



CAMPUS LIVING

Your Guide to Lope Life



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GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY®

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

MISSION STATEMENT


The department of student affairs exists to serve the Grand Canyon University student population from a Christian perspective through relevant co-curricular activities, meaningful engagement in their surrounding community and personal preparation for their future career and life.

WHAT WE DO


We turn students into Lopes for life! As a GCU student, you are the glue that holds our campus community together. From spiritual life activities to intramural sports, there's seemingly no end to the ways to get involved. Start making some tracks and leave your mark on GCU!

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SPIRITUAL LIFE

GCU wants to foster an environment where Christians and non-Christians alike can grow and explore their faith. We want to help students develop spiritually and give them opportunities to examine and utilize the gifts and passions God has given them. We want students to learn how to lead others in a way that honors and demonstrates their commitment to Jesus. GCU is also strongly committed to serving others on a local, national and global level. Whether you're interested in summer missions, want to volunteer on a Saturday or you're looking for a weekly service opportunity, we've got you covered!

ON CAMPUS

Chapel, The Gathering and Life Groups meet on a weekly basis.

Chapel is led collaboratively by Spiritual Life staff, our University Pastor and student worship teams. It is open to all students, staff and faculty. It is an environment where the GCU community comes together to pray, worship and hear biblical teachings from local pastors.

The Gathering is an evening service led by students with oversight from Spiritual Life staff. It incorporates student leadership into an environment where the student body can connect and grow as they hear from God's Word, pray for one another and worship together.

Life Groups are student-led Bible studies for residential and commuter students. There are more than 200 Life Groups that meet each week. Students are welcome to join a Life Group at any time throughout the year.



For schedules or to get involved in our programs, stop by the Office of Spiritual Life or visit gcu.edu/SpiritualLife

LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

Student leaders and staff from the Department of Spiritual Life organize a variety of annual and weekly outreach ministry events to serve and support GCU's surrounding community. Here are just a few:

Habitat for Humanity

GCU has partnered with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that builds and repairs houses all over the world for underprivileged people, to renovate an entire community of homes in our West Phoenix neighborhood. GCU is committing the talent and enthusiasm of students and employees who have paired with Habitat leaders to supply the manpower necessary to renovate as many as 700 neighborhood homes.

Serve the City

This volunteer service day inspires students and staff to work together to help improve GCU's surrounding neighborhoods. Previous projects have transformed local homes, schools and churches. GCU's high-profile partnerships with Habitat for Humanity and CityServe have resulted in over 800 local home repairs and thousands of boxes of food distributed to families in need.

Canyon Kids

Every Saturday morning, Canyon Kids—a student-run ministry through the Spiritual Life Department—invites the children in our neighborhood to Little Canyon Park for Bible stories, games and crafts. Volunteers have the opportunity to mentor and form spiritual relationships with kids from the local community.

Homeless Ministry

GCU has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to provide assistance to families in need. Opportunities include serving meals and helping maintain their garden, along with other programming, meal and tutoring aid for under-resourced children whose families visit the center.

Youth Outreach

The GCU Youth Outreach team meets each week on campus with kids from the Canyon Corridor neighborhood. The goal of Youth Outreach is to establish mentoring relationships with middle school and high school students.





MISSION

»»»»» TRIPS

Each year, GCU students and faculty embark on global outreach trips in order to be in an environment where the Lord opens their heart to serve people of all nations. Mission trips vary in focus; some serve children and the homeless or focus on medical needs, while others are labor-intensive construction projects. GCU provides opportunities for students to participate in both short trips and longer voyages in order to reap the benefits of multiple experiences in ministering abroad.

Recent mission trip locations include:

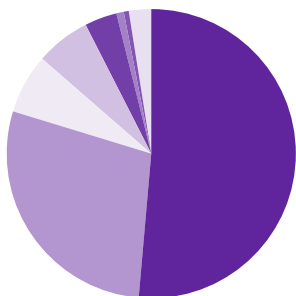
Greece • Japan • Kenya • Peru • Russia • South Africa • Thailand

In the fall, the Department of Spiritual Life hosts a mission fair where local churches and organizations provide opportunities for students to join a mission trip team. Students can also get involved in ongoing global outreach ministries by joining GCU programs such as GO Nights, Global Tour, International Student Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Refugee Ministry and more.



DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

GCU embraces a biblical worldview, meaning we feel a responsibility to follow the commandments of loving God and our neighbor. Our community values pursuing truth and believes that this truth can only be found through respecting a variety of viewpoints, backgrounds and ideas. We strive to provide an environment where learners can openly discuss, debate and safely express their ideas.



