

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY™



COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

Theology Programs

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COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

GCU's College of Theology serves students across our interdenominational university who aspire to serve as ministers and Christian leaders. Our conviction is that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, true and authoritative Word of God. This belief shapes all that we do and say while providing a firm foundation for theological discussion and ministerial preparation. The gospel of Jesus Christ brings unity within a learning environment where Christians of all backgrounds feel welcome.

Grand Canyon Theological Seminary at Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools.

OUR COVENANTAL COMMUNITY

GROWING YOUR FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

In the College of Theology, students grow within our unique covenantal community. Together, students develop Christian character, moral integrity and core Christian truths that go hand in hand in effective ministry. Our community is devoted to the Lord and celebrates biblical, theological and moral bases that help cultivate a spirit of cooperation for our next-generation disciples. The college is an evangelical institution within an interdenominational university, which affords students a unique opportunity to study in a context shaped by Christian unity and denominational diversity.

COVENANTAL VS. MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

A missional community may be understood as a community of people strategically united in carrying out a mission that centers on following Jesus Christ in word and in deed. Missional communities differ from what may be called covenant communities, in which all members of a school commit to affirming and practicing the same faith. Our college represents an exception to this general strategy since we serve to prepare ministers and Christian leaders. For this reason, it is vital that all theology faculty and students are united in their affirmation of the essential doctrines of the faith and committed by covenant to a lifestyle consistent with those doctrines. In this way, the college is able to make a unique contribution to the larger missional culture of the university. This situation also affords theology students and faculty unique opportunities for ministry and service that are not available within institutions that only permit people of like mind and faith to participate in the community.

GUIDING PILLARS



Gospel Centered



Church Focused



Missions Oriented

Grand Canyon Theological Seminary (GCTS) and the College of Theology embrace and support GCU's Doctrinal and Ethical Positions Statements, which affirm belief in the triune nature of God and the full deity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. The statement also reinforces the belief that salvation comes through Jesus Christ and love for God and each other.

IS VOCATIONAL MINISTRY MY CALLING?

All Christians have been called to follow Jesus faithfully. Some are uniquely called to serve him as pastors, missionaries and other types of leaders within the church or Christian organizations. This may be described as a call to vocational ministry.

A vocational call can seem mysterious, but those who are called to this sort of service can discern their calling by considering the following:

- Has God gifted me for a career in ministry and service?
- Has God placed a desire in my heart to minister?
- I love God and his Word (the Bible); has God gifted me to teach his Word?
- Do I love God's people (the church)?
- Have God's people recognized and affirmed my gifts and my calling?
- Have God's people granted me opportunities to serve within the church in order to develop my gifts and clarify my calling?
- Am I above reproach morally and is my character in good order?
- Do I have a good reputation among those outside the church?
- Am I willing to surrender to the calling that God has placed on my life?



Foundational University Documents and the

COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY COVENANT

Grand Canyon University is proud to remain true to our **Christian identity and mission** while warmly welcoming students from all backgrounds and faith traditions.

Affirmation of the Foundational

DOCUMENTS AND COVENANT

All Christians are called to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ, but ministers are specially called to live as exemplars of this lifestyle. Thus, the college asks all its students and faculty to affirm these foundational documents as well as the Covenant with their signature.

The College of Theology Covenant outlines basic biblical and theological principles expected from our students and staff. This covenant underscores the vital connection between Christian faith and Christian life.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE GCU

BIBLICALLY GROUNDED

As part of an interdenominational community, students learn, share and grow alongside a variety of people whose faith, foundations and philosophies are also built upon Christian practices and values.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Students can advance beyond academic development and become a spiritual leader in every facet of life—personally, professionally and spiritually. Chapel, The Gathering and Life Groups meet on a weekly basis, offering students an environment where Christians and non-Christians alike can grow and explore their faith.

PRACTICAL FOCUS

A variety of emphases are available, offering the opportunity for students to serve in specialized ministerial roles for global missions, urban communities, youth and more. Courses such as “Biblical Interpretation” and “Ministerial Communication” prepare students for real ministry occupations. Hands-on experience in public speaking and presenting empowers students to practice and receive feedback in a safe, comfortable environment before doing so on a larger stage.

Available emphases include:

- **Biblical Studies**
- **Global Ministry**
- **Media and Production Ministry**
- **Philosophy**
- **Worship Leadership**
- **Worship Ministry**
- **Youth Ministry**

Visit [gcu.edu/theology](https://www.gcu.edu/theology) for more information.

LIVING FAITH

Our Living Faith blog explores a variety of biblical, theological and practical topics written by College of Theology faculty and other special guests. Find wisdom, seek advice and discover a variety of perspectives that inspire and challenge.

