

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ZOOM WINTER 2024

WELCOME!

TODAY

- Welcome
- Visa
- Housing
- Important Dates
- Reminders
- Questions



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ZOOM!

Please change your name to something recognizable. This will make it easier for us to assist you!

We ask:

- Please stay muted during the presentation
- Cameras on, if possible :)

You ask:

- Via the chat at any time!
- "Raise hand" at end of presentation if you wish to voice your question



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!

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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 December 8, 2023.

Denial:

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

UPDATE US!

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

- Approval
- Denial
- Delayed
- Administrative Processing

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HOUSING

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HOUSING



**GVSU
On-Campus**



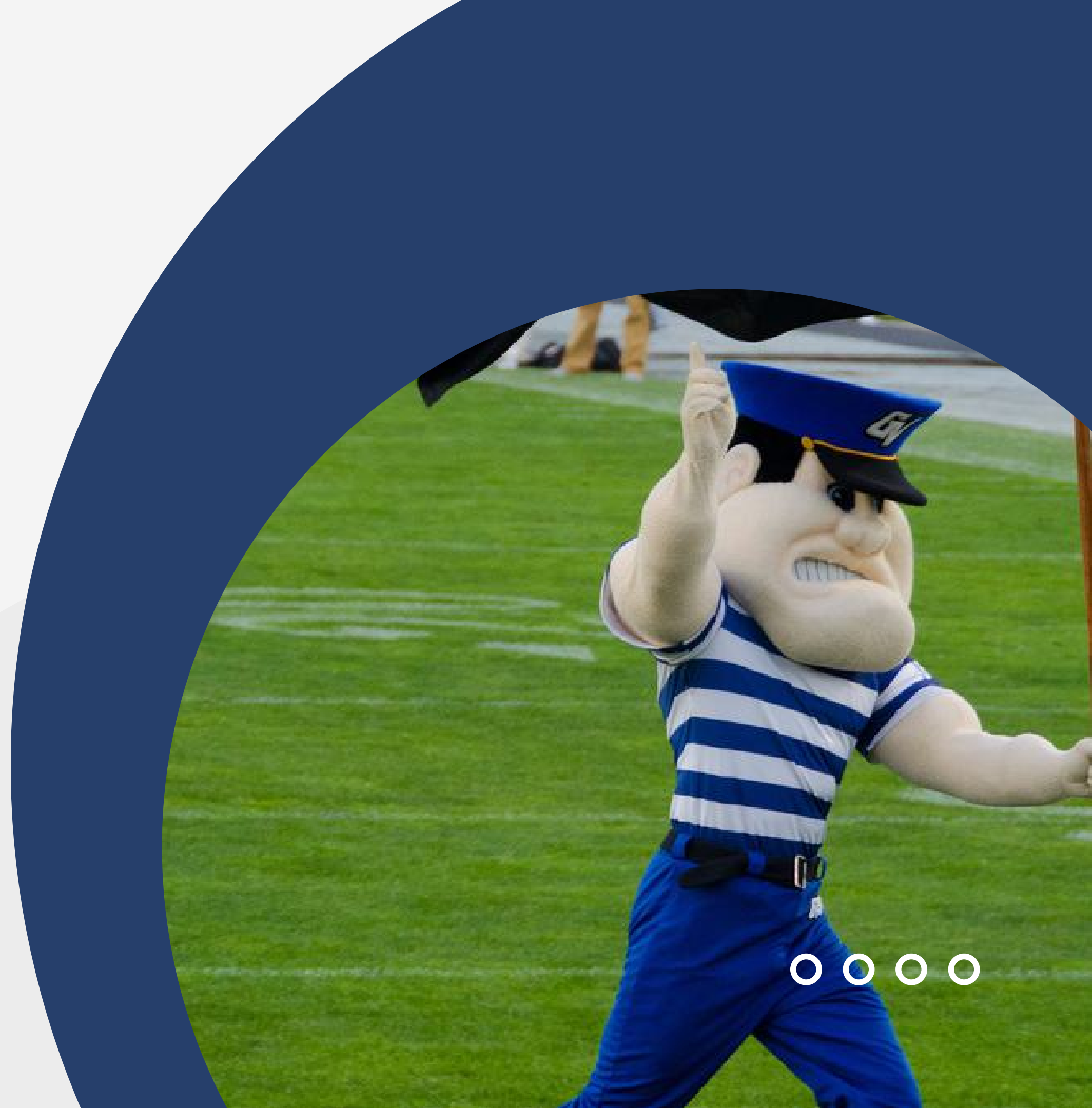
Off-Campus





BENEFITS

- Better Social Integration
- Proven higher GPA
- Convenience
- Added Security & Support





GVSU HOUSING REQUIRED FOR FRESHMAN!

