

# CAMPUS OVERVIEW



FIND YOUR PURPOSE

**GRAND CANYON  
UNIVERSITY®**

PRIVATE. CHRISTIAN. AFFORDABLE.

# GETTING TO KNOW GCU

Grand Canyon University is a private, Christian university committed to delivering an affordable, transformative education rooted in purpose and a welcoming Christian worldview. With nearly 140 academic programs for campus students (as of September 2024), GCU empowers you to pursue your sacred vocation, serving others in ways that promote human flourishing and inspire positive change for generations. Through competitive tuition and scholarship offers, we believe in equal opportunity for all and vow to support you in achieving your unique goals with the help of our dedicated faculty, staff and services.



1949	1951	1968	1989	2004	2008	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2018	2019	2024	2024
Grand Canyon College is founded in Prescott, Arizona.	Grand Canyon College moves to its current home in Phoenix.	<b>Accreditation is awarded</b> by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of School and Colleges (NCA). The NCA dissolved in 2014 and was replaced by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).	Grand Canyon College becomes <b>Grand Canyon University</b> .	GCU launches <b>online degree programs</b> and transitions into a for-profit institution to avoid closure.	<b>Brian Mueller</b> becomes President and CEO of GCU.	GCU Arena opens with 5,000 seats.	GCU begins a five-year, <b>\$1 million</b> plan with the Phoenix Police to increase safety in surrounding neighborhoods.	GCU joins <b>NCAA Division I</b> as a member of the Western Athletic Conference.	GCU's <b>Honors College</b> transitioned from an institute to a full college.	GCU alumni community reaches <b>100,000</b> strong.	GCU celebrates <b>10 years</b> of tuition rates holding steady.	GCU grows to over <b>100,000 students with 80,000 online and 20,000 on campus</b> . The "10-in-2 Plan" reaches its end after the completion of 10 athletics facilities in two years.	GCU split its CSET college into the <b>College of Engineering and Technology (CET)</b> and the <b>College of Natural Sciences (CNS)</b> , reinforcing its commitment to STEM education and growth.	GCU accepts an invitation to join the Mountain West Conference.
														

# MISSION STATEMENT

GCU is a missional, Christ-centered university with an innovative and adaptive spirit that addresses the world's deep needs by cultivating compassionate Christian community, empowering free and virtuous action and serving others in ways that promote human flourishing.

Through academic excellence, the university equips students with knowledge of the Christian worldview, instilling in them a sense of purpose and vocational calling that enables them to be innovative thinkers, effective communicators, global contributors and transformative leaders who change their communities by placing the interests of others before their own.

**Purpose. Partnership. A Mission. A Vision.**



As of September 2024, GCU offered on-campus students **134 academic programs.**

## DISTINCT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

At GCU, we aim to help prepare you for your future career through **immersive, hands-on learning.** Our programs combine practical experience with engaging classroom instruction, helping to empower you to confidently apply your skills upon graduation.

## RECOGNIZED BY LEADING ORGANIZATIONS

GCU is proud to maintain compliance with an extensive network of over 30 state regulatory agencies and professional boards. These relationships span multiple states, ensuring that GCU meets rigorous standards for education and professional licensure. This includes organizations like the Arizona Private Postsecondary Education Board (AZPPSE), the California Board of Registered Nursing (CA BRN) and the Florida Board of Nursing, among many others. GCU's dedication to regulatory compliance reflects its commitment to delivering quality education and supporting students' professional goals across the nation.

## TRUSTED STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

GCU holds a variety of accreditations, showcasing its commitment to academic excellence and professional preparation. These accreditations include recognition from 13 organizations, including the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Each accreditation reflects GCU's dedication to quality education across diverse disciplines, helping prepare students in the classroom and for their future careers.

## GCU COLLEGES

Colangelo College of Business

College of Arts & Media

College of Doctoral Studies

College of Education

College of Engineering & Technology

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

College of Natural Sciences

College of Nursing & Health Care Professions

College of Theology

GCU Honors College

## ACADEMIC MAJOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

GCU's general degree programs are designed to help you position yourself to potentially become a leader with the opportunity to make significant contributions in your community by educating you in all aspects of problem-solving, communication, critical thinking and evidence-based decision making.

Visit [gcu.edu/DegreePrograms](https://gcu.edu/DegreePrograms) to learn more.

