

College of *Humanities and Social Sciences*



Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

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ABOUT Grand Canyon University

Grand Canyon University is Arizona's premier, private Christian university. We help students find their purpose by offering next-generation education with over 250 academic programs, including 200 online programs, across nine distinct colleges.* Approximately 20,500** ground students learn on our vibrant campus in the heart of Phoenix and over 81,000 online students† join our innovative and collaborative virtual learning community.

Spanning approximately 275 acres, GCU's campus continues to grow with new residence halls, academic buildings, popular eateries, student support resources and amenities, as well as state-of-the-art athletic facilities like GCU Stadium, the Canyon Activity Complex and more. GCU offers generous scholarship opportunities to make a private education affordable and invests in revitalizing the community with a commitment to making a difference.

*June 2020
**Fall 2019
†2019



Christian Worldview

Built upon a biblically rooted mission, GCU believes quality education and faith can coexist in the 21st century. We integrate aspects of our distinctive Christian worldview into everything we do, and we incorporate Christian principles in the classroom to encourage students to shape their own perspectives. A values-based curriculum further helps students cultivate morality, ethics and compassion within their careers and lives.

GCU students are not required to be Christians. Our approach is missional in nature, characterized by a welcoming spirit and loving service to all from different walks of life. Our students experience the Christian faith, the mission of God and the idea of living for the good of others in a safe and supportive space. We encourage everyone to grow spiritually and live with intention while responding to their call to purpose.

GCU'S SIX COMMITMENTS FOR REWARDING EXPERIENCES

1. START STRONG, FINISH STRONG:

GCU begins preparing students for their careers and futures right at the beginning of their first year. Students have access to opportunities and complimentary resources that support their college experience, academics, real-world learning, wellness and personal growth all the way through graduation and beyond.

2. EARLY GRADUATION:

Committed to affordability, GCU offers fast-track options for students to accelerate their college journey. Graduating early means students will pay less in tuition and college expenses, as well as enter their graduate program or career sooner.

3. LOW STUDENT DEBT:

GCU helps make a private college education affordable and accessible by offering generous institutional scholarships. On average, students pay \$8,600 after GCU-funded scholarships for the academic year.

4. HOME AWAY FROM HOME:

Students become a part of a supportive, diverse and safe community. Opportunities to get involved in campus life, Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Centers, Chapel and Life Groups, Public Safety and many other services help turn campus into a second home for Lopes.

5. REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE:

Students have unique opportunities to get involved in GCU enterprises, which provide students with hands-on learning environments where they can gain real workplace experiences and skills. Students also become a part of the transformative impact that these businesses have on the local community.

6. ONE APPLICATION:

Many colleges and universities have implemented additional measures of evaluation before permitting upperclassmen to complete their major course of study. Secondary acceptance requires an additional application, a second review of previously submitted materials and/or a minimum GPA requirement. These secondary measures can potentially delay graduation and incur greater expense. At GCU, most incoming students are accepted into their program of study without a secondary review, with the exception of our nursing and athletic training programs, which require secondary acceptance due to clinical restrictions.

#19 Best College Campus in America*

#6 Best College Dorms in America*
*Niche.com 2020 rankings

10 GCU ENTERPRISES

- Canyon 49 Grill
- Canyon Pizza Co.
- Canyon Promotions
- GCU Ad Agency
- GCU Hotel
- Grand Canyon Beverage Co. (GCBC)
- Lope House Restaurant
- Lope Shops
- Pro Shop
- The GCU Golf Course

* Average tuition after scholarships is approximately \$8,600. Scholarships may be awarded based on 6th semester transcripts. At the time in which final, official transcripts are received, GCU reserves the right to rescind or modify the scholarship if it is determined that eligibility was not achieved. GCU reserves the right to decline scholarship awards for any reason. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. GCU reserves the right to change scholarship awards at any time without notice. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. Prices based on 2019-20 rate and are subject to change.

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Our Vision

Our vision is to promote research, creativity, ethical formation and inquiry through critical, analytic and interdisciplinary study.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORKFORCE ▼

A degree from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences gives students social, intellectual and problem-solving skills needed for a thriving career. Research continues to support that industry leaders want employees who can communicate well, understand others and are highly adaptable to learn new information in the age of lifelong learning, expansion and rapid development. Additionally, we prepare students for the workforce through our capstone courses offered in many of our programmatic areas. The capstone course allows students to create a tangible project (research, proposal, community service, etc.) that can be utilized during a job interview to show employers that our students have the skill set needed for the workforce.

