

2024-25

WELCOME TO THE

HONORS COLLEGE

AT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY



HONORS COLLEGE ORIENTATION

Orientation is mandatory for all new honors students

HONORS ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 29
Global Credit Union Arena

10 am Doors Open
10:30 am Presentation Begins
11:30 am Lunch
12:15 pm Move to Technology Building 57 for
Early Access Pass Sessions

EARLY ACCESS PASS

Open to all new and returning honors students
Thursday, Aug. 29 | Technology Building 57

Attend up to three sessions of your choice:

Location	12:15 pm	1 pm	1:45 pm
57-130	I'm Looking for Community	I'm Looking for Community	I'm Looking for Community
57-131	I'm Looking for Career Advice	I'm Looking for Career Advice	I'm Looking for Career Advice
57-132	I'm Looking into Grad School	I'm Looking into Grad School	I'm Looking into Grad School
57-133	I'm Looking into Global Experiences	I'm Looking into Global Experiences	I'm Looking into Global Experiences

Meet with an honors student services counselor between **12:15 - 2 pm** in the
Technology Building 57, First Floor Hallway during the Early Access Pass sessions.

WELCOME WEEK 2024

Connect with the Honors College at these events

HONORS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Come check out our new Honors Lounge and learn how to customize your Honors College experience. Complimentary lunch provided.

Friday, Aug. 30

1 - 4 pm

Honors Lounge in Engineering Building 1,
Room 230

HONORS INVOLVEMENT FAIR

Enjoy appetizers, browse honors opportunities and meet your honors administration and student leaders!

Wednesday, Sept. 4

3 - 5 pm

Honors Lounge in Engineering Building 1,
Room 230

HONORS BACKYARD BBQ

Start the semester with food, dessert, music, games and honors gear while you meet student leadership and honors peers.

Monday, Sept. 16

7 - 9 pm

Quad Lawn

Honors College Orientation

Honors College programs
I plan to sign up for:

Honors College events
I wish to attend:

Questions I have for
the Honors College team:

EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE. ENRICH OUR FUTURE.

DEAR STUDENTS,

Welcome to the Honors College at Grand Canyon University! Our mission is to ensure our exceptionally gifted and ambitious learners continue to develop as servant leaders and change agents in their local and global communities.

Our advice to you this year: *get comfortable with being uncomfortable*. The Honors College administration and student leaders have worked tirelessly to prepare ample professional and leadership development opportunities, expert speaker seminars, programming within our clubs and honors societies, social gatherings and more just for you. We encourage you to step outside your comfort zone and into new and invigorating opportunities. Not sure where to start? Just ask!

There is something for everyone, from leadership development programs within the Leadership in Action Institute to short-term global education programs, mission trips, internship opportunities, specialty honors courses and beyond. We look forward to having you join our community of driven scholars and hope you will take advantage of these incredible resources this academic year.

Lopes Up!

DR. BREANNA NAEGELI, DEAN

MEET YOUR HONORS TEAM!



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THE HONORS COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Honors College Graduation Requirements

- Complete 28¹ credits of honors coursework
- Successfully complete an HON prefix course such as the Honors Symposium (HON-110)
- Earn a cumulative GCU GPA of 3.25 or higher

Discuss your personal requirements with your Honors SSC

Look for these Honors College general education courses:

- HUM-109HN: Knowledge and Technology in the Humanities
- CWV-106HN: Christianity: Story, Theology and Mission
- HUM-201HN: Intersections Between the Humanities and Sciences
- COM-211HN: Honors Public Speaking



Honors College graduates receive...



Medallion



Honors Diploma²



*Special Recognition
at Commencement*



*Explore how to customize your honors academic experience
and view all available honors courses in the 2024-25 course catalog!*

¹Credit requirements are dependent on your enrollment agreement.

²The honors diploma will be mailed after the successful completion of your program of study.