## ACADEMIC MINOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

A minor is earned in conjunction with a major degree and provides specialization within an academic area, which can help you maximize your education. Visit [gcu.edu/minors](https://gcu.edu/minors)

We're committed to helping prepare you for your career by offering diverse learning experiences and hands-on opportunities such as labs, internships and capstone projects that align with your field of study. Our professors guide you in applying classroom knowledge to practical scenarios. Whether through on-campus learning, networking events or community-based projects, we aim to provide you with the experiences you need to graduate with confidence.

## ENGAGE IN EXCITING RESEARCH

GCU has an emerging, vibrant undergraduate research culture. Student research is integrated into curricular and co-curricular activities to encourage hands-on, authentic research experience.

*Examples of student research engagement include:*

- **Publication of scholarly endeavors** in the peer-reviewed Canyon Journal of Undergraduate Research (CJUR).
- **Faculty-mentored, applied research experiences** in the Research and Design Program (RDP).
- **Discipline-specific, undergraduate capstone courses** in engineering, technology, social science and marketing.

## PUT THEORY INTO PRACTICE

In partnership with our college deans, we have developed special learning environments, which we call Lopes Live Labs (L3s). These applied learning labs represent on-campus locations where you can gain access to industry opportunities and experience your education coming to life.

GCU is home to 52 L3s (as of September 2024) for use at no cost, featuring advanced equipment and dedicated faculty who work to ensure that our students experience hands-on learning. All GCU students — no matter their degree — are eligible to use the engineering and technology labs.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Labs include GCU's technology labs, metal shop, wood shop, 3D printing areas and LaBelle labs. This does not include labs in classroom environments.



# GCU ACADEMIC DIFFERENTIATORS

# GAIN INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE



Take a tour of all our  
**Lopes Live Labs!**



Build valuable hands-on experience while balancing your studies through our wide range of student worker roles, designed to fit both your schedule and career goals. These positions provide opportunities to prepare for the future, potentially enhance your resume and make meaningful connections.

**Grand Canyon University has launched 10 business enterprises that employ over 500 employees,<sup>2</sup> including:**

- Cañón 49 restaurant
- Canyon Promotions production house for apparel, promotional items, signage and more
- GCU Golf Course
- GCU Hotel
- Grand Canyon Beverage Company, featuring four locations
- Havoc House restaurant
- Lope Shop retail store

## EXPERIENCE INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

At GCU, most courses are designed as four-credit classes, allowing students an opportunity to learn academic subjects through an approach that integrates and combines knowledge and insights from different disciplines. This approach encourages collaboration across fields of study. As a result, while students ultimately take fewer courses throughout their degree program and still meet the required seat time, GCU students should be able to draw knowledge from several areas, replicating how innovations and problems appear in the workplace. GCU adopted this model because the university understands that no subject is finite in its application outside the classroom.

<sup>2</sup>Includes student workers. Employment as of September 2024.



# WE ARE A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOCUSED ON STEM

The College of Engineering and Technology helps prepare students for careers in this field by offering relevant STEM (science, engineering, technology and mathematics) curricula, while fostering a Christ-centered community of support and encouragement. Our mission is to ignite each student's potential, helping to equip them with the knowledge and skills to become innovative and entrepreneurial leaders in their fields.

## WHY CHOOSE ENGINEERING AT GCU?



### Jump Right In:

Start using engineering labs as early as freshman year at no extra cost — with no secondary acceptance required to enter the program.



### Hands-On, Collaborative Learning:

Freedom to work with up-to-date equipment guided by faculty who encourage teamwork and care about your growth.



### Faith, Ethics and Impact:

GCU fosters a welcoming Christian worldview alongside evidence-based scientific education, supporting both ethical and academic growth.

# HONORS COLLEGE

## Our Mission

The Honors College at GCU is dedicated to cultivating a learner-centric environment that promotes character and integrity, intellectual growth and practical application through interdisciplinary collaboration. We empower students to amplify their purpose through intentional curricula and comprehensive co-curricular experiences. Honors graduates emerge as adept communicators, evidence-based decision-makers and deliberate global contributors while becoming good stewards of their faith and purpose.

## Honors Symposium

The GCU Honors Symposium provides first-year honors students the opportunity to meet with important contacts within their industry and put theory into practice as they engage in hands-on learning tailored to their area of study.

