



YOU CAN **SAVE** ON *YOUR* COLLEGE EDUCATION

Private. Christian. Affordable.

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY®

PHOENIX, ARIZONA



CANYON UNIVERSITY ARENA



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT AN AFFORDABLE COST

Grand Canyon University serves as Arizona's premier, private Christian university. Our mission is to help students find their purpose and we are dedicated to servant leadership, academic excellence and scholastic opportunity for all. We are also at the forefront of redefining the concept of affordability. How much you spend is important, but so is the means in which you are able to pay. GCU is committed to providing multiple financing options for families and students to ensure that receiving an exceptional education is well within reach.



THE TRANSPARENCY COMMITMENT

As a university that upholds financial transparency, our admissions counselors offer detailed information and benefits and answer questions directly about how to pay for college and incur minimal debt.



TUITION AND COST

1. Our campus tuition rate is \$16,500 annually. GCU has not increased campus tuition since 2009 as part of our commitment to providing affordable education.*
2. GCU has no out-of-state tuition, which means that our rate is the same for all in-state and out-of-state students.
3. GCU traditional campus students received over 157 million dollars in scholarships in 2020.
4. Our 2022-23 room and board rates per academic year start at just \$3,525 per semester.**
5. The average GPA for a traditional incoming new student for Fall 2020 was 3.55.

*2020-21 academic year

**Based on suite-style, triple occupancy room plus the residence hall minimum meal plan (Canyon \$1,450 Dining Dollars per semester). Prices based on 2022-23 rate and are subject to change.





GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

More than 90% of traditional students* maintain some level of institutional scholarship, which lowers tuition and enhances our affordability. Most academic scholarships are based on weighted high school GPA or students' SAT or ACT scores. If you do not have a weighted GPA, you can use your unweighted GPA to qualify for the scholarships. The average incoming GPA for traditional students was 3.55 in Fall 2020. We encourage families to review our available scholarships at gcu.edu/CampusScholarships

Our counselors can also assist with the assessment of scholarships that students may be eligible to receive. We make sure families understand the requirements, savings and how to lock in a scholarship offer.

RENEWABILITY

Most institutional scholarships offered at the point of entry are renewable annually for fall and spring, up to eight semesters. To maintain a current scholarship, the student must remain eligible to attend GCU and meet other requirements if necessary. Unlike many universities that require students to reapply, our upperclassmen can continue to automatically supplement their education through scholarships up until graduation.

*As of Fall 2019



BORROWING

We believe that financial circumstances shouldn't dictate a student's future, so GCU's tuition rates have remained unchanged since 2009 as part of our commitment to providing affordable education. We also recognize the importance of helping families reduce academic debt as much as possible. In fact, College Scorecard reports GCU's median Parent PLUS loan debt at just over \$14,500*, making it \$10,000 lower than half of the other institutions listed.**

Trends indicate that student loan debt is increasing. However, GCU students graduate with less debt than the average (\$25,538 for GCU vs. \$33,389 for private nonprofit universities).** GCU's extensive opportunities and options help students graduate with minimal student debt and immediately start to pay it off according to their unique situation.

*Retrieved from College Scorecard in March 2021.

**Retrieved from Wall Street Journal in March 2021.

*Average student loan debt is calculated by taking only undergraduate students with student loan debt (borrowed by graduates) who have graduated in the 2018-19 Award Year into consideration.

*Retrieved from College Insight, Student Debt of Graduating Seniors in March 2021



STUDENT LOAN DEBT: HOW GCU ADDRESSES THIS FINANCIAL BURDEN

1. Interest-Free Semester Payment Plans

GCU offers and encourages interest-free payment plans to help manage college expenses by paying over time, rather than in a single lump sum.

2. Lower Monthly Payments

GCU accepts higher down payments, which helps reduce monthly payment amounts without penalty.

3. Cost Estimator

The cost estimator helps students get a better understanding of what it might cost to attend GCU. Calculations are fully transparent and accurately represent a student's financial picture. This allows for more planning and upfront awareness of a student's ability to afford a GCU education.



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AVOIDING FINANCIAL PITFALLS

It is important to GCU that students read through and understand financial aid offers accurately. We host workshops and schedule appointments to help families avoid misunderstandings. Some common pitfalls to be aware of are:

► No Balance Due

Do not focus on the out-of-pocket amount. Many sources of funding are used to calculate this. The details of this calculation are more important than the zero-dollar out-of-pocket expense that may appear at the bottom of the financial aid offer. Zero dollars does not always mean free.

While PLUS and private loans are both options to assist with tuition costs, these loans are credit-based and not guaranteed. GCU provides students with estimates that only incorporate the financial aid options that students qualify for without additional applications beyond the federal application, though those can be considered upon request.

► PLUS Loans and Private Loans on a Letter

According to College Scorecard, the U.S. Department of Education's college comparison tool, GCU's median Parent PLUS loan debt is reported as just over \$14,500*, making it \$10,000 lower than half of the other institutions listed.**

► No Hidden Fees

It is important to make sure all charges are accounted for so there are no surprises. There are many fees that universities charge that may not initially be shared on their financial estimate. Additionally, some universities and their scholarship programs may require the student to live on campus, but the fees associated for doing so may not be included on the letter.

