

CAMPUS OVERVIEW



FIND YOUR PURPOSE

GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY®

PRIVATE. CHRISTIAN. AFFORDABLE.

Getting to Know **GCU**

Grand Canyon University has been helping students find their purpose and achieve their potential for over 65 years. It's an exciting time for our university as we are in the midst of campus expansion and community transformation with an ongoing commitment to progressive academic excellence. Experience why GCU is Arizona's premier private Christian university.

HISTORY

The incredible growth of Grand Canyon University began in Prescott, AZ in 1949. Founded by a Southern Baptist Church, the once Grand Canyon College relocated to West Phoenix in 1951 and eventually transitioned into Grand Canyon University. The university focused on Christian studies, and then began to build a reputation in education, nursing, health care and the fine arts.

In the early 2000s, GCU began to struggle to maintain its operations due to dwindling financial support. GCU was teetering on the verge of insolvency, facing the prospect of bankruptcy. A small group of investors acquired the university to develop a new mission and implement an innovative online model. Then the university recruited a new management team, led by President Brian Mueller and Dr. Stan Meyer, chief operating officer, to impart a vision that helps both online and on-campus traditional students prepare for their futures.

GCU significantly invested in building a campus and increasing the student body. Since 2009, GCU has experienced a nearly \$1.6 billion expansion of the campus through new technologies, classrooms, laboratories, athletics and student amenities.¹ Program offerings continue to expand as well, including in the high-demand STEM areas of engineering, computer science, computer programming and information technology.

In 2018, GCU began a transition back to nonprofit status, with the goal of returning to our historical roots. This is the story of transformation and dramatic change that turned GCU into Arizona's premier, private Christian university in the heart of Phoenix.



ABOUT GCU

Today, GCU helps approximately 22,000² ground students find their purpose. GCU offers 299 programs, including 134 degree programs, 129 emphases and 36 certificate programs.³ GCU's 275-acre campus includes new residence halls, popular eateries, an engineering building as well as state-of-the-art athletic facilities like GCU Stadium, the Canyon Activity Complex, Esports Arena and more.

¹ 2009-June 2021

² Fall 2020

³ As of September 30, 2021



Era of **TRANSFORMATION**

Since GCU overcame financial hardship, our university found itself in a strong place to not only serve as a premier Christian university, but to give back to the community.

Missions Statement

To serve, support, and educate the GCU community. We carry out this mission by hosting events, presentations, training and conducting surveys related to areas of diversity, multiculturalism, equity, and inclusion.

CORE VALUES

Education
Collaboration
Advocacy
Cultural
Competency

Purpose. Partnership. A Mission. A Vision.

UNITED BY PURPOSE

United by Purpose is an initiative that tells our story—to share the transformation of GCU and the surrounding community. We are called on for more than just academic excellence. Our students, faculty and staff use the tools given to them for the immediate improvement of our community. Our university and the collaborative efforts of our partnerships are inspiring a revival in West Phoenix.

OUR UNIVERSITY'S FIVE-POINT PLAN

President Brian Mueller asks the university and surrounding neighborhoods to imagine a West Phoenix community that thrives. As a fast-growing university with an expanding campus, we have the capacity to enrich the neighborhood. We envision West Phoenix to be a better place to live and work by implementing these initiatives to support our five-point plan.

- **Developing a STEM workforce** and creating local employment opportunities
- **Ensuring that a quality college education** is attainable for all
- **Keeping campus safe** through crime prevention, our partnership with the City of Phoenix Police and GCU's own independent police department under the direction of the former Phoenix chief of police
- **Revitalizing the Canyon Corridor** through CityServe – GCU's unprecedented partnership with Habitat for Humanity – which offers aid to local communities through food distribution, home improvement and other outreach projects
- **Creating jobs**, investing in entrepreneurship and supporting local business opportunities through the Lopes Kingdom Fund



GCU'S SIX COMMITMENTS FOR REWARDING EXPERIENCES

1. Start Strong, Finish Strong

Student success and wellbeing are top priorities at GCU. A wide range of resources are available around campus to support our Lopes, from academic assistance to student health.

2. Early Graduation

We offer fast-track options for students to accelerate their path toward graduation. Graduating early means students pay less tuition and overall college expenses.

3. Low Student Debt

GCU offers generous scholarships to help make a college education more accessible. With the help of institutional scholarships, the average campus student only pays \$8,900¹ in annual tuition, lowering the cost by just under half.¹

GCU students graduate with less debt on average (a low of \$25,538 - 2018-19)² than the average at public universities with an average of \$27,539 (2018-19) and also lower than private non-profit universities with an average of \$33,389 (2018-19), according to the Institute for College Access and Success.³

¹ 2020-21 academic year

² Average student loan debt is calculated by taking only undergraduate students with student loan debt (borrowed by graduates) who have graduated in the 2018-19 Award Year into consideration.