PRE-HEALTH GRADUATE AND MEDICAL SCHOOL PREPARATION PROGRAM | HOSTED WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS

This eight-week program can prepare honors pre-health majors for the intensive graduate and medical school application process. Participants will experience an extensive, in-depth overview of the application process, discuss application timelines, set appropriate expectations and receive guidance on preparing a competitive application. Meet with administration from the College of Natural Sciences, Career Services, pre-health advisors, current graduate and medical school students and various health care professionals. *Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. This program runs each fall and spring term.*

Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 5 | **Time:** 3 - 4:30 pm

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu | **Registration Deadline:** Friday, Sept. 13



PAC FOUNDATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | HOSTED WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS

Join our fall semester PAC (Personal, Academic, Career) Professional Development and Peer Mentorship program to explore your career possibilities, build critical professional skills and connect with our PAC ambassadors (student leaders) for mentorship as you plan to maximize your college experience and chart your path. This program serves as a foundation for HON-320, College to Career Momentum.

Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 19 | **Time:** 1 - 2:30 pm

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu | **Registration Deadline:** Friday, Sept. 13



YOUNG ATHENA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | HOSTED WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS

The Honors College is proud to partner with Young Athena Valley of the Sun, a nonprofit organization committed to its profession and its community and helping women achieve their leadership potential. This ten-week program focuses on relationship-building and deep reflection in an open discussion environment as participants are introduced to the eight core principles of enlightened leadership. In addition, participants meet with their peer groups outside of the weekly sessions to build community and dig deeper into the principles.

Dates: Thursday, Sept. 19 - Thursday, Nov. 21 | **Time:** 3 - 4:45 pm

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu | **Registration Deadline:** Friday, Sept. 13



MEN OF VALOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES | HOSTED MONTHLY ON THURSDAYS

The Men of Valor Leadership Development Series exists to help students develop their professional and leadership skills related to vision, ambition, leadership, opportunity and resilience. Through monthly guest speakers, the series offers an opportunity for growth and development, mentorship and a community of emerging leaders.

Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27 | **Time:** 3 - 4:45 pm

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu | Registration closes three days before each session.



PEN TO PURPOSE JOURNALING PROGRAM | HOSTED WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS

Start your semester off strong with weekly dedicated time for journaling! The Pen to Purpose journaling program is a chance for you to destress, get organized, stay accountable and be inspired while conquering this season in your life. Weekly journaling prompts delve into knowing yourself, nurturing relationships, navigating college and post-college with an end-of-program celebration.

Dates: Thursday, Sept. 12 - Thursday, Dec. 12 | **Time:** 1 - 2:15 pm

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu | **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, Sept. 8



SPEAKER SERIES

DEAN'S SPEAKER SERIES

The Dean's Speaker Series is hosted by Gamma Mu Educational Services, Inc., a nonprofit organization of professionals from the valley driven by the mission to help empower and educate young professionals to pursue excellence. Each event will include mentorship and networking opportunities, along with a thoughtful discussion comprised of the designated session topic.

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu



INSIDE ENTERTAINMENT SPEAKER SERIES

Join this monthly speaker series supported by the College of Arts and Media and the Honors College. Meet entertainment, marketing and advertising industry experts from all over the world to discuss all things performing arts, production, digital media and film, working in the entertainment industry and beyond.

Dates: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 | **Time:** 11 am – Noon | **Location:** CCOB Building 42-225

Email questions to GCUHonors@gcu.edu



PUBLIC SQUARE SERIES

The Public Square Series is a month-long series of speaking engagements focused on exposing students to a variety of legislative, community and nonprofit leaders. Join the Canyon Civic Institute as notable speakers discuss challenges, processes and policies within state, local and tribal public policy. *No RSVP is required to attend these events.*

Dates: Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 | **Time:** 4 – 5:30 pm

Email andrea.northup1@gcu.edu for more information.