**For more information about Honors College benefits, admissions and graduation requirements, visit [gcu.edu/honors](https://gcu.edu/honors)**



Over 2,000 students returned to the GCU Honors College in Fall 2024, joined by more than 800 new students.

# EDUCATION MEETS AFFORDABILITY



I received a few scholarships from my high school, which is an alpha or sister school to GCU, and a life leader scholarship from GCU. So, that helped make college affordable for me. Overall, I feel impressed with how much I'm spending at GCU compared to other colleges I considered. For example, certain costs, like housing and food, are lower than I expected.

**Kylan Aguirre,**  
*Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity,*  
*Class of 2025*



At GCU, our number one priority is our students. To ensure you receive a quality education affordably, we do everything in our power to further reduce costs, including offering the same tuition rate for both in- and out-of-state students.

## FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND DEBT MINIMIZATION

At our university, we are committed to financial transparency and helping you minimize your debt. Our admissions counselors work to provide a clear financial picture regarding your loans, scholarships and tuition. We offer tailored financial solutions and interest-free payment plans to ensure that you can graduate with minimal debt, starting with transparent financial discussions.

As of the 2024-25 academic year, GCU has kept its campus tuition at the same rate for 16 years, holding rates steady since 2009.

On average, traditional campus students in 2024-25 qualified for approximately **\$7,300 in GCU-funded scholarships** for the academic year, which reduced tuition by almost half to \$9,100.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Average cost of tuition for traditional campus students after scholarships. Scholarships may be awarded based on sixth semester transcripts (high school transcripts submitted after Junior year of high school). When 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 are based on the 2024-25 rate and are subject to change.



**90.5%** (4,491) of 2023 traditional campus graduates spent **less than four years** at GCU to complete their degrees.

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All GCU scholarships are automatically renewed each year, provided you maintain enrollment eligibility in your program and, if applicable, meet any other eligibility requirements.

For more information visit [gcu.edu/CampusScholarships](https://www.gcu.edu/CampusScholarships)