³ Retrieved from College Insight, Student Debt of Graduating Seniors in March 2021

4. Home Away From Home

61% of GCU's traditional campus students are from out of state¹. Students have over 120 academic, professional, social and recreational clubs¹ to choose from, plus many other organizations, sports and activities. GCU's independent police and public safety departments ensure the safety of our students 24 hours a day.

¹ Q3 2020; percentages rounded to nearest whole number

5. Real-World Experience

GCU also serves as the parent organization of ten enterprises on campus:

- Canyon 49 Grill
- Canyon Pizza Co.
- Canyon Promotions
- GCU Ad Agency
- GCU Golf Course
- GCU Hotel
- Grand Canyon Beverage Company
- Lope Shops
- Pro Shop
- The Lope House Restaurant

Students receive valuable hands-on experience within these enterprises and learn to use business as a means for good in their communities.

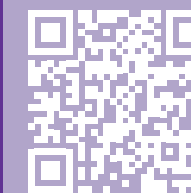
6. One Application

Secondary acceptance requires an additional application, a second review of previously submitted materials and/or a minimum GPA requirement. At GCU, most incoming students are accepted into their program of study without a secondary review, with the exception of our nursing and athletic training programs, which require secondary acceptance due to clinical restrictions.

¹ 2019-20

LOPE LIVE LABS

Collectively, these applied learning labs represent on-campus locations where students learn, gain access to industry opportunities and experience their education coming to life.



Canyon 49 Grill: Canyon 49 is a favorite GCU local hangout with delicious food, live entertainment, a private dining space and an outdoor patio.

Canyon Pizza Co.: As the go-to spot for students and faculty, Canyon Pizza Co. strives to serve pizza with purpose by creating delicious food and an unforgettable experience.

Canyon Promotions: Canyon Promotions is GCU's service provider for producing and delivering promotional items and custom-branded merchandise.

GCU Ad Agency: Working at the GCU Ad Agency offers students hands-on experience in a world-class agency setting. Students have the opportunity to work with real clients on a variety of projects while receiving mentorship and building their portfolios.

GCU Golf Course, The Lope House Restaurant and Pro Shop: Our championship golf course offers 7,200 yards of premium greens and a 22,000 square foot clubhouse featuring The Lope House restaurant, a fully equipped pro shop and a luxury event space.

GCU Hotel: The GCU Hotel provides affordable yet luxurious accommodations, including 155 total rooms, a resort-style pool and hot tub, poolside cabanas and an outdoor fire pit.

Grand Canyon University Beverage Company: GCBC is a "by students, for students" organization, with all profits being redistributed back into the student body.

Lope Shops: Lope Shops offer a wide selection of official GCU-licensed apparel and gift items such as coffee mugs, sweatshirts, T-shirts, shorts,

2021 GCU RANKINGS

#18 Best College Campuses in America¹

#6 Best College Dorms in America²

¹ Retrieved from Niche.com 2022 Best College Campuses in America in August 2021

² Niche.com 2021 college rankings

Our Christian **WORLDVIEW**

BUILT UPON A BIBLICALLY ROOTED MISSION

We believe that quality education and faith can coexist in the 21st century. This means we integrate faith and aspects of our distinctive Christian worldview into everything we do. Christian principles are incorporated into the classroom to encourage students to shape their own perspectives. Values-based curriculum further helps students cultivate morality, ethics and compassion for their careers and lives.

ONE FOUNDATION UPHOLDS OUR MISSION

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

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 students an environment where Christians and non-Christians alike can grow and explore their faith.



DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

GCU embraces a biblical worldview, meaning we feel a responsibility to follow the commandments of loving God and our neighbor. Our community values pursuing truth and believes that this truth can only be found through respecting a variety of viewpoints, backgrounds and ideas. We strive to provide an environment where learners can openly discuss, debate and safely express their ideas.

OUR COMMUNITY BY THE NUMBERS ¹

- 50.98% White
- 28.38% Hispanic or Latino
- 6.35% Black
- 6.18% Two or More Races
- 3.82% Asian
- 2.79% Race and Ethnicity Unknown
- 0.79% Native America / Alaska Native
- 0.71% Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

¹Traditional Campus Undergraduate Student Race 2015-2019. Rounded to the nearest hundredth.

GET IN TOUCH
WANT TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED?
CONNECT WITH US TODAY!

To stay up to date with the latest news and to see upcoming events, follow us on Instagram: @GCU_Multicultural

For general questions, email: multiculturaloffice@gcu.edu

GCU
DIVERSITY AND
INCLUSION

Distinct Academic EXPERIENCE

GCU's programs are designed to provide students with dynamic curricula, hands-on learning and engaging classroom experiences to create exceptional career readiness. GCU offers 299 programs, including 134 degree programs, 129 emphases and 36 certificate programs.¹

ACADEMIC DIFFERENTIATORS

At Grand Canyon University, we differentiate ourselves from other schools through our Christian worldview, instructor focus, teaching methods, equipment access and extracurricular opportunities.

