



**ANSWER THE  
CALL TO LEAD  
AS A PASTOR**



# ***GROW** in your **FAITH,** **INSPIRE** the **WORLD***

**FAITHFUL**



**INFLUENTIAL**



**SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP**



Grand Canyon University's College of Theology aims to equip you to follow your calling through a Christ-centered education. With a focus on unity among evangelical Christian traditions, our programs help prepare you to share the gospel with clarity, serve your communities and lead with integrity at home or abroad.

From hands-on ministry opportunities to our vibrant campus life and welcoming Christian community, we invite you to discover why many current students and Lope alumni proudly consider themselves part of the GCU family.

**Come and experience the GCU difference as you prepare for a life of ministry!**

## ***DEGREE PROGRAMS***

GCU offers a transformative higher education designed to prepare you for a career you may find rewarding. Our programs — including bachelor's degrees in Christian ministry and Christian studies — can challenge your intellect, deepen your faith and equip you to embrace the joy and possibilities of a pastoral career.

For more details and a full listing of degrees, visit [gcu.edu/COT](https://gcu.edu/COT)





# LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE

GCU offers a variety of degrees to help you answer the call to serve others through ministry. Our theological education is rooted in biblical truth, emphasizing God's love and sacrifice, and is designed to prepare you for impactful service. With a curriculum that fosters both spiritual growth and practical application, we empower you to bring faith and godly leadership to your community and beyond.

## WHAT SETS US APART

- ▶ **A COVENANTAL COMMUNITY** within an interdenominational university and missional campus, offering wide range of opportunities for learning, ministry and service.
- ▶ **OPPORTUNITIES TO JUMPSTART YOUR GRADUATE STUDIES** while completing your bachelor's degree like minor degrees or the Accelerated Undergraduate Degree to Master of Divinity program.
  - Available for both the Christian ministry and Christian studies degree programs.
- ▶ **A POSITIVE, CHRIST-CENTERED CULTURE** that extends beyond the classroom through extracurricular opportunities designed to help enrich your faith and strengthen your ministry skills.
- ▶ **PATHWAYS TO GAIN THE EDUCATION NEEDED TO SERVE IN LOCAL MINISTRIES** through the Barnabas Pastoral Program, which allows you the opportunity to complete your bachelor's degree and Master of Divinity in as little as five years.<sup>1</sup>

## DESIGNATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

### INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION:

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accredits GCU as a postsecondary institution. This accreditation covers both GCU's traditional courses as well as online, providing a foundation of trust for quality education in both modalities.

<sup>1</sup>Students who continuously maintain full time enrollment and successfully complete all course requirements without repeating coursework may complete all required program components in 5 years.

*"GCU has helped me develop in my spiritual formation, has helped me find my trajectory in life, has helped me shape a lot of the ways in which I do ministry and interact with others. It's helped equip me for whatever I want to do in life and provide me with a solid community to do that."*

**Becky Probst, Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies, Class of 2022, Master of Divinity, Class of 2023**

# Creating Community: *Resources and Clubs*

## ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT RESOURCES

Our campus is equipped with modern facilities and reliable theological resources to support your educational journey. From the library to our labs, we're here to help you reach your ministry goals. Here are some of the amenities available:

### SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRIES:

GCU's Department of Spiritual Life offers many opportunities to serve and demonstrate your love of Christ. Ministries are student-led and occur weekly throughout the school year, reaching both local and global communities.

#### ● LOCAL OUTREACH TEAM

Sixteen ministries serve children in foster care and group homes, the homeless, the elderly and individuals transitioning out of prison. GCU partners with Habitat for Humanity and hosts two annual Lopes Go Local events to assist neighbors with home repairs and landscaping.

#### ● GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAM

Fourteen ministry programs offer transformative experiences for both students and those served. These programs serve refugee populations, promote student awareness and advocacy around global crises — and can help equip you to participate in short-term mission trips across the globe.

#### ● SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Weekly Spiritual Formation Workshops explore John Mark Comer's "Practicing the Way" course, offering practical tools to build a vibrant life with God and follow the way of Jesus — together.

### CHAPEL AND THE GATHERING:

Held weekly during the school year, Chapel and The Gathering provide opportunities for students, faculty and staff to worship, hear God's Word and connect in community. Chapel is also streamed live on YouTube.

### GRAND CANYON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

GCTS helps prepare godly leaders for lifelong ministry rooted in biblical truth, sound theology and practical wisdom. Our master's degrees and graduate certificates aim to equip Christian leaders spiritually, theologically and professionally to serve faithfully in today's cultural context.

### SEMINARY LIBRARY:

The new theological library offers extensive print and digital resources — including Bibles, commentaries, systematic theologies and historical texts. Thanks to partner contributions, the library is a hub for research, learning and spiritual growth.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Joining a club is a great way to enhance your academic experience, develop new skills and connect with fellow students. Some faith related clubs at GCU include:

#### ► GCU DEFENDERS | @GCUDefenders:

Equip yourself to give a reasoned and graceful defense of your faith, for the Glory of God.

#### ► GCU YOUNG LIFE | @GCUYoungLife:

Explore your faith, build meaningful friendships and grow spiritually through fun events and engaging discussions.

#### ► LIFE GROUPS | @GCULifeGroups:

Deepen your faith through group discussions, Bible studies and prayer.

## JUMP START YOUR PASTORAL CAREER

### BARNABAS PASTORAL PROGRAM:

This program provides formal education on the requirements and biblical teachings needed to serve in local ministries. It requires an additional commitment to uphold the moral values of GCU and the covenant that the College of Theology maintains. Visit [gcu.edu/Barnabas](https://gcu.edu/Barnabas) for more information about scholarship opportunities available.

### ACCELERATED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE TO MASTER OF DIVINITY:

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry or Christian Studies (including all emphases) have the opportunity to take graduate-level courses while earning their undergraduate degree. This *fast-track option* allows you to jumpstart your graduate studies, allowing you to potentially complete both your bachelor's and a Master of Divinity in just five years.

### THEOLOGY MINOR PROGRAMS:

GCU's College of Theology offers a range of minors that provide deep biblical, theological and spiritual education to prepare you for ministry and service. Our faculty helps you explore and refine your call to ministry, guiding you toward various paths, including the *Christian Ministry Minor (Pre-Seminary)*.

To learn more about our minor degree and seminary programs, contact [theology.minors@gcu.edu](mailto:theology.minors@gcu.edu) or [seminary@gcu.edu](mailto:seminary@gcu.edu)

For a complete list of resources,  
scan the QR code





A photograph of two young women with long brown hair, smiling and looking at each other while holding open Bibles. They are standing in front of a large window with colorful stained glass patterns. The woman on the left is wearing a blue and white plaid jacket over a black turtleneck, and the woman on the right is wearing a pink ribbed sweater. A large purple graphic with a white chevron pattern is on the left side of the image.

# STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

*“My degrees from GCU are equipping me to lead worship from a biblically trained perspective. I can even teach some classes at a university level if that’s something I want to do in the future. My GCU education is expanding how I can serve in the church, and that’s really exciting!”*

*– Taryn Hesman, Master of Divinity, Class of 2024*



**Scan the QR code** to learn how the College of Theology can help you reach your full potential and find your purpose!

# DISCOVER GCU FOR YOURSELF!

# NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at [gcu.edu/ApplyNow](https://gcu.edu/ApplyNow) and upload your transcripts.  
**No application fee!**

2



Schedule an appointment with your university admissions counselor to review your scholarship eligibility and program of study.

3



Arrange your campus visit.  
**All-expenses-paid<sup>1</sup> programs available.**

4



Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.

5



Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact a university admissions counselor.

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<sup>1</sup>Travel reimbursement is only available to students who demonstrate their ability to meet admissibility for the traditional campus, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, AZ. School/district/organizations staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed, air or ground. GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days.

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