PREPARATION FOR GRADUATE STUDIES ▼

Our degree programs prime students to continue their education by moving onto graduate school. Students are prepared for graduate school entrance exams through faculty-led LSAT sessions, which help students feel confident about moving onto law school and various graduate programs. Our robust portfolio of master's and doctoral-level degree programs align with our undergraduate degree programs. These programs are also set up with many open general education and elective credits for students to diversify their collegiate experience through double majors or the addition of minors. Doing so increases a student's knowledge base and allows them to gain experience in more than one programmatic area and increase employability.

LEARNER CENTERED ▼

Our industry-led curriculum is informed by four advisory boards to ensure content is current and relevant. Additionally, our faculty works one-on-one with learners both in and out of the classroom through extensive office hours, clubs and learning communities. These opportunities are for students to gain clarification, ask further questions, learn more specific content and hear from guest speakers who are industry experts.

HANDS-ON LEARNING AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ▼

Through hands-on learning, field experiences and internship opportunities, students can develop real-world skills applicable to their field. Learning outside of the classroom and beyond textbooks ensure that students are prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation and have relevant experience to show employers.

Our college is committed to cultivating leaders who are prepared to make a difference in today's diverse and evolving workplaces."

— Dr. Elliott



"I completed an internship with Southwest Behavioral and Health Services where I handled client paperwork and confidential data. During the field experience, I was able to shadow a behavioral health technician. This was awesome as it gave me first-hand experience in the mental health field and exposed me to the clinical aspects of psychology." – Bianca Boling, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Counseling, Spring '18





HUMANITIES *and* SOCIAL SCIENCES ⊖ a thriving Industry!

Job Outlook: Projected to Increase Employment Percentages*

COMMUNICATIONS/HUMANITIES

Our humanities programs teach students the skills needed to go into many communication-oriented professions including public relations. These professionals work to maintain the relationship between the general public and specific individuals, organizations and corporations.

COUNSELING

A counselor has the opportunity to be a positive force for clients and help them achieve a better quality of life. Counselors may work with diverse clientele such as children and married couples in mental health and substance abuse settings.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The criminal justice field is an engaging field to pursue. Most criminal justice careers do not require graduate-level degrees and the field is holding steady with employment growth for all occupations.

HISTORY

History is a growing industry with an increase in employment across many positions. History majors may also pursue many careers including archivists, curators and museum technicians and conservators.

LAW

Aspiring lawyers love data, factual arguments and constructing messaging to sway others. Law is an excellent field to move into! Positions include traditional lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants and more.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING

There are numerous ways to pursue a career in English. Our college especially focuses on preparing students for careers in technical writing, a promising and exciting field.

PSYCHOLOGY

Many areas of psychology beyond traditional psychology, including as sports, industrial, organizational and forensic psychology are expanding and offering an even wider variety of job opportunities.

SOCIAL WORK

Social work is impactful and rewarding! There is a wide variety of careers and can include working in schools, hospitals, community settings, legislative policy, child and family, social welfare, criminal justice, immigration and mental health.

SPANISH

Set yourself apart! While the above industries differ, they all have a high demand for Spanish speaking employees. Being bilingual can turn you into an asset in your industry and help you stand out in the workplace.



*According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Employment Projections Program, data projected between 2018-28



Behavioral Health *and* Social Sciences

Explore the mind and human behavior with a social-science degree



"GCU has afforded me numerous opportunities. I've led group counseling for high schoolers, served as secretary for the Canyon Counselors Club, volunteered at the Phoenix Dream Center and seen the need for incorporating Spanish in the counseling field. In another school or program, I wouldn't have discovered my passion or grown so much as a future counselor." – Elizabeth Oekerman, Bachelor of Science in Counseling with an Emphasis in Addiction, Chemical Dependency and Substance Abuse, Minor in Spanish, Spring '21

▶ THEORY-FOCUSED SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREES:

PSYCHOLOGY

Gain insight into human behavior and interaction by examining how personality and cognitive thinking form, develop and influence a person's social and cultural environment. Students learn from a science-based curriculum aligned with the American Psychological Association. This program builds knowledge of human behavior through studying results, scientific observation, data collection and analysis.

