiative will empower students to explore how water is critical to humanity. Students will gain skills and understanding through experiential learning that takes place in coursework, MWI activities, study abroad opportunities, and engagement with community partners.



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INTEGRATION

GVSU is known as the premier public institution in Michigan for integrating liberal education with professional expertise. Making Waves is a hallmark of what we do: we integrate theory with practice to prepare students to make waves and help provide solutions to the challenges of our world.