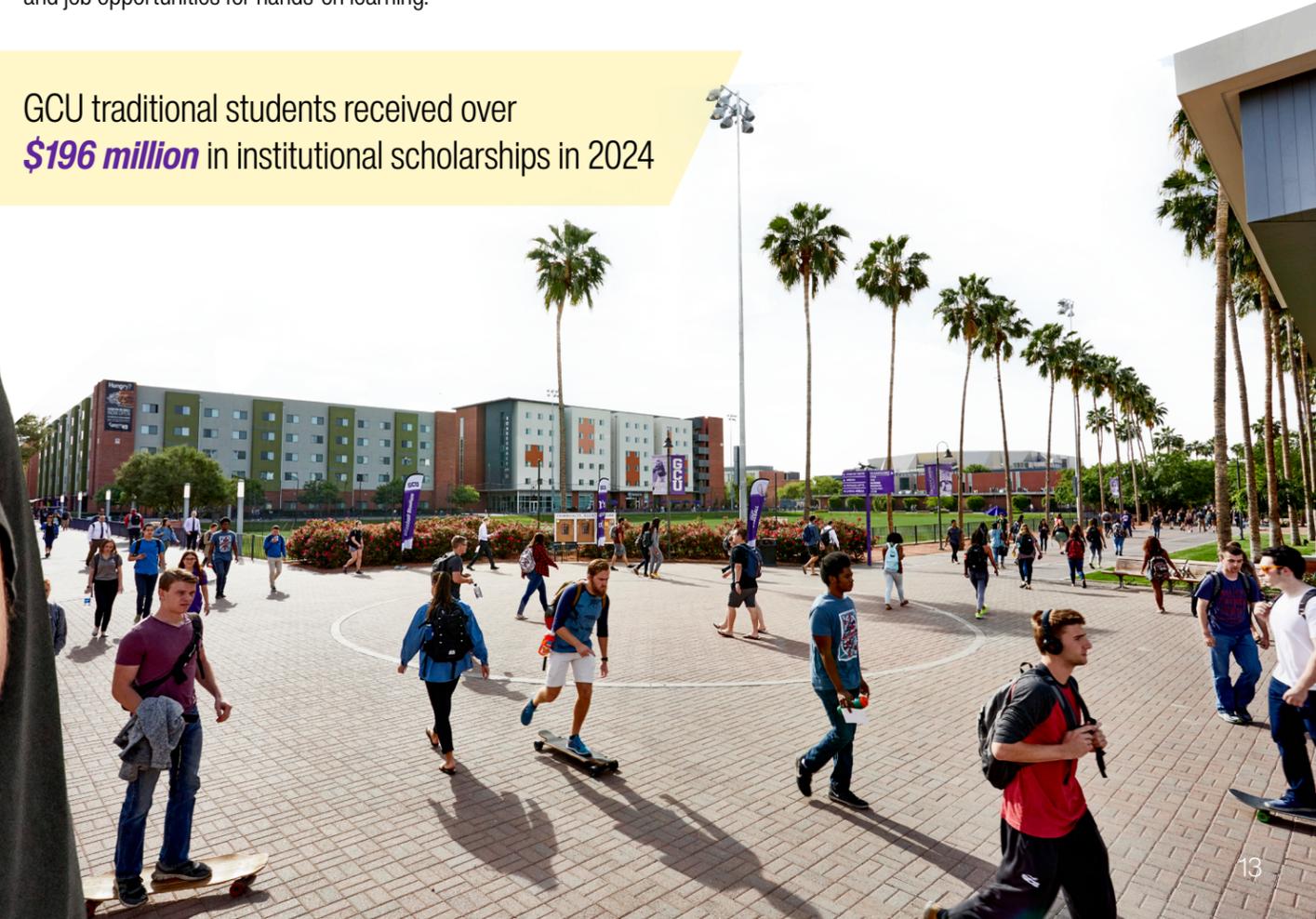
## MAXIMIZE TIME AT GCU

Fast-track options allow students to potentially expedite their graduation date, enabling them to enter the workforce sooner, earn income and start repaying student loans while avoiding an additional year of college-related expenses. GCU supports this journey with personal finance planning, dual enrollment opportunities, student worker positions, summer sessions and accelerated bachelor's to master's programs.

## GCU'S SUMMER ACCELERATOR TRACK

Potentially save time and money while starting your future sooner with GCU's Summer Accelerator Track. Graduate in as few as three years by fast-tracking your bachelor's degree, all while enjoying our resort-style campus and exciting summertime activities. Eligible students benefit from reduced tuition rates,<sup>1</sup> complimentary apartment-style housing and valuable internships and job opportunities for hands-on learning.

GCU traditional students received over **\$196 million** in institutional scholarships in 2024





## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

**GCU is dedicated to student achievement and improving student performance in the classroom by making resources readily available and easily accessible, starting before your first year. Need academic assistance for a challenging course? Searching for internship opportunities? We have the resources to help, starting on the first day of classes up until graduation.**

Visit [gcu.edu/resources](https://gcu.edu/resources) to learn more.

**Academic Centers for Excellence (ACE):** Provides tutoring and academic support for on-campus and ABSN students.

**Admissions and Student Services Counselors:** GCU's university counselors provide customized, one-on-one academic planning to keep students on track.



**HALO LEARN:** Our innovative learning management system tracks your educational activities and offers resources such as writing assistance, test-taking information and time management guidance.

**Study Spots:** Whether you like privacy and silence or social activity and scenery, GCU has a place for you with nearly 270 designated study areas across campus as of the 2023-24 school year.

# OUR WELCOMING CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

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BEST COLLEGE CAMPUS  
IN AMERICA (2025)<sup>1</sup>

## MISSIONAL APPROACH

Our students are not required to be Christians. Our approach is missional in nature, characterized by a welcoming spirit to serve all, from every walk of life. We are proud to have a diverse campus and respectful culture with a wide range of religions and ethnicities represented.

## SUPPORTIVE, TIGHT-KNIT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Students experience the Christian faith, the mission of God and the idea of living for the good of others in a safe and supportive space. Chapel, The Gathering and Life Groups meet on a weekly basis, offering you an environment where Christians and non-Christians alike can grow and explore their faith.

## ONE FOUNDATION UPHOLDS OUR MISSION

One Foundation serves as the bedrock of our community built on our Christian convictions, Christ-focused curriculum and service for the greater good. It guides the integration of faith, learning and work throughout the university and unites us in faithfulness, excellence and service to God and our neighbors.