Read and engage with our Living Faith blog at [gcu.edu/COTBlog](https://www.gcu.edu/COTBlog)

CULTURE OF WORSHIP AND OUTREACH

- **Guest Speakers:** Local and national Christian leaders share wisdom during speaking events on campus and via livestream. At the Pastors' Roundtable we invite local church leaders to discuss current theological issues.
- **Missions:** Projects and adventures through **local and global outreach**, Spiritual Life Foundation and mission trips across the country and around the world provide opportunities to make an impact at GCU.
- **Chapel and The Gathering Services:** These powerful weekly worship experiences feature student-led worship bands, guest speakers and GCU leaders sharing God's Word and truth as they teach from the Bible. Chapel is streamed live each week and available for replay on GCU's YouTube channel.
- **Life Groups:** These weekly Bible studies are held by Life Leaders to provide Christian leadership centered around building relationships for on-campus and commuter students.
- **Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies:** JBTS is an academic journal that is edited by GCU faculty and focused on the Bible and theology from an interdenominational point of view. This journal seeks to model theological research and writing for students.
- **Church Involvement:** Our **Ministry Connection** unites churches and other ministries with students in the College of Theology by providing opportunities to meet our students. They also offer opportunities for students to find internship prospects and positions in ministry.

Affordable Tuition

Our college is committed to providing theological education that is accessible and affordable for underserved groups, bi-vocational ministers and denominations.



CENTER FOR WORSHIP ARTS

Follow a Love for Jesus Christ and Passion for Music

The Center for Worship Arts was built in 2015 specifically for our worship arts students. It provides them with the unique opportunity to perform and lead exciting and transformative worship services among peers. At the center, students develop the skills to guide others in Christian prayer and devotion through the power of musical performance and production. The recording studio can also be utilized to record a single, EP or LP album.

VCU RECORDING STUDIO

This facility provides students with a laboratory environment where musical ideas come to life and students learn the art of audio recording. Students, staff and artists come together in finding their purpose to share their love for music and the gospel.

Learn more at vcu.edu/RecordingStudio

SONGWRITERS LOUNGE

The GCU Songwriters Lounge is a place to relax and collaborate as students develop their spiritual gifts. Worship arts students meet here for songwriting, group project work, Bible study, academic study and any other activities related to worship arts. Additional worship lab experiences are also hosted in this space.



“The recording studio has allowed me to pursue my dreams by creating an environment where I can freely create and grow as an artist. Working with industry professionals who not only care about my music but also care about me has been key in pursuing my dreams.”

Jason Henshaw, Class of 2020



CANYON WORSHIP

Canyon Worship is a yearly recording project carried out by the Center for Worship Arts. The project entails the production and release of a full-length album of original worship music created by students in the worship arts program. Recording takes place on campus in the GCU Recording Studio.

Visit CanyonWorship.gcu.edu to hear original music, watch lyric videos and download sheet music from Canyon Worship.

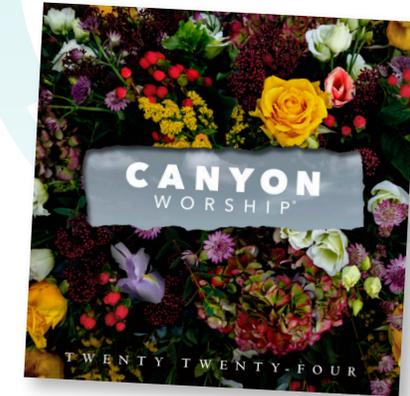
One Passion. One Voice. One Purpose.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WORSHIP ARTS

The Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts degree program is designed to develop Christian leaders through worship and prepare students for careers in contemporary worship ministry and performance. Upon graduation, students will have developed a strong foundation of biblical and theological knowledge and will be skilled in worship leadership, musical performance and production. This career-focused program prepares graduates to work and serve in any church congregation size.

WORSHIP ARTS EMPHASES:

- **Worship Ministry:** This hands-on program provides opportunities to work with industry experts, worship leaders and academic scholars who may serve as mentors. It provides students with access to a professional recording studio, training with live audio and more!
- **Media and Production Ministry:** Students develop comprehensive theological and biblical understandings while engaging in songwriting, performance and production skills development in lighting, media and sound. Graduates may creatively direct, coordinate and lead worship services through all aspects of production.



PROGRAMS

- **Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry** provides students with a well-rounded theological education. Courses in the program focus on personal and professional spiritual formation, allowing students to clarify their calling to serve God and find their own pastoral identity. Ministry internships completed within the program offer students the opportunity to connect doctrine and knowledge learned in classes with practical experience under the supervision of a seasoned gospel minister in the context of local churches and ministries. This program includes four distinctive labs that deliver hands-on training.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies** develops students into Christian leaders. This is the ideal program for students who wish to gain a biblical, theological and practical training for various roles. Students gain knowledge of the Bible, theology, ethics and philosophy to share wisdom and encouragement with God's people while interpreting Scripture and providing faithful pastoral leadership.