CANYON CIVIC INSTITUTE



The Canyon Civic Institute is an esteemed collection of students passionate about transforming their community through civic engagement, servant leadership and public service. This program is designed to provide students with hands-on experience and professional development in the public square. At the heart of the program is the belief that public service and civic engagement are noble callings and that the best way to work in these sectors is through serving others.

Email andrea.northup1@gcu.edu for more information.



HONORS SOCIETIES



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a national honors organization that recognizes and elevates high achievers. Its mission is to celebrate high achievement, promote high standards throughout the collegiate experience and provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership development among members. NSCS also offers outside scholarship opportunities for members, encourages learning through community service and fosters an overall appreciation for the value of higher education. GCU's NSCS chapter was awarded Diamond Status for the 2022-23 academic year.

Stay up to date with GCU's chapter on Instagram @GCUNSCS. Visit nscs.org for more information or contact Chapter President Danielle Porten at dporten@my.gcu.edu.

NSCS Integrity Week: Feb. 10 - 14

◇ *Diamond Status Chapter*



ALPHA CHI NATIONAL COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETY

Alpha Chi is a national college honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines. Since 1922, Alpha Chi has promoted academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students. Members are honored for achieving this distinction. Students ranked in the top 10% of their institution receive membership invitations once they've earned 60+ college credits. Stay up to date with GCU's chapter on Instagram @GCUAlphaChi. Visit AlphaChiHonor.org for more information or contact Chapter President Adia Hopkins at adia.hopkins@gcu.edu.

2025 National Convention: Virtual

🏆 *2024 President's Cup Recipient*

NSCS AND ALPHA CHI INFO SESSION

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM
ENGINEERING BUILDING 1-230

MEET HONORS SOCIETY LEADERSHIP AT THE CLUB AND COMMUNITY FAIR!

FRIDAY, AUG. 30 | 10 AM - 2 PM
CANYON ACTIVITIES CENTER (CAC)

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

RESEARCH AND DESIGN PROGRAM

The GCU Research and Design Program (RDP) offers hands-on mentored training and learning experiences for students studying science, engineering or technology. Although majoring in one of these fields is not required, honors students are strongly encouraged to apply for these various research opportunities as early as freshman year. Students will present both locally and on larger platforms across the country.



CANYON EMERGING SCHOLARS

The Canyon Emerging Scholars (CES) program aims to provide mentoring for students in multidisciplinary problem-solving while supporting faculty research in co-curricular and extra-curricular settings. Following the Boyer Model of Scholarship, the program encourages various scholarly pathways, such as applied, integrative and discovery approaches to research. Essential to this engaged scholarship is the practice of reflection, which should be both interdisciplinary and community-oriented.

CANYON JOURNAL OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The Canyon Journal of Undergraduate Research (CJUR) is dedicated to publishing exemplary peer-reviewed undergraduate student research supported by faculty mentorship. The CJUR is multidisciplinary, with original, contemporary research in alignment with the Boyer Model of Scholarship. This publication includes a competitive manuscript selection process that undergoes rigorous peer review.

Call for Papers for June Issue: Feb. 20, 2025¹
Submit Manuscript Here: research.gcu.edu/CJUR



*Please visit
research.gcu.edu
for all research
opportunities*

CANYON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Canyon Undergraduate Research Conference (CURC) features multidisciplinary research and projects from undergraduate students. GCU and community guests are invited to explore engaging poster and oral presentations featuring undergraduate learners from the following programs: Research and Design Program, Canyon Emerging Scholars, Canyon Journal of Undergraduate Research authors and the Honors College.



HONORS SHOWCASE



The purpose of the Honors Showcase within the Canyon Undergraduate Research Conference (CURC) is to feature exceptional work-inspired projects and interactive, engaged learning experiences completed by Honors College students. In this public forum, students share their work with fellow honors students, college administration, university leadership, community and industry guests and a board of judges comprised of professional advisory board members. Finalists are also awarded a scholarship to be applied to their GCU tuition for the upcoming academic year.²

Applications Due: Feb. 20, 2025
Event Date: March 31, 2025

¹Papers submitted after Feb. 20 may be considered for November's issue.