- **Potential Careers:*** Welfare or social services case manager, entry-level community behavioral worker or a human resource specialist
- **Potential Fields:** Industrial and organizational, forensic, behavioral, clinical and pediatric psychology, as well as counseling and mental health fields
- Students may also pursue graduate-level education in the psychological, counseling and/or mental health fields

SOCIOLOGY

Examine the impact of society on human social interactions and its influence on human behavior and cultural diversity. This program provides a strong foundation of scientific research with a focus on race, gender and income inequality. It also fosters critical thinking, servant leadership, investigative research and the development of analytical and collaborative skills.

At GCU, we offer the social work emphasis to provide students with foundational social work knowledge that focuses on human behavior and the social environment, case management and direct practice. Students interested in clinical social work will need to pursue a master's in social work and obtain licensure.

- **Potential Careers:** Social worker, case management aide, child welfare worker, youth services provider, recreational therapist, grassroots/human rights organizer, community relations specialist, community health educator, data analyst, employment specialist or research consultant

*With additional training

▶ SKILL-FOCUSED SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREES:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCIENCE

Students develop a general and broader perspective on areas within behavioral health concepts, impacts of culture and diversity, use of information technology and the importance of a professional network. This program teaches students about both counseling skills and theories of sociology/psychology. Behavioral health sciences address human development, abnormal psychology, probability and statistics, counseling theories and ethical conviction.

- **Potential Careers:** Behavioral health technician, including a mental health service technician, social and community service manager or case manager
- Students may pursue graduate-level education in the psychological, counseling and/or mental health fields

"Along with this beautiful campus and great professors, I was presented with many opportunities. I interviewed with college professors in order to be a part of a project that focused on providing psychoeducation and mentorship to the teens of Alhambra High School. The head of this project allowed for me to gain valuable work experience while serving the Phoenix community. This had led to my employment at Southwest Behavioral Health after graduation."

– John Roberts, Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Health Science, Summer '19

COUNSELING

Learn to serve and provide the best care for individuals and families affected by drug dependency. Students engage in counseling theories and techniques for gathering and assessing behavioral information for implementing solutions to help victims in recovery. This program focuses on addiction and treatment, family dynamics, methods to halt destructive behavior and relapse prevention, crisis intervention skills and case management.

- **Potential Careers:** Substance abuse technician working in a private practice, rehab clinic or a mental health center
- The program leads to Licensed Substance Abuse Technician licensure



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in:

- Behavioral Health Science
- Behavioral Health Science with an Emphasis in Substance Abuse Disorders
- Counseling with an Emphasis in Addiction, Chemical Dependency and Substance Abuse

- Psychology
- Psychology with an Emphasis in Forensic Psychology
- Psychology with an Emphasis in Performance and Sports Psychology
- Sociology
- Sociology with an Emphasis in Social Work

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THESE PROGRAMS?

PSYCHOLOGY	COUNSELING	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCIENCE	SOCIAL WORK SOCIOLOGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory-focused • Covers disorders and pathology • Focuses on individual behavior • Research methods and statistics • Brain anatomy and biological factors • Does not lead to licensure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill-focused • Covers disorders and pathology • Specific focus on addiction, chemical dependency, and substance abuse only • BS leads to licensure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill-focused • Covers disorders and pathology • Sociological focus • Working with families, children, or individuals • Flexible degree for career path • Does not lead to licensure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory and Skill-focused • Focuses on social behavior and society • Research methods and statistics • Social work emphasis focuses on welfare of communities and individuals • Does not lead to licensure

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FIELD

- Behavioral health settings such as clinics and hospitals
- International social work educational travel opportunities
- Mentoring sessions for at-risk youth local elementary, middle and high schools
- Nonprofit agency and social services field experience
- Phoenix Dream Center group counseling sessions
- Role play and simulations for real-life applications and readiness
- Sociology and social work journal review
- Student-led research with faculty mentorship

CLUBS & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- Behavioral Health Sciences Club: Hosts career panels to exposure members to career options in their field
- Canyon Counselors
- Counseling Club: Participates in the annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk to increase awareness of mental illness and its devastating effects
- GCU Drum Circle
- Psi Chi Honors Society
- Psych Hike
- Psychology Club
- Social Work/Sociology Club

PUBLIC SERVICE

Lead in law enforcement, public service or government administration

GOVERNMENT WITH AN EMPHASIS IN LEGAL STUDIES

Examine both the broad philosophical view of law, including the Christian perspective, and practical coursework in criminal and civil law. Students can prepare for a career in government or the private sector with a special focus on law through an examination of constitutional questions, ethical issues, logical thought and real-world applications.

