

## Information Sheet 2020-2021

### EXCHANGE CONTACTS

#### OUTBOUND STUDENTS

GVSU Students studying abroad. Main Contacts for Agreement and Partnership Development

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#### INBOUND STUDENTS

Exchange student studying at GVSU

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### INT'L OFFICE INFORMATION

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GVSU Website: [www.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvsu.edu)  
Student Exchange Website: [www.gvsu.edu/pic](http://www.gvsu.edu/pic)  
Inbound Int'l Student Website: [www.gvsu.edu/istudents](http://www.gvsu.edu/istudents)

### APPLICATION—DUE DATES

**Fall Semester** (starting August)

**June 1**

**Winter Semester** (starting January)

**October 1**

Applications sent to partners via email. Contact Kate Stoetzner with questions regarding application.

### APPLICATION—SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

1. An Academic Transcript or record of the courses the student has completed prior to attending Grand Valley State University (GVSU)
2. Official test results of English Ability from TOEFL or IELTS
3. A typed statement of students' proposed program of study at GVSU and how it will relate to their present academic program at your university.
4. Evidence of Financial Support (see section IV of Application for details)
5. Copy of student passport

# APPLICATION—ENGLISH REQUIREMENT & GPA

Provide test results from one of the following English proficiency exams:

## TOEFL

ITP (Score: 213)  
Paper (550)  
iBT (Score: 80)

**IELTS** (Overall Band Score: 6.5 undergraduate)

**GPA minimum requirement (4.0 scale):  
2.5 GPA**

## University of Cambridge ESOL Exams:

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE):  
C or better  
Certificate of Advanced English (CAE):  
C or better

## 2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	Fall 2020	Winter 2021
Recommended Arrival Dates	August 21-23 2020	January 6, 2021
Int'l Student Orientation	August 24-26, 2020	January 7-8, 2021
Semester Dates	Classes Begin: August 31, 2020 Classes End: December 19, 2020	Classes Begin: January 11, 2021 Classes End: April 30, 2021
Final Examination Period	December 14-19, 2020	April 26-May1, 2021
Semester Breaks	Labor Day: September 6-7, 2020 Fall Break: October 25-27, 2020 Thanksgiving Break: Nov 25-29, 2020	Martin Luther King Jr Day: Jan 18, 2021 Spring Break: May 7-14, 2021

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### CREDITS

J-1 Students are required to take between 12 and 15 credits per semester. Generally, a 3 credit course meets in-person for 3 hours per week. This equates to 45 contact hours per class, but this can vary. Courses are taught in English. There are 15 weeks in each semester.

### COURSE RESTRICTIONS

See course catalog for restrictions. Students must have pre-requisites or prior approval from the Department Chair at GVSU. The course description in the GVSU catalog will list any pre-requisites or restrictions.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Limited support available.

### COURSE REGISTRATION

Once students have been accepted, they will be contacted via email by their academic advisor. The advisors will assist students to register for the proper courses. Students should be registered full-time prior to their arrival on-campus. Students will have the week of orientation and the first week of classes to make any necessary changes to their schedule.

COURSE CATALOG: [www.gvsu.edu/catalog](http://www.gvsu.edu/catalog) List of all courses

COURSE SCHEDULE: [www.gvsu.edu/schedule](http://www.gvsu.edu/schedule) List of courses offered by semester

## ACCOMMODATION

Housing Application: Accepted students are directed to apply online.

Housing application deadlines:

**Fall semester—July 1**

**Winter semester—October 1**

Please note, students who apply by the deadline are guaranteed housing.

Homestays are not an option.

*Airport Pick-up Service is provided to students arriving on designated dates*

### Cost

Allendale campus housing ranges from \$2,100-\$2,760 per semester. Pew Campus housing ranges from \$2,480-\$3,720 per semester.

[www.gvsu.edu/housing](http://www.gvsu.edu/housing)

### Facilities

Apartment style units, which are recommended for exchange students, include kitchens. Meal plans are also available:

[www.gvsu.edu/campusdine](http://www.gvsu.edu/campusdine)

All on-campus housing includes utilities, internet access, air conditioning, central heat, and a local phone.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Estimated Costs

Required fees	\$150 International Student Orientation
Tuition (out-of-state)	Designated schools do not pay tuition to GVSU. If you are a cost paying school, please contact our office for current tuition rates.
Health Insurance	Students are required to have insurance meeting federal regulations. Students may bring their own policies from home, or can purchase a policy of their own choosing from a US provider. See p.4 for details.
Textbooks	\$300-500 per semester
Food	\$2,180-\$3,600 per semester
Misc. Living Expenses	\$1000-\$1600 per semester
Transportation	Grand Rapids bus system is free to students. Provides transportation between campuses and to local supermarket, as well as many other destinations.

## EMPLOYMENT

Students are eligible to work on-campus for up to 20 hours per week. An overview of regulations will be covered during the orientation.

## VISA PROCEDURES AND ASSISTANCE

Students must submit a completed Exchange Student Application. Once the application is submitted a DS -2019 will be sent to the student. Students will be required to pay the SEVIS fee before applying for their visa. Details may be found at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com). Exchange students will be required to apply for their visa at the nearest US Embassy.

Kate Stoetzner is the contact for visa related matters.

# HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is mandatory by US Federal Regulations. **All exchange students at GVSU are required to provide proof of insurance (in English) at the time of orientation that covers the entire duration of the program.**

**Federal Law requires the following coverage:**

- \$100,000 minimum coverage
- \$50,000 minimum medical evacuation coverage
- \$25,000 minimum coverage for repatriation
- \$500 maximum deductible per accident or illness
- Other Conditions:
  - Cover pre-existing conditions after a reasonable waiting period
  - Includes provision for co-payment that does not exceed 25% co-pay by the exchange visitor
  - Does not exclude benefits for perils inherent to the activities of the Exchange Visitor's Program
  - Must be underwritten by an insurance company that meets the rating requirements of the USIA or is backed by the full faith and credit of the Exchange Visitor's government
  - Any accompanying spouse and dependent(s), also may be subject to the requirements of the Affordable Care Act [22 CFR 62.14 (a)]