



ISTUDENTS | FALL 2024

VISA



AGENDA

- Visas!
- Email Etiquette
- Important Dates
- Reminders



ISS TEAM

International Student Services (ISS)

Reach all of us by emailing istudents@gvsu.edu

VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Receive DS-2019 or I-20 from GVSU
2. Pay SEVIS fee at www.fmjfee.com
 - a. \$350 USD for F1
 - b. \$220 USD for J1
3. Complete DS-160 at US Embassy Website (in home country)
4. Pay Visa fee - \$160 for F1 & J1
5. Schedule Visa Appointment



I-20 DISCLAIMER

*Admissions processes initial I-20s for new iStudents.
I-20s are processed in the order that students complete all
requirements.*

Check the status of your application in your portal account.

Thank you for your patience!

global@gvsu.edu

VISA INTERVIEW ADVICE

BE PREPARED!

- Why are you choosing GVSU?
- Be familiar with:
 - your field of study at GVSU
 - your financial plans
 - family connections to US/Home
- PROVE intent to return to home country





ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE

Difficulty booking an appointment:

- Keep trying!
- GVSU can request an expedited appointment but you need an appointment first! *You can request a support letter from us.* We will begin emailing those letters on July 12 2024.

Denial:

- Keep the notice with reason WHY
- Most common reason is failure to prove intent to return

UPDATE US!

Please let International Admissions and ISS Team know about any updates related to your visa:

- Approval
- Denial
- Delayed
- Administrative Processing

International Admissions:
global@gvsu.edu

ISS Team: istudents@gvsu.edu



EMAIL ETIQUETTE



Please be patient!

Allow 3-5 business days

Include the following information:

- First Name
- Last name
- G-Number

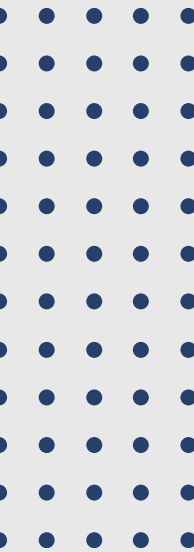
Please DO NOT:

- *Email multiple times on same topic*
- *Copy everyone you know at GVSU*
- *Ask for money*
- *Send the same email to multiple people*



IMPORTANT DATES

Task	Date
GVSU Housing Application Deadline	As Soon As Possible
GVSU Closed	July 4
Earliest Entry to USA	July 19
Graduate School Orientation (In Person)	August 19-21
GVSU Housing Move-in	TBA
<i>iStudent Orientation* REQUIRED</i>	August 19-21
Graduate iStudent Orientation (Recording)	TBA
Payment Deadline	August 16



<https://www.gvsu.edu/istudent/s/important-dates-123.htm>



REMINDERS

ISS Live "Get Ready" zoom calls :

- May 16 | Admissions, Visa, Housing
- May 30 | Visas, Housing, Registration
- June 13 | Registration, Insurance
- June 27 | Budgeting & Student Accounts
- June 11 | Student Employment, Laker Food, Career Center
- July 25 | Arrival & Orientation
- August 08 | Arrival & Orientation

Always at 9:00am Allendale time!

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THANK YOU!

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