- **Potential Careers:** Paralegal or in an administrative role (special focus is provided for students preparing for the Law School Admission Test)

GOVERNMENT WITH AN EMPHASIS IN STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY

Explore the scope of governance and democracy through patterns of political behavior and effectively use this data to affect positive change. This program references political and socioeconomic environments, as well as strategies for government administration and public policy development at national, state and local levels. An understanding of government affairs and development of municipal government supports leadership and service for the public.

- **Potential Careers:** Public administrator or research and budget analyst, or a job in a professional setting such as a nonprofit, regulatory affairs in the private sector and the corporate space that is heavily reliant on public policy and regulation

JUSTICE STUDIES

Learn the foundations of America's legal system, law enforcement, criminology and how to ensure the fair and just treatment of community members. Study constitutional law, statutory law, case law interpretation, policing and criminological research and how each impacts the legal system.

- **Ideal for students interested in:** Policing, investigation, corrections, case management, strategic planning, regulatory compliance, licensing, contract review and cybercrime
- **Potential Careers:** Police officer, parole officer, corrections officer or as a professional in settings such as government, investigative organizations, public service agencies and private legal practice



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts in:

- Government with an Emphasis in Legal Studies
- Government with an Emphasis in State and Local Public Policy

Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THESE PROGRAMS?

JUSTICE STUDIES	GOVERNMENT WITH AN EMPHASIS IN LEGAL STUDIES	GOVERNMENT WITH AN EMPHASIS IN STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative law analysis • Criminal justice • Law enforcement • Overview of civil and criminal law • Policing and corrections • Strategic data analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American politics and government • Can serve as a pre-law degree or entryway into public or legal service • Contemporary and practical legal issues • Overview of civil and criminal law • Research and writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American politics and government • Municipal government • Policy development • Public administration • Research, writing and analytics

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FIELD

Government:

- Governmental site visits
- Guardian Advocacy Program
- Guest speakers
- Intern with law firms
- Role play and simulations for real-life applications and readiness
- State capitol tour
- Visits to legislature office and courtrooms

Justice Studies:

- Police department visits
- Ride-along opportunities
- Role play and simulations for real-life applications and readiness
- Shooting range practice
- Super Bowl involvement – students and faculty provided security detail for the 2019 Super Bowl

CLUBS & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- Future Politicians of America
- GCU Speech & Debate Team
- Lopes Justice Society
- Pre-Law Club
- Student Government Club “We the People”
- Young Americans for Freedom

“I had the privilege of interning for a public defender. This incredible experience allowed me to dive into the daily life of a practicing attorney. I assisted with drafting legal documents for the court, conducted legal research and witnessed the intensity of a high-profile trial. GCU gave me both the practical tools to excel in this academically rigorous experience, along with the spiritual tools to exemplify servant leadership as demonstrated through the ministry of Christ. I am currently continuing my academic career in pursuit of becoming a lawyer by attending the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.”

- Austin L. Sorrels, Bachelor of Arts in Government with an Emphasis in Legal Studies, Minor in Public Administration, Spring '18

Communications

Explore a career in professional writing or communications

COMMUNICATIONS

Students develop skills to construct messages, as well as learn common characteristics of effective communication and contextual factors that influence individuals personally and professionally. Explore principles and best practices of communication exchanges, interpersonal and organizational communications, public relations fundamentals and ethical decision making.

- **Potential Careers:** Broadcaster, technical writer or editor, public relations specialist, corporate trainer, campaign manager, account executive, sales representative, human resources coordinator and training/development specialist

"The four years I spent at GCU were greater than I ever imagined they would be. I was able to earn an internship position with Clear Channel Outdoor in New York City. This opportunity would not have been possible without the support and guidance from God, my family and countless professors and peers. After earning a degree in communications, I feel confident for the next chapter in my career. I am excited and proud to be currently working for Grand Canyon Education and thankful for the experience that GCU has equipped me with."

—Kelsie Sebreros, Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Spring '19

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Startlebloom Publication is an in-house, student-led publication that allows students to submit creative, inspiring, and innovative writing and artwork. A new volume is published each year.