**Scan the QR code** below to watch some of our powerful testimonials from our College of Theology:



<sup>1</sup>Retrieved from Niche.com, Grand Canyon University Rankings in October 2024

# LOPES LIVING ON CAMPUS

In Fall 2024, **65%** (16,123) of GCU campus students were from **out-of-state!**<sup>2</sup>



In Fall 2024, GCU had 32 housing options for students, with food and housing starting at **\$3,800<sup>1</sup> per semester.**

## GCU IS ONE OF THE LARGEST RESIDENTIAL CAMPUSES IN THE COUNTRY!

Living on campus is part of the traditional college experience. Students live just a short walk away from classrooms, events, activities and all campus amenities. We foster this new independence to teach valuable life skills and help introduce you to lifelong friends. Suite-style residence halls and apartments offer all of the amenities you need to make GCU a home away from home.

## WHY SEND YOUR STUDENT OUT-OF-STATE FOR COLLEGE?

Young adults may find moving out of state to be a rewarding experience! They'll get to experience a new place, make new friends and build a community to call their own. Leaving home can also help your student to build their independence and gain new life skills as they learn to choose how they spend their time, find new academic and professional opportunities and take on more responsibility.

<sup>1</sup>Based on suite-style, triple occupancy room plus the residence hall minimum meal plan (Canyon \$1,700 Dining Dollars per semester). Prices are based on the 2025-26 rate and are subject to change.

<sup>2</sup>Includes all traditional students who have a last date of attendance at least three weeks into the Fall 2024 semester or participated in a campus evening class in August or September of 2024. Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.



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**BEST COLLEGE DORMS IN AMERICA**  
 (NICHE.COM, 2025)<sup>1</sup>

# RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence Life aims to provide a co-curricular experience by providing a safe and secure, Christ-centered community supporting academic excellence, engagement and growth. Student leaders, including RAs and Life Leaders, are in each residence hall to host Bible studies and serve their fellow students.

## WHAT MAKES GCU ON-CAMPUS LIVING UNIQUE?



**Your Own Space:** Enjoy affordable, modern suites — no communal bathrooms!



**All the Essentials:** Laundry on every floor and welcoming open lobbies to unwind, study or meet new people.



**Room to Relax:** Outdoor courtyards perfect for soaking up the Arizona sun.



<sup>1</sup>Retrieved from Niche.com, Grand Canyon University Rankings in October 2024

# CAMPUS LIFE

Campus, off-campus and transfer students all experience Lope life together. Students stay active, make lifelong friendships and build a professional future, surrounded by peers and campus support.



GCU is helping over 24,600 campus students (Fall 2024)<sup>1</sup> find their purpose. GCU's over 300-acre campus includes new residence halls, popular eateries, an engineering building as well as athletic facilities like Global Credit Union Arena, the Canyon Activity Complex, Esports Arena and more.



## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Campus safety is a top priority and GCU takes every step to protect the GCU community and our properties 24/7. Our GCU independent police department has established policies and extensive public safety measures that help keep our campus safe.



**For more information, please visit [gcu.edu/safety](https://gcu.edu/safety)**

<sup>1</sup>Includes all traditional students who have a last date of attendance at least three weeks into the Fall 2024 semester or participated in a campus evening class in August or September of 2024.

# DINING

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, food and live music. We proudly offer healthy options and lighter fare, including sandwiches, juices and smoothies, soups, salads, wraps and more.

**Chick-fil-A**  
**Grand Canyon Beverage Company (GCBC)**  
**Havoc House**  
**Nekter Juice Bar**  
**Panera Bread**  
**Pita Jungle**  
**Taco Bell**  
**The Herd Stop**  
**and more!**

## THE HERD STOP

Looking for healthy eating options and convenience? This grocery store is not only stocked with the usual student staples but also features a large produce section and a variety of other natural and organic items.

Scan the **QR code** for a full listing of our dining options



# GCU OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

The GCU Outdoor Recreation program provides students with outdoor recreation and adventure opportunities that nurture fellowship, environmental stewardship, leadership development and outdoor education.



## INTRAMURALS

The GCU intramural sports program provides opportunities for students and staff to build relationships and experience fellowship in an athletic, competitive environment. Intramurals offer three divisions: competitive, recreational and coed, so all students can participate, regardless of skill level.

Visit [IMLeagues.com/gcu](https://IMLeagues.com/gcu) for more information.

# FITNESS AND RECREATION

Students have access to intramural fields, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, multiple modern fitness facilities and a beautiful walking path surrounding campus to play, work out or just relax with friends.