NOT REQUIRED

GRADUATES

TRANSFER

EXCHANGE / J-1

<https://services.gvsu.edu/TDClient/60/Portal/KB/ArticleDetail?ID=5415&SIDs=554>



HIGH PRIORITY



- Apply as soon as possible
- Limited Spaces
- Cannot Guarantee 1st Choice
- Room Change Unlikely





VIRTUAL TOUR

Campuses

- **Allendale**
- **Pew**
- **(Health)**

<https://grandvalleystate.university-tour.com/virtual-tour/main-campus>

MOST POPULAR



- Laker Village - iHouse
- GVA - most affordable



APPLY ONLINE

\$150 DEPOSIT

- Visit myBanner.
- Login with your network ID and password.
- Once logged in, click “Student.”
- Click on “myHousing.”
- At the top of the page, click “Apply/Cancel/Forms” then select the desired semester.
- Sign to agree to the “Contract Terms and Conditions.” Follow the steps to complete your application. You will receive a confirmation once completed.

All International Students can apply using the "Transfer Student Application". This give even Freshmen access to the apartment style options that are reserved for upperclass students.



GVSU HOUSING DESIGNATED MOVE-IN DATE

January 4, 2024

*No temporary accommodation for early arrivals.
You need to organize your own transportation to GVSU on
January 2024*



PLEASE BE AWARE



By applying online, you are signing a contract with GVSU Housing.

Once you have signed your contract you can no longer cancel this contract and are liable for the Winter semester.

For additional information regarding cancelation please contact GVSU Housing:
gv_housing@gvsu.edu

STUDENT ID NEEDED FOR GVSU HOUSING

ID info sent to students who sign up for on-campus move-in happening January 4. Sign-up email coming soon!

Follow instructions in email to submit your photo

Printed before your arrival. Coded for GVSU Housing.



OFF-CAMPUS CONSIDERATIONS

Unfurnished

furniture,
appliances, etc

Utilities

Added monthly costs
for internet, water,
gas, electricity

How to get one...

- **in US 10+ days**
- **attend orientation**
- **submit forms**
- **have a job**

SSN

May be required
for approval

Lease Terms

Usually 1 year
minimum

Location

Transportation,
Safety, Travel time

Rapid buses free!

ISS LIST OF OPTIONS

https://www.gvsu.edu/cms4/asset/E3FBFD53-D5F1-D55C-2992F5D71239D9F1/gvsu_2022_iss_off-campus_housing.xlsx

- Connect with other iStudents:
 - WhatsApp



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Students living on & off-campus should organize their own transportation

- A local taxi company such as Metro Cab (616) 827-6500 or Yellow Cab (616) 459-4646 (costs \$60-70)
- A transport app such as Uber or Lyft (cost varies)
- A trusted local resource V's Anytime chauffeur service LLC, haiti4good@gmail.com, 616-406-9664



IMPORTANT DATES

Task	Date
GVSU Housing Application	As soon as possible
GVSU Closed	December 22, 2023-January 02, 2024
Deadline to Request Expedited Visa Letter	December 8, 2023
<i>Earliest Entry to USA</i>	December 9, 2023
Make Up Orientation	January 12, 2024
Payment Deadline	December 15, 5pm
Designated Arrival Date for On-Campus Move-in	January 4, 2023
Graduate & Undergraduate iStudent Orientation	January 5, 2024

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*



REMINDERS

ISS Live "Get Ready" zoom calls :

- November 2nd Welcome and Preparations
- November 16th Registration and Payment
- November 30th Arrival and Orientation

Always at 9:00am Allendale time!

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QUESTIONS!