²The Honors Showcase Scholarship is subject to GCU's Institutional Aid CAP Policy and is awarded for up to one academic year only.

2025 GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAMS FOR HONORS STUDENTS



Short-Term Global Studies Programs

The Honors College offers international short-term global studies programs for honors students to enhance their learning and exploration. Students can embark on adventures around the globe to discover new countries, experience different cultures, see incredible sights and learn about famous landmarks.

Spring Break 2025

- **The D.C. Experience with Passages**

Dates: Jan. 2 - 5
Cost Estimate: \$250



Summer 2025

- **Intercultural Studies in Greece**

Dates: May 1 - 9
Cost Estimate: \$3,310 + airfare¹

- **Tokyo City Experience**

Dates: April 28 - May 5
Cost Estimate: \$3,220 + airfare¹

- **Business in London**

Dates: March 9 - 15
Cost Estimate: \$3,120 + airfare¹



Itineraries



Mission Trips with Well Child International

Honors students can travel internationally as part of a missions team to make a difference. GCU global outreach missions give students the life-changing opportunity to make an impact through service, social work and more, from teaching English through ministry partnerships to building relationships with locals in remote villages. Our mission trips for honors students are also a fantastic opportunity to experience service within various professional industries.

Spring Break 2025

- **Mission Trip to Mexico**

Dates: March 8 - 14, 2025
Cost Estimate: \$1,145 + \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit
Tracks to Choose From: Medical, Education and Missions

Summer 2025

- **Mission Trip to Mexico**

Dates: April 28 - May 6, 2025
Cost Estimate: \$1,295 + \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit
Tracks to Choose From: Medical, Education and Missions

- **Hike for Humanity in Costa Rica**

Dates: May 17 - May 25, 2024
Cost Estimate: \$1,345 + \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit

Applications open from
Oct. 1 - Nov. 1, 2024

For more information and to secure your seat, email GCUHonors@gcu.edu.

¹ Price may vary pending airfare rates and the final number of participants per short-term global studies program. The minimum traveler count must be met by Nov. 15, 2024 for programs to operate in 2025. Deposits for participants will not be processed until the minimum traveler count has been met. Group airfare to and from Phoenix is offered at a discounted rate. Email GCUHonors@gcu.edu for more information.





"To walk the streets of Florence and tour the Roman Forum, where centuries of transformative thinkers, Renaissance artists, political masterminds and great nations walked, talked and altered human history was an unreal experience. We were witnessing the foundations of Western thought and culture by visiting such incredible cities. Additionally, being surrounded by different languages, mannerisms and foods truly immersed us all into the European experience that is so different from our own. All in all, this trip made history come alive and I am so happy that I got to see things I've only studied in books!"

— Savannah Miles, Bachelor of Arts in History, Class of 2023



Traditional Study Abroad and International Internships

GCU partners with five prominent study abroad providers and one international internship provider to offer students exciting study abroad program opportunities that count as earned credit within their program of study. These semester-long, full-year and summer experiences are at approved foreign universities and companies worldwide.

