

GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



Congratulations on your recent acceptance to Grand Valley State University!

Read on for key dates, resources, and next steps as you start your Laker journey.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

Depending on what time of year you're admitted to GVSU, these next steps may be available right away or in a few months

- ✓ Sign up for New Graduate Student Orientation
- ✓ Meet with your graduate program director
- ✓ Register for courses
- ✓ File the FAFSA to be considered for financial aid
- ✓ Apply for Housing (if needed)
- ✓ Purchase a Parking Permit (if needed)

For any questions or to schedule a campus visit, please contact:

Admissions and Recruitment Office
(800) 748-0246 or (616) 331-2025
gradadm@gvsu.edu
gvsu.edu/admissions

✓ Sign up for New Graduate Student Orientation!

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

gvsu.edu/gradorientation

GVSU offers a New Graduate Student Orientation prior to the start of each semester to provide all the information needed to get started as a Laker. Open to all new graduate students, it covers essential services, resources, and activities to help you succeed.

You will receive information and an invitation to attend Orientation approximately six weeks prior to the first semester you begin taking classes.

For those unable to attend New Graduate Student Orientation in person, a virtual orientation is available at gvsu.edu/gradorientation.

✓ Meet with your graduate program director

ACADEMIC ADVISING

gvsu.edu/graddirectors

It is very important for graduate students to consult directly with their graduate program director regarding academic advising and registration. Contact information for each graduate program is available at gvsu.edu/graddirectors.

✓ Register for courses

REGISTRATION

gvsu.edu/register

Graduate students register for classes using our online registration system, Workday. Detailed registration instructions will be available at gvsu.edu/register.

✓ File your FAFSA to be considered for financial aid

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

gvsu.edu/finaid

Graduate students interested in receiving financial aid at Grand Valley should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA is available online at studentaid.gov/fafsa.

Be sure to include **GVSU school code 002268** to ensure we receive your information.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at **(616) 331-3234** or **(800) 748-0246**, or finaid@gvsu.edu.

Graduate Assistantships

A graduate assistantship provides paid, supervised work experience in a student's field, allowing them to apply and expand their skills. It also supports faculty and staff with projects requiring advanced discipline-specific skills. Graduate assistantships are available through the various academic departments. gvsu.edu/gradresources

✓ Apply for Housing (if needed)

HOUSING

gvsu.edu/housing

New graduate students who want to live on campus should apply as soon as possible, as spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit gvsu.edu/housing to apply online, view housing photos, and see room layouts.

✓ **Purchase a parking permit**

PARKING ON CAMPUS

gvsu.edu/parking

Parking your vehicle on a GVSU campus requires a parking permit.

Parking Permits

Permit costs:

- \$245 per semester for those commuting to campus and enrolled in seven or more credit hours.
- \$153 per semester for those commuting to campus and enrolled in six or fewer credit hours.
- \$214 per semester for students living on campus in GVSU housing.

Permits can be purchased online with the Citizen Connect portal, found at gvsu.edu/parking. The cost of the permit will be billed to your student account.

Parking permit costs are subject to change. Visit gvsu.edu/parking for the most up-to-date information.

Other Parking Options

- **Temporary day permits** are available for purchase online at a cost of \$10 per day and will be billed to your student account.
- **Pay-to-park** short-term options are available on each campus and can be found on the Parking Services website.
- Parents and guests can get a free **visitor parking permit** at two locations: the Service Building on the north end of the Allendale Campus or the Pew Grand Rapids Campus at 102 Eberhard Center.

For parking questions, contact Grand Valley Parking Services at **(616) 332-PARK (7275)**, visit in person at the Service Building on the Allendale Campus or the Eberhard Center on the Pew Campus, or go to gvsu.edu/parking.

ELECTRONIC BILLING

gvsu.edu/studentaccounts

Students will receive email notifications for new charges or upcoming payments. Students can authorize third-party access through proxy setup to view and manage online bills and payments. Instructions for providing proxy access will be available at gvsu.edu/studentaccounts.