► Federal Work Study

GCU does not include federal work study on a student's financial aid offer because it is not a guaranteed source of assistance. A student has to actually be hired into a federal work study position and have financial need to qualify for it.

► Scholarship and Renewability

Many schools offer scholarships for the first year only. This can leave families financially strained after freshman year is over. Most GCU scholarships are automatically renewed for all eight semesters as long as the student attends full-time and maintains the minimum established criteria.

*Retrieved from College Scorecard in March 2021.

**Retrieved from Wall Street Journal in March 2021.

*Majority of 4-year colleges presented in the Wall Street Journal in March 2021.



**WE EMPLOY
OVER 2,000
PART-TIME
STUDENT
WORKERS***

See available
positions and apply
at **jobs.gcu.edu**

*Over 2,000 student workers employed by Grand Canyon University and Grand Canyon Education as of July 2019

STUDENT WORKER *OPPORTUNITIES*

Student worker positions are available in a wide variety of campus departments each year. This helps students earn money that they can put toward college-related expenses or summer session classes. Students can apply for student employment through GCU's Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Center and even search for paid internship opportunities.

GCU enterprises, such as the GCU Ad Agency, GCU Golf Course, The Lope House Restaurant, GCU Hotel, Canyon 49 Grill, Grand Canyon Beverage Co. (GCBC), Canyon Pizza Co. and Canyon Promotions also offer jobs and real-life work application for students. Not only are student-worker positions beneficial for earning money, but they serve as opportunities for networking with GCU employees and faculty that can possibly lead to a full-time position at GCU.



MAXIMIZE TIME AT GCU

GCU offers options for students to accelerate their educational path toward early graduation, so they can start grad school or enter their careers sooner. Benefits include:

- Fewer college expenses
- Greater lifetime earnings potential
- Lower student debt

► **Personalized Planning**

If a student wants to graduate in less than four years, their counselor will customize a fast-track path. Options may include:

- Online learning
- Summer sessions
- Transfer credits (from another institution or our dual enrollment program)

► **Dual Enrollment**

This program offers an opportunity for students to earn transferable credits while still in high school to get a head start on their academic goals. These courses cost less than regular tuition, which also increases overall savings. GCU also accepts college credits via Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.

Visit gcu.edu/DualEnrollment for more information about dual enrollment opportunities at GCU.

SUMMER SESSIONS

Summer sessions allow students to save time and money by earning college credits, either on campus or online. Tuition and housing rates are discounted and summer sessions provide the chance for students to increase their GPA by focusing on one or two courses at a time.

3+1 PROGRAM

This 3+1 program gives students the opportunity to align their undergraduate and graduate studies early in their college career. Students can earn their bachelor's degree in three years and their master's degree in one year — which helps them to save time and money by entering the workforce with a graduate degree sooner. Students attend classes year-round for four years and take courses in the same format as our traditional campus undergraduate programs. Since summer tuition and housing rates are discounted, this fast-track program saves students a considerable amount of money.

Master's students enrolled in the 3+1 program are also eligible for an institutional scholarship opportunity via an Instructional Assistantship (IA). IA's aid faculty in their instructional duties.







MORE VALUE *FOR YOUR MONEY*

Students have access to a wide range of resources available, from academic support and career prep to health and wellness. We want our future graduates to live happily and healthily, have rewarding experiences and reach their potential through growth and support. At GCU, we are developing a well-rounded young adult, not just a student's intellect. Support offerings are valuable for personal development. Among our many free resources, we provide:

- **GCU Learning Lounge®** with locations across campus, LEADS (Learning Advocates) mentor and tutor students in need of extra help.
- **Explore More sessions** help students tackle their toughest subjects among their peers.
- **Faculty members** with open office hours care about individual student success.
- **Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Center** advise on internships, resume building, job searching and more.
- **The Lopes Living Well program, Lopes Support Network program, LopesTALK sessions and the Canyon Health and Wellness Clinic** offer health and mental wellness services.

SELECTING THE RIGHT COLLEGE IS BOTH AN IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT DECISION.

This is why we encourage families to research options thoroughly. As part of our commitment to transparency, we encourage students and parents to ask questions and engage with their admissions counselor early on to optimize a financial plan.





NEXT *steps:*

STEP 1

*Apply for free at
gcu.edu/ApplyNow*

STEP 2

*Upload your transcripts and
submit your test scores*

STEP 3

*Upon acceptance, visit campus
(all-expense paid* programs available)*

STEP 4

*Register for courses and pay the
registration deposit*

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.

Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Pre-licensure nursing students who begin or resume attendance in Fall 2020 and beyond will be ineligible to utilize most GCU institutional aid/scholarships for tuition and fees once accepted into the clinical portion of the program. 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 NOVEMBER 2021. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit gcu.edu. ©2021 Grand Canyon University 21GTR0583