- **Fitness centers** are equipped with treadmills, stationary bikes, strength equipment and free weights. Students can participate in weekly fitness classes and events led by student fitness instructors, including Barre, Zumba and yoga. No prior fitness experience is required to attend!
- The **Canyon Activity Complex** is a nearly 135,000-square-foot athletic facility that houses an outdoor skate park, outdoor roller hockey rink, Colter Turf field, tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts. The complex also includes a weight room, dedicated locker rooms and a full-service Lopes Mart.
- Lopes also love to visit **Thunderground** to lounge after classes, grab a snack and catch up with friends. This campus hotspot features games like pool, ping pong and air hockey and relaxing lounge areas with big screen TVs.

To learn more, visit [gcu.edu/CampusRec](https://gcu.edu/CampusRec)





# ***CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS***

Campus involvement thrives at GCU among students, faculty and staff. You can enhance your learning experiences and make a difference as a member of any number of professional, social or ministry organizations.

To learn more about the GCU's over 120 clubs and organizations (2024-25), visit [gcu.edu/clubs](https://www.gcu.edu/clubs)

# ***STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ANNUAL EVENTS***

Student activities help learners to discover their purpose, develop gifts and learn to serve. The Canyon Activities Board (CAB) plans events and activities to involve students in Lope life.

To learn more about Lope Life events and activities, visit [students.gcu.edu/events](https://students.gcu.edu/events)



# SPIRITUAL LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Spiritual Life supports students by providing opportunities such as Bible study, connection, discipleship, engagement, spiritual leadership and worship.

## LOCAL AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

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:*

- **GCU CITYSERVE** has partnered with CityServe and its network of faith-based nonprofits, retailers, farmers and food suppliers to support families in need. Together, they have distributed over \$15.3 million in household goods to over 74,000 local families as of January 2025 from approximately 88,800 square feet of dedicated warehouse space on GCU's campus. GCU plans to expand its storage to roughly 100,000 square feet to increase its impact and reach more families. Watch this video to learn more about how GCU and CityServe answer the needs of our community.
- **CANYON KIDS** Our students host children from the surrounding neighborhood in Little Canyon Park and Cielito Park for Bible stories, games, crafts and more. These volunteers mentor and bring joy to these children to help create a safe environment.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Since 2015, 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.
- **HOMELESS MINISTRY** GCU has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to provide assistance to families in need. Opportunities include serving meals and helping maintain the garden at the facility, along with other programs and tutoring aid for under-resourced children whose families visit the center.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS

Our global mission trips are opportunities to travel abroad, engage in ministry as a team and learn from other cultures. The Spiritual Life Department hosts a missions fair in the fall where students can connect with organizations.

*Students can also get involved in ongoing global outreach ministries by joining GCU programs such as:*

- Camp Flourish
- English-as-a-Second Language Ministry
- Global Project
- GO Nights
- Refugee Ministry
- The Bridge

**GCU Community  
Service Initiatives**



Since 2015, more than \$6 million has been raised and more than 37,000 volunteer hours contributed to renovate 537 homes.



# ATHLETICS AND SPORTS

## GAME DAY AND HAVOCS

Our spirited athletics program brings the GCU campus and community together — and our game days are unlike any other. The campus comes alive as Lopes and loyal fans come out to show their support in an electrifying atmosphere. Excitement throughout the community is led by the Havocs, who always bring the thunder to sporting events. This student spirit club also gives back to the community through Havocs with Heart by participating in nonprofit organizations in Phoenix.

Want to cheer on the home team? GCU's student section is one of the most coordinated, energized and massive student sections you'll ever encounter. It's the reason Power 5 schools balk at the idea of visiting the Lopes every season, because it provides Bryce Drew's squad with a massive advantage. The GCU in-game experience is unlike anything you've ever experienced.

To find out more, visit [havocs.gcu.edu](http://havocs.gcu.edu)

## ATHLETIC ACCOLADES AND DEVELOPMENTS

GCU has cultivated a culture of champions.

- 69 Western Athletics Conference (WAC) championships (as of July 2024)
- 70 Division I conference championship wins (as of July 2024)
- During the 2023-24 school year, eight GCU teams qualified for NCAA tournaments



Grand Canyon University has the **BEST student section in America!**<sup>1</sup>



During the 2023-24 academic year, Grand Canyon University's club sports program consisted of **41 teams**.

## COMPETITIVE COLLEGE CLUB SPORTS

Club sports offer a great opportunity for students to live out their passions outside of the classroom and be part of national athletic communities.