For billing questions and support, contact Student Accounts at **(616) 331-2209**, gvsu.edu/studentaccounts, or in person at **1049 Zumberge Hall** on the Allendale Campus.

STUDENT EMAIL, NETWORK ACCOUNT AND TECH RESOURCES

gvsu.edu/it

GVSU IT is here to help you stay connected, support your learning, and enhance your university experience. Learn more about these resources, review frequently asked questions, and more at www.gvsu.edu/it.

GVSU Email

Grand Valley provides a free Gmail account through Google Apps for Education. This Gmail account will be the official communication method used by the University once you're enrolled in classes. You will be able to access your GVSU email by visiting mail.gvsu.edu once you set up your GVSU network account.

Network ID

As a GVSU student, you'll use a Network ID and password for access to computer labs, email, Workday, multifactor authentication, and more. Instructions to activate your username and password will be emailed to you.

Connect to Wi-Fi

GV-Student is the secure Wi-Fi network available across campus for students. Connect your devices to use free internet anywhere on campus, or use wired network ports where available.

Set-Up MFA

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) will be mandatory for all student accounts. If you have not enrolled in MFA yet, you will be prompted to enroll when you log into GVSU websites/resources.

Use my.gvsu.edu

my.gvsu.edu is your dashboard for all applications used at GVSU, including Workday, Blackboard, Navigate 360, and email.

Blackboard

Blackboard is the university's learning management system. Students use Blackboard for checking grades, assignments, discussion boards, quizzes, tests, and more. Go to lms.gvsu.edu to sign into Blackboard.

STUDENT ID

Grand Valley's free student ID card grants access to specific buildings, free bus rides, discounted software, free athletic event entry, and discounts at nearly 70 local businesses and attractions.

Visit a Student Assistance Center in one of the following locations to request your ID and to be photographed.

- Arend and Nancy Lubbers Student Services Center - Allendale Campus
- Richard M. DeVos Center Plaza - Pew Grand Rapids Campus

If you are not able to make it to a Student Assistance Center, please contact regdept@gvsu.edu.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

gvsu.edu/bus

The Rapid Bus System

GVSU provides daily bus service between the Allendale Campus, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, Health Campus, and the surrounding area. GVSU as well as The Rapid transit routes are free to current students with a valid Grand Valley ID card.

For more information on bus schedules, routes, and transportation programs, visit gvsu.edu/bus.

Please note that frequency of service is reduced during spring/summer semesters and university breaks.

Rideshare and Carpooling

Sharing a ride or carpooling is a great way to save money on your commute and reduce traffic congestion. Several ride-sharing and carpool options are available to the GVSU community, facilitated by The Rapid. Current offerings can be found at gvsu.edu/rideshare.

LAKER STORE

lakerstore.gvsu.edu

Most graduate courses require specific textbooks, available at the GVSU Laker Store online or at locations on the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses. For more information, visit lakerstore.gvsu.edu.

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT CENTER

gvsu.edu/child

The GVSU Children's Enrichment Center (CEC) is a Valley campus-based facility offering early care and education for children aged 2.5 to 12. Dedicated to supporting GVSU student parents, the CEC provides high-quality, affordable care to enhance academic experiences and promote persistence.

For enrollment information please contact the Children's Enrichment Center at **(616) 331-KIDS** or gvsu.edu/child.

VETERAN AND MILITARY SERVICES

gvsu.edu/veteran

The Military & Veterans Resource Center (MVRC) is your one-stop resource for military-connected support at Grand Valley State University. We proudly serve active-duty service members, veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserves, military spouses, and dependents. The MVRC helps military-connected students successfully transition to campus, navigate military and VA education benefits, connect with campus and community resources, and overcome challenges that may arise throughout their academic journey. Our mission is to ensure every military-connected student has the support they need to thrive at GVSU.

