

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

ESPORTS



THE PREMIER DESTINATION FOR COLLEGIATE ESPORTS
WHERE PASSION MEETS PERFORMANCE

PLAY

YOUR

PASSION

JOIN A TEAM OF FRIENDS



BE A PART OF A NATIONALLY-RANKED PROGRAM

Grand Canyon University's Esports program strives to be the premier gaming organization in the country. Over 100 collegiate players participate across more than 20 teams. The student-led organization now has more than 950 members,¹ all of which contribute to a supportive gaming community that fosters a competitive spirit, creates a casual social environment and sets up opportunities for student leaders to grow professionally.

PROGRAM ACCOLADES

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

- GCU Storm, 1st place, Pure Smash #41
- GCU Keeganners, 1st place, FireFox Friday 67
- GCU Bright, 1st place, FireFox 58
- GCU Bright, 1st place, Thunder Summit 1 Invitational

Rocket League

- EsportsU CECC Southwest Regional, 3rd place
- GGLLeague Winter 2022 Division A, 2nd place
- New Mexico State Invitational LAN, 1st place

Overwatch

- GCU 2021 Invitational LAN, 1st place
- ABC (Qualified for Group Play-ins), top 32
- NACE Playoffs, 14th place
- ABC Groups: Beat University of Arizona twice
- LAN: Beat Arizona State University

PROGRAM BENEFITS

All Esports members have access to the GCU Esports Arena featuring high-end gaming PCs with i7 CPUs and RTX-series graphics cards, dedicated Discord access, luxury gaming chairs, tournament viewing areas and current-generation consoles stationed around the facility. 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!

¹Spring 2020

COMMUNITY



GCU Esports invites beginner, advanced and competitive gamers to join a large and fast-growing student organization. This club is an inclusive community that is free to join and supports all forms of gaming including both PC and console. No matter how you play, you will feel right at home!

GCU Esports is also a social hub where players meet like-minded students who turn into lifelong friends. Numerous community events and social nights occur throughout each semester, from holiday events to tournament viewing parties. We're always ready to bring the thunder!

COMPETITIVE

GCU Esports players prepare for tournaments with high-intensity training. One of our greatest success stories has been our GCU Fortnite team winning the WAC title at the CEI conference tournament. Our Overwatch team made the collegiate playoffs and was featured on ESPN as a top Esports program in the country! The team was ranked as high as number two in the country in the Overwatch title for 2018-19.

Varsity teams commit to 10 – 20 hours of practice a week. Gamers who wish to compete at a higher level must attend tryouts at the start of every semester or be scouted online through recruiting hubs such as Stay Plugged In. These talented and committed teams strive to play at their best and make it to the national stage while still maintaining a sense of comradery and fun. As the club continues to grow and evolve, it's open to helping students form new teams and leagues based on interests and skill level.

EVER-EXPANDING GAMES AND TITLES: Overwatch, Rocket League, VALORANT, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, League of Legends and many more!





ESPORTS ARENA

GCU's brand-new Esports Arena provides a competitive and welcoming virtual space where students connect, compete and grow as a team using the latest in gaming technology. The facility will continue to expand to serve the needs of students and meet the demands of the growing club. Newcomers and those who just want to play their favorite game for fun are welcome!

ESPORTS ARENA IS HOME TO:

- High-end gaming desktops, professional-grade peripherals, gigabit internet and the latest consoles
- The newest console exclusives on Xbox, PlayStation and Nintendo platforms
- Tournament viewing area to watch exciting matches and events, as well as a lounge space for meeting up with friends
- An accessible premium experience; pricing is by the hour with affordable rates compared to other LAN centers

GCU ESPORTS ARENA EXPANSION: SHAPING THE FUTURE

Technology and gaming standards are ever-changing, so our Esports Arena is too! Our facility now includes a varsity competition and training module with full production capabilities for all streaming platforms and features 72 high-performance gaming desktop stations. Recent renovations also include dedicated scholarship-team stations, a restructured console area and a mobile gaming lounge space that is perfect for gaming or hanging out with the Esports community. A visual and graphic overhaul helps provide a premier experience for all gamers on campus!

The Esports Arena, located in Technology Building 57, room 221, is open to all students and creates a high-energy gaming environment where friends can team up, play and cheer each other on. Come experience it for yourself!

GCU CLUB SPORTS

GCU is proud of our robust club sports offerings and prides itself on being one of the fastest growing club sports programs in the country. Our program offers a great opportunity for students to excel at their passions outside of the classroom and be a part of national athletic communities. The GCU Club Sports program includes nearly 2,000 unique athletes across 30 sports.¹

ABOUT GCU

GCU is Arizona's premier, private Christian university helping students find their purpose. We offer more than 299 academic programs² across nine colleges for more than 22,000³ ground students who attend our growing campus.

¹ 2019-2020

² As of December 31, 2021

³ Includes all students who attend ground campus classes (traditional and cohort) who have a last date of attendance of three weeks after the start of the Fall 2020 semester for traditional students, or in the last two months of Q1 for cohort students.



AFFORDABILITY AND SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2021, GCU's traditional campus students received over **\$170 million** in scholarships.

On average, a student qualifies for approximately **\$7,600 in GCU-funded scholarships for the academic year**, which reduces tuition by nearly half.¹ As part of our commitment to providing affordable education, GCU has not increased campus tuition in 14 years.²

ESPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

GCU now offers scholarships for varsity athletes in Esports which further helps to reduce tuition costs. For additional details on scholarships contact Director of Esports Operations, Jay DeShong at jay.deshong@gcu.edu

¹ Average tuition after scholarships is approximately \$7,600. Scholarships may be awarded based on sixth semester transcripts (high school transcripts that are submitted after Junior year of high school). 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 change or decline scholarship awards for any reason. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. Prices based on 2020-21 rate and are subject to change.

² 2022-23 academic year



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NEXT STEPS

1. Apply for free at gcu.edu/ApplyNow and upload your transcripts.
2. Schedule an appointment with your Admissions Counselor to review your scholarship eligibility and program of study.
3. Arrange your campus visit (all-expenses paid³ programs available).
4. Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.
5. Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

To find out more about GCU, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

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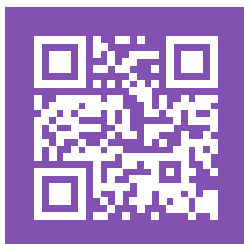
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For an inside look at GCU Esports, check out our video at the QR code below:



Learn more at GCUesports.com or by using the QR code below:



³ Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.



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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.

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