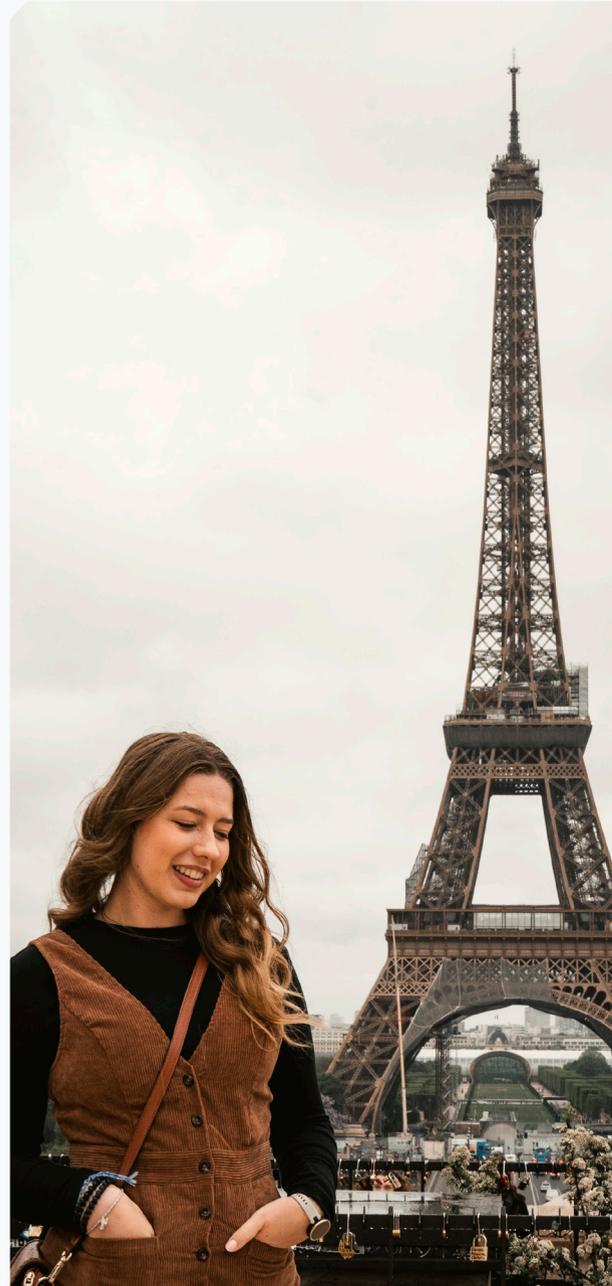
Weekly Study Abroad Information Sessions

Learn about more opportunities by emailing GlobalStudies@gcu.edu or attending an info session. Info sessions are held every Monday from 3 – 4 pm starting Sept. 9 in ENG 1-301.

International Education Week Fair

Date: Monday, Nov. 18 | Time: 11 am – 2 pm

Have you thought about studying abroad but aren't sure where to start? Join us for the study abroad fair, where students can meet representatives from our study abroad providers. Learn about their programs and hear from other GCU departments that encourage and support international learning.



LEADERSHIP

IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP

MEET THE STUDENT LEADERS

The Honors College is a vibrant, tight-knit community that offers numerous opportunities each year for students to support one another academically while creating lifelong friendships. The Leadership in Action Fellowship works directly with our honors administration, faculty and student body to plan and launch these exciting new events and opportunities.

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*Applications for 2025-26 Leadership in Action Fellow positions
will open in January 2025!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

HONORS COLLEGE SIGNATURE EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 16 at 7 pm

HONORS COLLEGE BACKYARD BBQ Quad Lawn

Kick off the fall semester with your honors peers at our Honors College Backyard BBQ! Stop by for food, desserts, music, lawn games and fun surprises! Stock up on honors gear, meet your student leadership team and get connected as we start the new school year.

Oct. 1

GLOBAL STUDIES APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications to secure your seat for the 2025 mission trips and short-term global studies programs are open from Oct. 1 – Nov. 1, 2024. Check out all itineraries on Page 9 of this brochure or email GCUHonors@gcu.edu for more information.

Oct. 14 – 20

HONORS COLLEGE SERVICE WEEK

It's time to give back! In partnership with the Leadership in Action Fellowship, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, the Honors College invites you to serve our community together.

Nov. 13

FRIENDSGIVING

Gather 'round for an evening of food, fellowship and lawn games to celebrate an early Thanksgiving with the Honors College!

Nov. 18 – 22

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Join us for International Education Week to meet our various study abroad partners, learn about study abroad and travel opportunities, continue growing in global awareness and connect with other international opportunities and experiences going on at GCU!