OUR COMMUNITY*

51.5%	White
28.3%	Hispanic or Latino
6.6%	two or more races
6.2%	Black or African American
3.6%	Asian
0.8%	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
0.7%	Native American or Alaska Native
2.3%	unknown

*Q3 2020; percentages rounded to nearest tenth

GCU Diversity and Inclusion Department

As part of GCU's overall mission, this student-focused department that houses the Multicultural Office ensures the importance of safety and encourages our community members to promote a culture of acceptance and diversity. The office hosts events and individual meetings of Cultural/ Inclusion student infinity groups and additionally oversees GCU's Diversity Council and Student Diversity Alliance.

➤ Contact the office at MulticulturalOffice@gcu.edu
or follow us on Instagram [@GCU_Multicultural](https://www.instagram.com/GCU_Multicultural)

INFINITY GROUPS

- ▶ Monarch
- ▶ Allies
- ▶ Afrocentric
- ▶ Coalition of Racial Equity (CORE)
- ▶ Minority Excellence Network (M.E.N.)
- ▶ Fresh Love
- ▶ GCU Philippine American Student Association (PASA)
- ▶ International Student Connection (ISC)



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND CAMPUS EVENTS



STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

GCU has over 90 clubs and organizations operating on campus. These groups are the heartbeat of our dynamic community at GCU and they're all as unique as the students who belong to them. Our clubs and organizations are organized by the areas of interest ranging from academic and career to arts and social activities.

➤ *Interested in joining a club or organization at GCU?*
Visit asgcu.gcu.edu/asgcu to view a list of all available clubs and organizations.



ASGCU

Our student government organization is Associated Students of Grand Canyon University (ASGCU). The ASGCU president and cabinet serve as a direct link between the undergraduate student body and university administration.

Interested in being a part of ASGCU?

➤ Scan the QR code to find out more.





**“The BIGGEST
party in college
basketball!”** – SB Nation



HAVOCS

Want to cheer on the home team? Check out the Havocs! GCU Havocs are a way to show your pride and spirit for our different athletic teams. Havocs value community and camaraderie and believe our passion and noise is magnified when we cheer together.

➤ To find out more, visit
havocs.gcu.edu





CANYON ACTIVITY COMPLEX

The Canyon Activity Complex (CAC) features a roller hockey arena sponsored by the Arizona Coyotes, as well as six tennis courts. The CAC is also home to 10 multipurpose basketball and volleyball courts, a strength and conditioning facility, athletic training rooms, an indoor rock-climbing wall and more!

CLUB SPORTS & INTRAMURALS

Club Sports

GCU is extremely proud of our robust club sports offerings and prides itself on being one of the fastest growing club sports programs in the country with nearly 2,000 unique athletes across 30 club sports.* Our program offers a great opportunity for students to excel outside of the classroom and play at a highly competitive level.

*Unique athletes as of 2019-20

Our low club sports dues cover everything our athletes need to successfully continue their athletic journey, including uniforms, practice facilities, coaching, athletic training and more!

Facilities include: Performance Athletic Center inside the Lopes Performance Center, Antelope Gym, Prescott Field, Colter Field, Sand Courts, Canyon Activity Center, Thunder Alley, Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark, Colter Field, Pierson Stadium and GCU Golf Course.

30 Club Sports teams, including:

Acapella
Archery
Baseball
Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Bowling
CrossFit
Esports
Flag Football
Golf

Ice Hockey
Judo
Lacrosse
Mixed Martial Arts
Pickleball
Powerlifting
Rugby
Running
Soccer
Softball

Spikeball
Spirit
Swim
Synchronized Swimming
Tennis
Triathlon
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball
Water Polo
Wrestling

➡ *To learn more or to arrange to speak with a club sports coach, visit clubsports.gcu.edu*

Club sports are not regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and do not have varsity status at the intercollegiate athletic level. However, club sports are organized and administered by their respective national sport governing body.

INTRAMURALS

You don't have to be the "next big thing" to enjoy sports at GCU. There are plenty of intramural activities throughout the year to get you into the competitive spirit! Intramurals are a great way to have fun, meet new friends and get involved on campus.

In addition to our major intramural seasons, GCU organizes several tournaments and activities throughout the year in other sports like kickball, dodgeball and ping pong.

Offered Intramural Sports Leagues

Three divisions offered: competitive, recreational and coed.