Our organized club sports teams play at a highly competitive level that creates unforgettable experiences. Because of GCU's numerous scholarship offerings, students can play the sports they love without overextending their finances.

Our organized club sports teams have access to quality, on-campus facilities and compete under the leadership of coaches who are passionate about helping their teams grow athletically and personally.

Visit [GCUClubSports.com](http://GCUClubSports.com) to learn more!

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.



## ESPORTS

GCU's Esports program is proud of our 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.

For more details, visit [GCUesports.com](http://GCUesports.com)



In the 2022-23 school year, GCU's Esports Club had **11 active teams** with over **1,200 participating players**.

<sup>1</sup>Medcalf, M. 2024, Jan. 17. *32 Men's College Basketball Storylines Midway Through 2023-24*. ESPN. Retrieved Nov. 4, 2024.

# ADVENTURES IN THE SOUTHWEST

## Grand Canyon State

Statewide adventure is just a road trip away and weekend getaways are a perfect escape from the rigors of college life. Some of the best places to explore in Arizona are Sedona, Tucson, Flagstaff and other destinations throughout the Sonoran Desert. Family and friends will love visiting the GCU campus in our beautiful Grand Canyon state, which truly has something for everyone. From scenic hiking trails under sunny skies to skiing at Snowbowl or cheering on one of Arizona's three major professional teams, your opportunities for adventure are nearly endless!

## Phoenix Events and Activities

As the desert's bustling metropolis, Phoenix is full of diverse things to do, from restaurants and entertainment to hiking and biking. Whether you're looking for a peaceful art walk, a lively round at Topgolf or a dynamic music or culinary festival, there are plenty of activities available for all interests happening year-round. Phoenix is also a renowned hub of special annual events like the Waste Management Phoenix Open professional golf tournament, Barrett-Jackson car collector auction, major league baseball spring training and the Fiesta Bowl.

## Shopping and Dining in Phoenix

Commerce and cuisine blend beautifully in the Valley of the Sun. Shop national chains, unique destination stores and world-class designer boutiques in locales such as Scottsdale Fashion Square or Kierland Commons. Whatever your culinary preference, Phoenix offers a variety of eateries to satisfy your appetite from all-American classics to ethnic tastes and healthy fare.



Discover GCU is our overnight, all-expenses-paid<sup>1</sup> trip to sunny Arizona that will let you experience life as a Lope firsthand. **Scan the QR code to learn more!**



## DESTINATIONS<sup>2</sup>

- 1 20 minutes to downtown Phoenix – Shopping at the Biltmore, concert venues and dining
- 2 30 minutes to Scottsdale, AZ – Golf destination, hiking, nightlife, dining, shopping at Scottsdale Fashion Square and Kierland Commons

## ROAD TRIPS

### Two hours or less by car

- 3 Flagstaff, AZ – Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort, Coconino National Forest
- 4 Jerome, AZ – Ghost town, artists' community, mining history
- 5 Salt River and Lake Pleasant – Tubing, boating, fishing
- 6 Sedona, AZ – Sightseeing, red rocks, hiking, biking, jeep tours, shopping, dining
- 7 Tucson, AZ – Hiking, Saguaro National Park, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Old Tucson Studios

### Three – four hours by car

- 8 Grand Canyon National Park, AZ – Picturesque hiking, sightseeing, backpacking, camping, Havasu Falls
- 9 Joshua Tree National Park, CA – 790,000 acres of national park (the size of the state of Rhode Island!)
- 10 Lake Havasu, AZ – Boating, fishing and recreational activities

### Four – six hours by car

- 11 Lake Powell, Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, AZ – Water and recreational activities, boat rentals, fishing, sightseeing
- 12 Las Vegas, NV – Hotels, restaurants, shows, nightlife
- 13 Los Angeles, CA – Sports, entertainment, beaches, Disneyland
- 14 Monument Valley, AZ – Sightseeing, camping, hiking
- 15 San Diego, CA – Beaches, San Diego Zoo
- 16 Zion National Park, UT – Sightseeing, camping, hiking



<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, Arizona. School/district/organization 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.

<sup>2</sup>Please note: All drive times are approximate and start from the Phoenix metro area

# NEXT STEPS

1



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

2



Make an appointment with your university admissions counselor to review scholarships and programs.

3



Upon acceptance visit campus (all-expenses-paid<sup>1</sup> programs available).

4



Register early to secure courses and 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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