CHRISTIAN STUDIES EMPHASES:

- **Biblical Studies:** Learn how to draw out the truth of Scripture and communicate it clearly to various audiences, from children to youth groups and adults.
- **Global Ministry:** Gain in-depth knowledge of global issues, ethics and biblical applications for sensitive and diverse environments.
- **Philosophy:** Develop the strong ethical and ideological identity required to share Christian knowledge and spiritual teaching in a variety of public arenas. Students learn to strengthen ministry with historical awareness.
- **Worship Leadership:** Explore the gospel's implications through contemporary worship, deepen understanding of God's Word and develop communication skills.
- **Youth Ministry:** Develop knowledge, leadership skills and experience communicating God's Word to students, while preparing to care for them during their formative years. Emphasis is placed on recognizing times of crisis in young people's lives.

BARNABAS PASTORAL PROGRAM



Students who qualify for the accelerated pathway may also be eligible to take part in the Barnabas Pastoral Program. This unique opportunity is an accelerated pastoral degree pathway designed for young men and women preparing for vocational, pastoral ministry within the context of a local church.

This program exists to serve local churches by strategically educating and preparing pastoral leaders to meet the needs of the churches in Phoenix, the southwest U.S. and beyond.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Fifth-year, full-tuition scholarships
- Co-curricular and post-curricular elements in order to form students holistically and professionally for missional, gospel-centered ministry
- Internship and mentorship opportunities by faculty and local ministers
- Hands-on experience working in the local church

ACCELERATED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE TO MASTER OF DIVINITY

This pathway is designed to prepare students on campus for ministry in a church or Christian organization by allowing them to earn two degrees in as little as five years.

To find out more info, visit gcu.edu/Barnabas



GRAND CANYON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

At GCU, students can pursue graduate-level opportunities in Grand Canyon Theological Seminary (GCTS), an interdenominational, evangelical seminary that prepares godly leaders for a lifetime of faithful ministry rooted in biblical truth, sound theology and practical wisdom.

GCTS of GCU has been granted full accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).

For more information, visit ats.edu

GCTS offers the following advanced programs and emphases:

Master of Arts in:

- **Christian Leadership**
- **Christian Ministry**
- **Urban Ministry**
- **Youth and Family Ministry**



MASTER OF ARTS: SEMINARY TRACK

An accelerated version of the Master of Arts program, the MA seminary track is designed for students who have completed a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies or a Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts at GCU or for non-GCU students who have completed a baccalaureate degree in an appropriate field.

The MA seminary track requires successful completion of 32 credit hours versus 38 credit hours required in the non-accelerated versions (two fundamentals courses are waived on the basis of an appropriate baccalaureate background).



MASTER OF DIVINITY

If you feel called to care for others and share the Word of God through your actions and teachings, then Grand Canyon Theological Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) program can equip you to fulfill your calling.

Our program now offers new benefits along with our in-depth ministry training and a solid foundation in biblical and theological studies. This curriculum empowers and prepares Christian leaders for their future vocational ministry. Other advantages include:

- Deepening your knowledge and understanding of the Bible and sound doctrine
- Developing spiritually and growing in depth of character
- Three-year program (82 credit hours)
- Newly built apartments located close to classrooms, with 50% off room rate during the program¹
- Reduced tuition cost (\$300 per credit hour for on-campus and commuter students throughout the duration of the MDiv program)²
- Grand Canyon Theological Seminary

¹ Age restrictions may apply to be eligible for housing.

² GTR Master of Divinity MOU 2518: For this scholarship to be applied you must be enrolled full-time into a Ground Traditional Master of Divinity program and meet all GCU admissibility requirements. Once secured, this scholarship may be renewed annually for up to a maximum of four years if you maintain continuous full-time enrollment on the Traditional campus. This scholarship cannot be combined with any other GCU scholarships. If you are unable to start your program and/or unable to successfully complete your first semester, your scholarship will be forfeited.

POST-MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY:

- Introductory to Biblical Languages Certificate

ACADEMIC MINOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Our various minor degree programs help traditional students maximize their education and potentially give them a competitive advantage in today's workforce. A minor is earned in conjunction with a major degree and provides specialization within an academic area. Students can use their elective credits toward a minor degree and use it as a graduate school application differentiator.

Visit gcu.edu/minors for more information.



TAKE THESE NEXT STEPS

1



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

2



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

3



Upon acceptance visit campus
(all-expenses-paid¹
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 an admissions counselor.

855-428-7884 | [gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions](https://www.gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions)

¹Travel reimbursement is only available to accepted prospective traditional campus students, 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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