- ▶ **3-on-3 Basketball**
- ▶ **Flag Football**
- ▶ **Golf**
- ▶ **Indoor Soccer**
- ▶ **Sand Volleyball**
- ▶ **Soccer**
- ▶ **Spikeball**

➤ *To sign up for a team, visit imleagues.com/gcu*

ESPORTS

Grand Canyon University's Esports program strives to be the premier gaming organization in the country. Over 100 collegiate players participate across 20 varsity and junior varsity teams. The student-led organization now has more than 950 participants,* all of which contribute to a supportive gaming community that fosters a competitive spirit while also encouraging a casual social environment.

All Esports members have access to the GCU Esports Arena featuring high-end gaming PCs, luxury gaming chairs, tournament viewing areas and current-generation consoles. There are numerous events focused on different titles and communities that members can participate in throughout the academic year. Varsity players receive a jersey, one-on-one support, mentorship, additional facility access and more!

*Spring 2020



COMMUNITY LIFE

Our on-campus, fully furnished, suite-style residence halls and unfurnished apartments are affordable, fun and a great way to get to know other Lopes. From resort-style swimming pools to indoor and outdoor recreational spaces and comfortable, study-oriented areas, we want to create a welcoming, safe and fun environment for our students to live in. Lively club activities and campus events keep our learners engaged and provide a healthy balance to their rigorous academic pursuits.

➤ Visit gcu.edu/ResidenceLife

Eating on Campus

There are multiple locations around campus to enjoy delicious grub and satisfy your cravings, including the Student Union, Lopes Way and Thunderground, a place to unwind and hang out with friends that features games, bowling, food and live music. We proudly offer healthy options and lighter fare, including sandwiches, juices and smoothies, soups, salads, wraps and more.

Arena Café
Canyon 49 Grill
Canyon Corner Store
Canyon Pizza Company
Chick-fil-A
Einstein Bros. Bagels
Farmer's Market
Fresh Fusion
GCBC Coffee

Herd Stop
Jamba Juice
Kaminari
Lopes Mart Stores
Lopes Training Table
Nekter Juice Bar
Panda Express
Panera
Pita Jungle

Purple Greens
Qdoba
Subway
Sweet Disciple
Taco Bell
Taco Thunder
The Grid
The Habit Burger Grill

Hear it from GCU students:*

90% say that they can always find the type of food they want
80% appreciate the availability of healthy food on campus
85% are happy with our vegetarian options
76% are very satisfied with the value of on-campus dining

*Self-reported through a campus survey.





Visit gcu.edu/PublicSafety

GCU has taken a number of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For the latest updates on our COVID-19 policies, visit gcu.edu/Covid



*Niche.com 2022 college rankings.

GET OUTSIDE! >>>>>>

Hike more, worry less



PHOENIX IS A VACATION DESTINATION

People come from all over the world to enjoy our weather, take in the southwestern landscape and indulge in our best local fare. GCU Lopes relish being in the center of it all! Our rapidly expanding campus is located right in the heart of Central Phoenix, just a quick ride away from major attractions such as professional sports arenas, golf courses and incredible shopping.

Phoenix is a bustling city with a lot to do on the weekends. From hiking and sightseeing to popular restaurants and local events, the Valley of the Sun has something for everyone.

AROUND PHOENIX...

Want to adventure away from campus? You'll always find fellow Lopes:

1. Hiking Camelback Mountain
2. Hanging at Lux Coffee House
3. Exploring First Fridays in Downtown Phoenix
4. Shopping at the Biltmore Fashion Park
5. Enjoying snacks and coffee at AJ's at Central and Camelback
6. Catching a movie at Harkins Christown
7. Seeing the latest exhibits at the Phoenix Art Museum and the Heard Museum
8. Perusing the offerings at the Uptown Farmers Market
9. Cooling off at Tempe Town and Saguaro Lakes
10. Tubing at Salt River
11. Visiting the Phoenix Zoo or the Desert Botanical Garden

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Road Trip Time (in hours)

Sedona	1.5
Flagstaff	2
Tucson	2
Grand Canyon	3
Lake Havasu	3.5
San Diego	5.5

While there's plenty to keep you occupied in Phoenix, sometimes we all need to get out of town! You'll find great adventures around every corner outside our city limits. You can ski near Flagstaff, hike the Grand Canyon and explore Sedona in northern Arizona, or head south to skydive in Tucson. Our diverse state also has the OK Corral in Tombstone, Lake Havasu, the Four Corners Monument and much more. Experience adventure as a Lope!





GCU OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

The GCU Outdoor Recreation Program gives students outlets of outdoor recreation to engage both individuals and groups in adventure, fellowship, environmental stewardship, leadership development and outdoor education.

➤ Visit imleagues.com/GCU





NEXT steps:

1

*Apply for free
(gcu.edu/ApplyNow)*

2

*Upload your transcripts
and submit your test scores*

3

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

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 21GTRO626