Services and resources include:

- Two dedicated Military & Veteran Lounges (Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses)
- Laker Vets; GVSU's award-winning Student Veterans of America chapter
- Military and VA education benefits guidance and referrals

- Deployment and military transition support
- Veteran-specific scholarships and financial aid guidance
- Referrals for housing, employment, mental health, and other campus and community resources
- Peer connection, advocacy, and programming designed for military-connected students

To learn more or connect with the Military & Veterans Resource Center, contact the Director at mvrctdirector@gvsu.edu.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

gvsu.edu/gs

The Graduate School provides leadership, support, and oversight for graduate education, students, and faculty. It offers programming and advising to help students from admission to alumni status, oversees graduate assistantships, and administers university policies for graduate education, including exception requests.

Visit gvsu.edu/gs for information on financial support, health services, writing resources, project guidelines, and access to the Graduate Student Guidebook, Advising Handbook, and Online Learning Guide.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

gvsu.edu/gsa

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) enhances the graduate student experience and culture at GVSU by facilitating networking and connections through various programs and events.

Follow GSA on Facebook @GVGrads or learn more at gvsu.edu/gsa.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

gvsu.edu/accessibility

Student Accessibility Resources promotes campus-wide inclusivity and equity by providing support services, accommodations, and educational initiatives that enhance the academic experience for students with disabilities at GVSU.

Upon admission, students should complete the online registration form at gvsu.edu/accommodate to register with Student Accessibility Resources, ensuring timely accommodations and connection with an advisor. Advisors help identify barriers, provide custom support, and facilitate personalized accommodations. Advisors can also assist students with questions regarding course selection, scheduling, and exploration of their areas of career interest.

If a student requires more comprehensive services in these areas, advisors can refer them to other on-campus resources. Some available services include alternative format textbooks, alternative testing, assistive technology, learning skills assistance, and on-campus transportation.

Connect with Student Accessibility Resources in one of the following ways: **(616) 331-2490**, access@gvsu.edu, or visit the office at **215 The Blue Connection** on the Allendale Campus.

GRAND VALLEY CALENDAR 2027-2028

Fall Semester 2027

Move-in Week	August 23-27, 2027
Classes begin	August 30, 2027
Labor Day recess	September 5-6, 2027
Fall break	October 24-26, 2027
Thanksgiving Day recess	November 24-28, 2027
Classes end	December 11, 2027
Examinations.....	December 11-18, 2027
Semester ends	December 18, 2027

Winter Semester 2028

Classes begin	January 10, 2028
Martin Luther King Jr. recess	January 17, 2028
Spring break.....	March 5-12, 2028
Classes end	April 22, 2028
Examinations.....	April 22-29, 2028
Semester ends	April 29, 2028

Summer Sessions 2028

Classes begin first 6 and 12 weeks.....	May 8, 2028
Memorial Day recess	May 29, 2028
Classes end first 6 weeks	June 19, 2028
Examinations first 6 weeks	June 20-21, 2028
Classes begin second 6 weeks	June 26, 2028
Independence Day recess	July 4, 2028
Classes end second 6 and 12 weeks	August 4, 2028
Examinations second 6 and 12 weeks	August 7-8, 2028
Session ends	August 8, 2028

Calendars are subject to change. Visit gvsu.edu/registrar for most current academic calendar.



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gvsu.edu

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Gerald R. Ford International Airport

grr.org

This is the primary air transportation facility serving Grand Rapids and West Michigan. Located within Michigan's second largest metropolitan area, the airport provides a full range of air transportation services. The airport is located on 44th Street near Patterson Avenue SE.

Amtrak

amtrak.com

Amtrak's Pere Marquette offers regular rail service between Grand Rapids and Chicago, providing fast and convenient rail connections to many destinations.

Greyhound Lines, Inc.

greyhound.com

(616) 456-1700 or (800) 231-2222

Intercity bus transportation arrives and departs from the Greyhound Bus Terminal located in downtown Grand Rapids on Grandville Avenue near Wealthy Street.

The Rapid

ridetherapid.org

(616) 776-1100

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, and surrounding areas are served by The Rapid transit system. The Rapid buses run seven days a week and include evening hours.

TITLE IX

The university is an anti-discrimination, equal employment opportunity institution, consistent with its obligations as a federal contractor. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX coordinator by emailing titleix@gvsu.edu, calling (616) 331-9530, or visiting 4015 Zumberge Hall.