Dec. 2 and April 7

SENIOR SEND-OFF WITH DR. BRE AND CAREER OFFICE HOURS WITH DR. MARETTE

This two-part event invites seniors to enjoy lunch and receive graduation support from Dr. Bre and the honors team. The second part is open to any Honors College student looking for career guidance from Dr. Marette. Sign up using the QR code to partake in lunch.



Dec. 5 and April 17

LOPES LAUNCH SENIOR SENDOFF CAREER FAIR

Break out your business attire and join us for an honors-focused career and internship fair. You'll have the opportunity to connect with employers across all industries seeking top talent like you.

Jan. 13

WELCOME BACK OPEN HOUSE

Happy New Year! Kick off the new semester by meeting the honors administration and student leaders while enjoying some sweet treats.

Feb. 10 – 14

INTEGRITY WEEK

"Character and Integrity" is one of the six pillars of the Honors College. We are excited to collaborate with NSCS to host this week-long campaign. Join us on the Student Union Promenade to sign the integrity pledge banner and participate in events held throughout the week.

Feb. 20

RESEARCH SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Deadline to submit to the Canyon Journal of Undergraduate Research (CJUR), Honors Showcase and the Canyon Undergraduate Research Conference (CURC).

Feb. 22

NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Join the Honors College for an interactive conference centered on elevating your leadership skills, hosted by the Leadership in Action Fellowship. Hear from inspirational leaders in the valley as they teach leadership techniques through collaborative workshops.

March 5

DE-STRESS FEST

Release your post-midterm stress with friends, activities and dessert!

March 31

CANYON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Join us as we recognize the exemplary student-faculty collaboration from the 2024-25 academic year. This interdisciplinary event will feature student-faculty research, business proposals and work-inspired projects through oral presentations and poster displays.

April 14

HONORS COLLEGE BANQUET

Celebrate the end of this academic year with celebratory hors d'oeuvres, desserts and an award ceremony hosted by the Leadership in Action Fellowship.

Want more information?

Visit GCUHonors.org to find events, programs, trip itineraries, academic resources and more.

Follow us @gcuhonors to stay current on all events.



LET'S GET IN TOUCH!

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VISIT THE HONORS LOUNGE | Engineering Building 1, Room 230





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HONORS COLLEGE

NEW IN 2024-25!

GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY

2 credits
No prerequisites

CONTACT YOUR SSC TO
ENROLL IN THE COURSE!

SCE-300
SPACE FOUNDATIONS

HON-355HN ACADEMIC JOURNAL WRITING

This course integrates individual coaching with an interactive workshop style environment. Writing guides will be provided and the teaching faculty will aid students through the writing and publication processes. The goal will be to submit the manuscript to the Canyon Journal of Undergraduate Research (CJUR) for possible publication.

- 2 CREDITS
- 8-WEEK COURSE
- MONDAYS AT 1PM

• PREREQUISITE: ENG 105 AND 106 OR EQUIVALENT

CONTACT YOUR SSC TO
ENROLL IN THE
COURSE

COM-211HN HONORS PUBLIC SPEAKING

This basic course in oral communication uses focused content to practice the principles of effective oral presentation. The lectures, speaking assignments and all written work will acquaint the student with the history, theory, practice and necessary technological literacy required for effective message building.

