

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT CHECKLIST

*Your next steps before classes start!*

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## BEFORE ATTENDING ORIENTATION

### Complete Placement Process

**1. Help us learn more about you!** To prepare your class schedule, please complete the College Credit Form at [www.grandview.edu/next-steps](http://www.grandview.edu/next-steps)

**2. Complete English and/or Math Placement** - The placement process is designed to make sure you are registered for the right courses.

Learn more at [www.grandview.edu/next-steps](http://www.grandview.edu/next-steps).

### Sign up for Orientation

 RSVP at [www.grandview.edu/admissions/orientation](http://www.grandview.edu/admissions/orientation)

### Login to myGVU

 If you have not already done so, log into GV's app/portal – <https://myGVU.grandview.edu> – or download from your phone's app store.

You should have received an email from Admissions providing your GV Account username and initial password. If you do not have this information, email [helpdesk@grandview.edu](mailto:helpdesk@grandview.edu).

### High School Transcripts

 Following graduation, request your high school send an official transcript to Grand View.

### Enrollment Deposit

 You will have received an email from Admissions with information on how to pay your deposit, or visit [www.grandview.edu/gvpayments](http://www.grandview.edu/gvpayments).

### College Course Credit

 Request final official college transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office for any course taken for college-level credit. Information on high school transcripts is not sufficient for awarding credit. Coursework taken may affect your placement in certain courses.

### Advanced Placement Credit

 Request official AP scores be sent to the Admissions Office for credits to be added to your record. Coursework taken may affect your placement in certain courses.

### FAFSA

 Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online by July 1 at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Grand View's school code is 001867. If you don't plan on applying for federal and/or state financial aid, notify your admissions counselor.

### Housing Application and Deposit or Housing Exemption

 You will have received an email from Admissions with information on how to do so following acceptance.

### Student ID

 Go to: [myGVU > About Me > Upload Photo for Campus ID](#) and follow the prompts to upload your photo. You will receive your Grand View student ID at Orientation. Or visit Campus Services during Orientation.

### Vehicle Registration

 If you plan to have a vehicle on campus, complete your registration by logging into myGVU and navigate to [Tasks > Vehicle Check-In for Permit](#). Current school year decals are available beginning in August and can be picked up in Campus Services located inside the Bookstore any time throughout the school year. If you will not have a vehicle, you can request a parking fee waiver via the Vehicle Check-In task.

### Health Form

 A copy of your immunization record, insurance card and completed health form are required for all residential, international, and nursing students. Access health form and the tb questionnaire, complete and use QR code to upload documents to Medicat:

### Vector Training

 You will receive a link to the required training in your Grand View email prior to your scheduled orientation.

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## BRING TO ORIENTATION

### Work-Study Eligible Students

 Driver's license and an original social security card or birth certificate.

### List of Exams taken for College Credit

 Even if you haven't received scores for Advanced Placement exams, bring along a list of the specific exams that you have taken.

### BEFORE CLASSES START

- Person Proxy** allows you to give a parent or anyone of your choosing access to your student account, academic record and financial aid information. Grand View does not mail paper statements, so this is the way others access your account information. You can set up your Proxy access via [myGVU > Tools > About Me > Manage Person Proxy](#) for your account.
- Emergency Contact** Go to [myGVU > About Me > Add/Update Emergency Contact](#).
- Records Release** Grant access to a parent or guardian to call Grand View and ask questions about your bill or financial aid. Go to [www.grandview.edu/StudentRecordsRelease](http://www.grandview.edu/StudentRecordsRelease)
- Handshake** Download the Handshake app or log in at [joinhandshake.com](http://joinhandshake.com) using your Grand View email address and password. In Handshake, you have access to on-campus/work-study job opportunities, employer events and contact information, and thousands of job and internship postings.
- Uwill** Register for the UWill 24/7/365 Mental Health App available free to students. Scan the QR code to register.



### FINANCES

- Financial Aid Offer Letter** View and accept your financial aid package by logging into [myGVU > My Finances > View Financial Aid Offer](#). Make sure you sign your offer letter and take action on all outstanding checklist items.
- GV Complete Financial Plan** Participate in a GV Complete meeting to create an initial plan. Decide which version of the plan will be your first Active Financial Plan and **sign the worksheet page** with your completion coach.
- GV Complete Online Participation Agreement** Go to: [myGVU > Tasks > GV Complete Participation Agreement > click "Accept."](#)
- Payment Plan** To set up a payment plan to cover your remaining out-of-pocket costs, go to: [myGVU > Student Finances > Enroll in a Payment Plan](#). **In order to have a 6-month payment plan, you must enroll by July 1, 2026.** The first payment will be due by July 15, 2026. Viking Central can assist you in setting up a plan. Contact the office at 515-263-2807 or [VikingCentral@grandview.edu](mailto:VikingCentral@grandview.edu).
- Financial Responsibility** Accept financial responsibility for tuition. Go to: [myGVU > Tasks > Financial Responsibility Statement](#).
- Financial Aid Authorization** Authorize Grand View to credit financial aid to any miscellaneous charges. Go to: [myGVU > Tasks > Apply Financial Aid to Misc Charges Authorization](#).
- Federal Direct Loan Online Promissory Note & Entrance Counseling** If you will be taking out a federal student loan, complete online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- Federal PLUS Loan** To apply for a Federal PLUS loan, your parent needs to apply online and complete a Master Promissory Note at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Your parent will need to use their own FSA ID. For more information, go to: [myGVU > My Finances > Go to Student Finances > Loan Information](#).
- Private Loan** If you will be applying for a private loan, find more information and the private loan list link, go to: [myGVU > My Finances > Go to Student Finances > Private Loans](#). Notify your completion coach which loan you decide to take so we may update your Active Financial Plan.
- Purchase Books** GV is upgrading the student book buying experience with our new Viking CourseWorks program. The online program makes sure you get your course materials on or before the first day of class, taking the hassle of textbook shopping and unpredictable prices out of the equation. More details coming soon!

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### ATHLETES ONLY

- Physical & Health History Form** You must submit the physical copy of the form to an athletic trainer either during Orientation or during Move-In.
- Assumption of Risk Form** You will receive an email with a link to complete or a notice will appear when you log into your myGVU account.
- Student Athlete Handbook** You will receive an email with a link to complete or a notice will appear when you log into your myGVU account.
- PlayNAIA Registration** Complete at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)

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### ON-GOING

**myGVU Tasks** Continue to monitor **Tasks** (upper left corner) of myGVU. Tasks are important to your success at Grand View. As you perform tasks, they will automatically move to **Completed Tasks**.