ENGLISH FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Become a certified English teach with a specialization in secondary education who's qualified to teach students in grades five through 12. Core domains include the learner and learning, application of content, instructional practice and professional responsibility. Students will learn the skills to lead in the modern classroom, from excellent communication and critical thinking skills to the comprehension and practical application of methodologies and classroom techniques.

- **Potential Careers:** Middle/high school English, ESP or special education teacher, as well as private tutor, standardized test developer, school administrator, education consultant and museum educator

ENGLISH WITH AN EMPHASIS IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Students focus on core competencies of literature and informational texts, rhetoric, composition and professional writing. This program focuses on the development of advanced writing, enriched critical thinking and analysis skills, while students enhance their understanding of the English language as a whole.

- **Potential Careers:** Grant writing, technical writing, scientific writing, copywriting, social media writing, public relations and journalism

"I was a grant writing intern at Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona. I successfully obtained funds for the organization, as well as learned how to apply my creative writing skills in developing annual reports and letters of interest and how art helps on the child's road to resiliency after being hurt or neglected, especially in the form of poetry. I found my purpose at GCU and I am walking in my purpose post-graduation according to the plan God has set out for me to accomplish. I am forever grateful for the professors and other faculty I met who encouraged me along the way." —Cymelle Edwards, Bachelor of Arts in English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing, December '18

Graduate Certificate in Grant Writing:
GCU now offers an advanced, post-bachelor's certificate in grant writing to prepare students to work crafting grant proposals and writing in the non-profit space.



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts in:

- Communications
- English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing
- English for Secondary Education

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FIELD

Grant Writing Center

- Students collaborate with the College of Science, Engineering and Technology and other student groups to write grants with the goal to raise funds for research and educational advancements
- Students gain real-world experiences and teamwork skills
- This is an opportunity to apply knowledge learned in ENG-245 – Introduction to Practical Grant Writing

CLUBS & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- Circle K! Service Club
- Friends of the Pen
- Lambda Pi Eta Honors Society
- Write On!



Humanities

Turn your passion for history or Spanish into a meaningful career

HISTORY

Students deepen their understanding of societal development and structures through the evaluation of historical research, global civilizations, social conflict and change. This degree engages the discipline thematically, providing a contemporary alternative to chronological study. Students learn about the political, economic and social aspects of war and revolutions. Additionally, they will identify patterns of human action and violence while covering intellectual and religious developments over time.

- **Potential Careers:** Business management, mass communication, policymaking, government public service and teaching

"As a student in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Honors College, I learned thorough research, critical thinking and multitasking skills; these helped prepare me to be a former fall 2018 White House intern as I conducted research on administration initiatives, completed concurrent projects and directed office administration tasks. My experiences outside the classroom also prepared me for my future after graduation, including being a current Capitol Hill Intern. GCU staff and faculty supported me in pursuing my dreams while I was a student and continues to be a steadfast resource as I continue seeking to find my purpose."

– Kara Morrow, Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor in Athletic Coaching, Spring '18

HISTORY FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Approved by the Arizona State Board of Education, this program is an opportunity for those to pursue a career path that connects a passion for history and education. Coursework is also aligned with the requirements established by the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS). A thematic approach to learning allows for an exploration of historical contexts that are both in-depth and broad in scope.

- **Potential Careers:** Public or private school administrator, museum educator or archivist, private tutor, standardized test developer, education consultant, history textbook writer, content strategist and documentary writer or editor

MATHEMATICS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

The BS in Mathematics in Secondary Education is designed for students seeking initial licensure and preparing for a career as a secondary education teacher in a high-demand field. Teacher candidates will obtain a wealth of knowledge in the mathematics content areas like algebra, calculus and geometry and learn to apply these concepts in the classroom.

- **Potential Careers:** Public or private administrator, analyst, researcher, standardized test developer, education consultant and math textbook writer content

SPANISH

Students learn basic language and conversation skills, including the development of listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. They build upon that foundation, learning to apply grammar, expand vocabulary and give attention to the Spanish culture. This program further focuses on developing the ability to use language to understand cultural differences, as students engage in theory and methodology necessary to perform professional duties.