- 4 CREDITS
- 15-WEEK COURSE
- WED/FRI 11AM

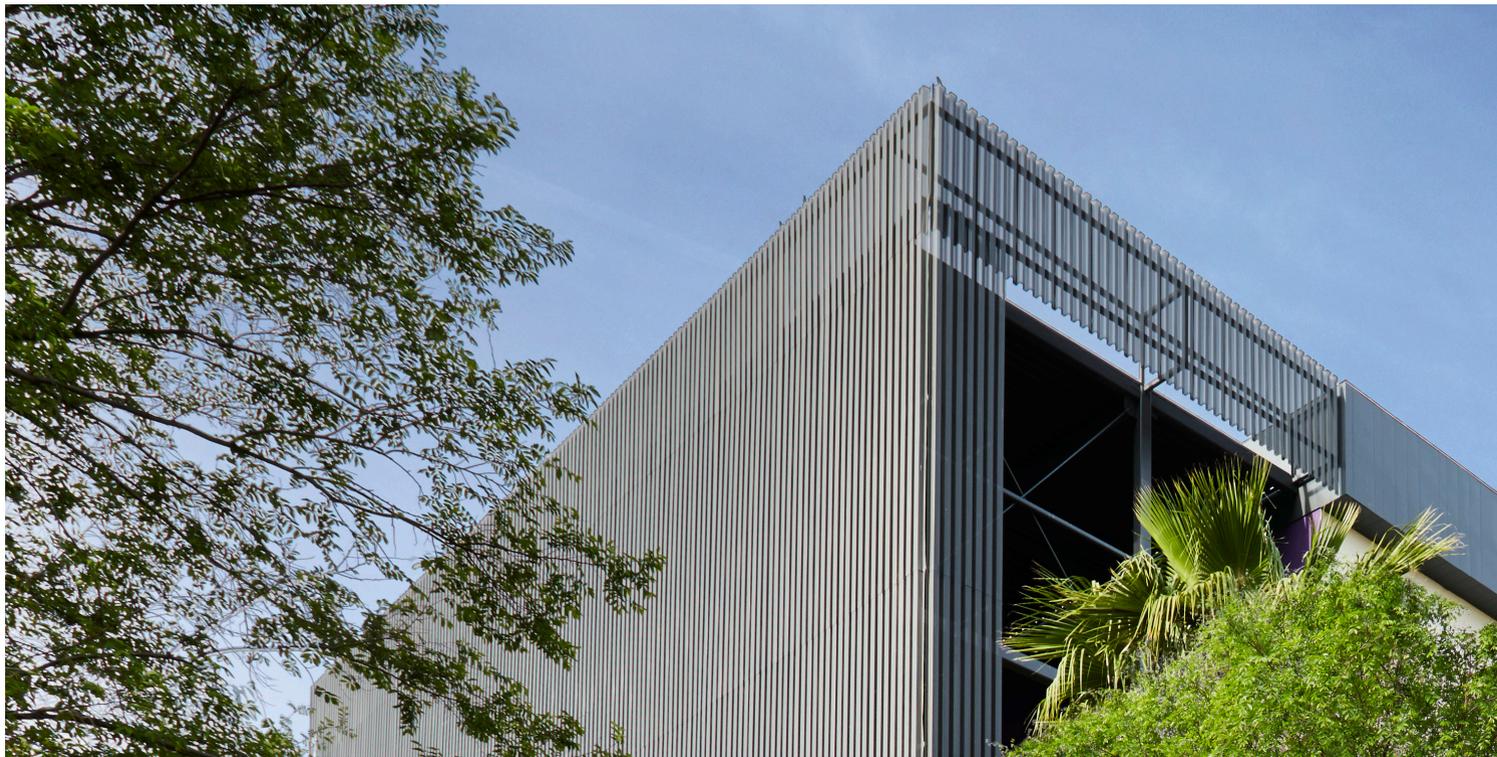
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HON-320HN COLLEGE TO CAREER MOMENTUM

Explore five approaches to leadership, develop your individual leadership philosophy and learn about the important mindset shifts from student to young professional. Create your career plan, work on building your resilience in the face of challenges and get introduced to lesser-known career and professional environment navigation skills.

- 2 CREDITS
- 15-WEEK COURSE
- TUESDAYS AT 3PM
- PREREQUISITE: HON-110

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HONORS COLLEGE

Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLCCommission.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. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at <https://www.gcu.edu/academics/academicpolicies.php>. The information printed in this material is accurate as of AUGUST 2024. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit [gcu.edu](https://www.gcu.edu). Approved by the Program Coordinator of the Honors College on Aug. 13, 2024. ©2024 Grand Canyon University 24HOI0039

