



GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY



STEP INTO THE
SPOTLIGHT

INSPIRE OTHERS THROUGH STORYTELLING ON STAGE

AT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF ARTS AND MEDIA, we're committed to providing you with the perfect stage to cultivate your skills, kindle your creative spark and share your talent. Explore your creativity through a hands-on curriculum that emphasizes both artistic expression and technical mastery, preparing you to make an impact in your chosen career path.

From hands-on learning 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!

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Grand Canyon University's College of Arts and Media offers a transformative higher education designed to prepare you for career you may find rewarding. Our programs — including bachelor's degrees in dance and theatre — will challenge your intellect, expand your horizons and help you work toward making a difference for generations to come.

For more details and a full listing of degrees, visit gcu.edu/cam



SHARE YOUR CREATIVE TALENT

GCU's College of Arts and Media serves as the catalyst to find your purpose and offers an ideal space to cultivate your creative abilities while providing the opportunity to study, explore exciting technologies and perform in a variety of settings. Through studio practice, lecture courses and interactions with knowledgeable professionals, we aim to ignite and nurture your artistic exploration.

WHAT SETS US APART

- ▶ A welcoming Christian community integrated with evidence-based scientific learning
- ▶ Dedicated faculty and opportunities to learn alongside some active industry professionals
- ▶ An array of design and technical opportunities beginning your freshman year that allow you to explore your creative interests
- ▶ A community of award-winning students,¹ including those embarking on incredible opportunities while at GCU and those advancing to graduate programs across the country to continue pursuing their passions
 - Among these accomplishments, seven GCU dancers showcased their talent during the Super Bowl LVII show, performing with Rihanna²

DESIGNATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS:

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.

¹ ariZoni Theatre Association. n.d. *Current nominees and past award recipients*. ariZoniAwards.net. Retrieved on Feb. 3, 2025.

² Robles, Lydia P. 2023, Feb. 15. *GCU dance majors suit up for Super Bowl halftime*. GCU News. Retrieved on Nov. 6, 2024.

GCU Theatre
Department Wins ariZoni

**BEST OVERALL
PRODUCTION**
in 2024

After earning an impressive 18 nominations across three productions, GCU's Ethington Theatre department took home the ariZoni Theatre Award of Excellence for Best Overall Production with "Murder on the Orient Express."¹

CREATING COMMUNITY:

Resources and Clubs

ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT RESOURCES

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

BLACK BOX THEATRE: GCU has transformed its Black Box Theatre venue into a versatile creative lab and performance space to help students develop their sound design and theatrical lighting skills.

ETHINGTON THEATRE | @ETHINGTON_THEATRE: For more than 50 years, GCU's intimate 311-seat Ethington Theatre has hosted theatrical productions, dance performances, music concerts and digital film screenings created by exceptional student performers, artists and technicians within the college.

GCU CAM FAM NETWORK: The CAM FAM is a creative network within the College of Arts and Media, designed to connect students across disciplines like dance, music, theatre, design and film. Joining gives you access to events, collaborations, job opportunities, internships and more — helping you grow your community and creativity.

JUMP START YOUR DANCE AND THEATRE CAREER

GCU DANCE ACADEMIC RELATIONSHIPS: GCU Dance has an academic relationship with local and national organizations as a way to further enhance the visibility of the program while also giving you resources for your dance education.

GCU THEATRE ACADEMIC RELATIONSHIPS: GCU Theatre has an academic relationship with many local and national organizations to provide numerous resources for you to hone your craft.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

At GCU, we're all about fostering connections, and joining a club is a great way to get involved! You'll have the opportunity to enhance your academic experience, develop new skills and form meaningful relationships with fellow students. Some dance and theatre related clubs at GCU include:

- **Alpha Psi Omega:** The National Theater Honor Society
@GCUAPO: Celebrate the art of dramatic production at every stage of your academic journey.
- **Ethington Dance Ensemble (EDE):** Audition for this group of talented dance students. EDE offers pre-professional experience through a wide range of styles and choreographic approaches with faculty and international guest artists.
- **GCU Improv Team:** The Cantalopes | **@cantalopes_improv:** Hone your creativity and quick-thinking comedic skills with GCU's improv team.
- **GCU Parables Theatre Troupe:** Join the traveling theatre group that brings high-energy, engaging and faith-based content to schools, churches and special events.
- **Student Dance Organization:** A mentorship program dedicated to fostering community and collaboration among dancers in the department.



FOR A COMPLETE LIST
OF RESOURCES, SCAN
THE QR CODE:





“THE MOUSETRAP” RECEIVES STELLAR REVIEW ON TALKIN’ BROADWAY

The College of Arts and Media received high praise in a review from Gil Benbrook of TalkinBroadway.com. In his review, Benbrook pointed out the “excellent dialogue work” and “stunning costumes and hair and make-up designs (by Nola Yergen and Madison Kesterson, respectively),” adding that William Symington’s set design is “one of the best of his I’ve seen.” He also commended director Michael Kary and lead performers Christine Ward and Logan Barrett.¹

GUEST ARTISTS BRING NEW TECHNIQUES AND MENTORSHIP TO GCU

GCU dance students took center stage during the annual guest artist residency, a transformative experience featuring workshops led by professionals like Lawrence Fung, Fabiana Poulis and Key’Aira Lockett. From mastering the balance of ballet and breaking to exploring intricate ballet techniques and diverse global styles, students stepped out of their comfort zones to embrace new challenges, refine their skills and discover fresh perspectives on their craft.²

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



EXPLORE THE CREATIVITY OF OUR STUDENTS!

Check out their incredible work at
GCUArts.org/dance and
GCUArts.org/theatre

¹ Benbrook, Gil. n.d. *Regional Reviews: Phoenix: The Mousetrap*. Talkin’ Broadway. Retrieved on Nov. 12, 2024.

² Forarasi, Izabela. Nov. 27, 2024. *Guest artists step up to bring new techniques, mentorship to the dance floor*. GCU News. Retrieved on Dec. 18, 2024.

NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at 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-paid¹ programs available.

4



Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.

5



Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

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¹Travel 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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