- **Potential Careers:** Interpreter or translator

Immersing Students in Spanish Culture

The Spanish program exposes students to food, music, literature and other cultural experiences to learn fully. Spanish students have an opportunity to travel to Nogales, a border town, to experience different dialects and accents, meet with an immigration social worker and increase their understanding of the relationship between Mexico and the United States. Students will also enjoy authentic meals during their experience.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts in:

- History
- History for Secondary Education
- Mathematics for Secondary Education
- Spanish

CLUBS & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- Spanish Club

What is the Benefit of Being Bilingual?

Bilingual students have more diverse opportunities in the workforce. They are more marketable and oftentimes can receive an increase in pay for being bilingual.



Speech *and* Debate

Strengthen Your Public Speaking Skills and Gain Real World Experience

SPEECH AND DEBATE

GCU's nationally ranked* Speech and Debate team won four titles at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensic Association Fall Champions—earning the team its best finish in history. Competitor Tommee Gleason was also awarded as a Top Overall Speaker at the national championship. Coached by Michael Dvorak, the Speech and Debate team strengthens debaters' public speaking skills and provides them with hands-on, real world experience.

The team travels all over the country debating and speaking on a wide variety of topics. Through developing communication skills, students understand how to respond to difficult questions with tact and poise while becoming more versed in current events. Furthermore, students that demonstrate a commitment to the program can earn scholarships and job recommendations.

The Speech and Debate team competes in 11 different speech events and one debate. Students can expect to become more versed in worldly affairs, improve argumentation skills and enhance their verbal delivery skills while learning from a dedicated and competitive coaching staff.

"I decided to join the team and it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Every time I have interviewed for a job, my speech experience is a major talking point. Professors and coworkers have congratulated me on my ability to communicate effectively in presentations and meetings. I owe this 100% to my time on the speech team. Being on the team is a fantastic journey. All of my closest friends right now are those whom I have met on the speech team. The community is wildly supportive and legitimately wants everyone to get better. The GCU speech and debate team has been getting more and more competitive on a national level and I am very grateful to have been a part of it!" – Tommee Gleason, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with an Emphasis in Big Data Analytics, Spring '19



GCU TODAY features

- Best Ever: Speech and Debate Dominates Nationals
- Speech and Debate Team Places Second
- Speech Team Soars on Short Notice

DIVERSIFY YOURSELF FOR CAREER SUCCESS, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF **FLEXIBILITY**

ACADEMIC MINOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Our various minor degree programs help traditional students maximize their education and give them a competitive advantage for today's workforce. A minor is earned in conjunction with a major degree and provides specialization within an academic area. Students can use their elective credits toward a minor degree and use it as a graduate school application differentiator. Across all colleges, students learn under the close attention of expert faculty and in classroom environments that cultivate higher ethics based on our Christian worldview.

MINOR	CREDITS	MINOR	CREDITS
Accounting	20	Theatre	24
General Business	20	Music- Instrumental	24
Business Administration	32	Communication	16
Marketing	20	Counseling	16
Business Management	20	Literature	16
Military (ROTC- Army)	27	Pre-Law	16
Military (ROTC-Air Force)	36	Professional Writing	16
Entrepreneurial Studies	16	Psychology	20
Sports Management	24	Social Work	16
Finance and Economics	28	Spanish	24
Christian Studies	16	Athletic Coaching	24
Philosophy	16	DB-Driven Web-based Applications Development	16
Biblical Studies	20	E-Business Applications Development	16
Worship Arts	20	Enterprise Applications Development	16
Dance	19	Pre-Medicine	36
Music-Piano	24	Hospitality Management	16
Digital Design	24	Advertising and Graphic Design	16
Music- Vocal	24	Behavioral Health Sciences	20
Digital Film	20	Nutrition	16
Forensic Psychology	20		
Criminal Justice	16		

► For a full list of minors, visit [GCU.EDU/MINORS](https://www.gcu.edu/minors)





"At the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, our goal is for you to discover your God-given talents with professional, dedicated and compassionate faculty at your side. The success of our college is driven and inspired by your personal success. Our vision for you extends well beyond the classroom. We are here to serve you for the duration of your journey."

Dean Sherman Elliott, EdD
College of Humanities and Social Sciences



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To learn more about Grand Canyon University, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

855-428-7884
gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions

*Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.

Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Grand Canyon University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission 800-621-7440; <http://hlcommission.org/>. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at <https://www.gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php>. The information printed in this material is accurate as of DECEMBER 2020. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit gcu.edu ©2020 Grand Canyon University 20GTR0339