COMMUNITY

Our students, faculty, staff and executive leadership team work to bring together different disciplines, life experiences and cultural backgrounds to foster an innovative and collaborative community.

THE GCU DIFFERENCE

Hands-On Access to facilities for all undergraduate students. All resources are available to students as early as freshman year and are not split between students and graduate students or researchers

Living Learning Community for students who want to live among peers with similar interests like enrollment in the honors college

Instructors serve as mentors for student teams designing a product or starting a business.

GCU waives intellectual property rights, meaning that students can use shops and labs to create anything and they will maintain ownership of it.

The Cyber Center of Excellence is a training center focused on teaching people how to stop and investigate cyberattacks, and is another space for students to collaborate and receive industry-driven, hands-on experience.

Canyon Ventures is a GCU-developed coworking space that invites real local businesses and start-ups to use GCU's facilities and offer extraordinary opportunities for our students to gain real-world experience and earn internship or job positions.

Research & Design Program (RDP) projects are student-driven ideas supported by a faculty advisor to drive the next technologies, products and services to support communities in need.

LOPE LIVE LABS

GCU values project-based, hands-on learning with out-of-the-classroom methods such as within our Lopes Live Labs, where students learn, gain access to industry opportunities and experience their education coming to life.

INSTRUCTOR'S FOCUS

Our faculty (not graduate assistants) teach so that students learn directly from experts in their field. We believe in using our students as resources to solve real-world problems, as evidenced by the 2,000+ student workers² employed across multiple departments.

¹ As of September 30, 2021

² Student workers employed by GCU and Grand Canyon Education as of July 2019

EARLY EXPOSURE TO MAJOR COURSES

Exposure to major courses during their first year gives students the opportunity to disperse general education courses across their program of study. Our minor degree programs are designed to augment students' current skillsets and prepare them for employment.

GENERAL EDUCATION

GCU's general education program is structured to create leaders who make significant contributions in their communities. Students in all aspects of problem-solving, communication, critical thinking and evidence-based decision making.

CO-CURRICULAR

Our programming empowers students to put theory into practice through an interactive, hands-on approach. Our agile education pathways promote internships, experimental research in 3D printing and more. Students participate in competitions such as the Canyon Challenge, where they present a business plan to win a share of venture prize money.

➔ Explore all program offerings at gcu.edu/DegreePrograms

EQUIPMENT ACCESS

Our STEM department features the most up-to-date technology and applications with an industry-driven curriculum. Makerspaces, state-of-the-art labs, manufacturing facilities and shops are available to lower and upperclassmen to use for their projects and creations.

EXTRACURRICULAR

GCU encourages students to participate in groups and clubs, many of which are industry-specific with a focus on preparing learners for the real world. Students have access to guest speakers, social and academic learning communities and networking opportunities. Our service-oriented culture allows students to change lives through outreach programs and events.

COLLEGES

Colangelo College of Business

College of Doctoral Studies

College of Education

College of Arts and Media

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

College of Theology

GCU Honors College

Our colleges prepare students with the essential skills and knowledge base for success in the job market. Our student services counselors work closely with students to ensure they pursue a path that aligns with their interests and career goals. We encourage students to explore these areas of study as they choose their major:

- Business and Management
- Criminal, Political and Social Sciences
- Engineering and Technology
- Language and Communications
- Medical Studies and Sciences
- Nursing and Health Care
- Performing Arts and Creative Design
- Psychology and Counseling
- Teaching and School Administration
- Theology and Ministry

ACADEMIC MINOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Our minor degree programs help traditional students maximize their education and give them a competitive advantage in the workforce. A well-chosen minor can bolster current skillsets and potentially help a student to stand out during the interview process. 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.

➤ For a full list of minors, visit gcu.edu/minors



Our STEM MISSION and VISION

The College of Science, Engineering and Technology prepares students for in-demand STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) jobs by offering specialized academic programs in collaboration with industry experts and aligned with our Christian worldview. The combination of faith and learning integrates entrepreneurial mindset in technology and engineering, deepens understanding and advances inquiry in STEM fields.

DEVELOPING A STEM WORKFORCE

Employment in STEM-related occupations is estimated to grow significantly within the next ten years. In response to this uptick, our college is dedicated to developing highly skilled professionals who are equipped to enter these competitive fields. A career in STEM offers the opportunity to impact the future of innovation and cutting-edge technology.

STEM OFFERINGS

Our STEM programs offer students opportunities to pursue degrees in engineering, computer programming, computer science and information technology, as well as biology, forensic science, exercise science and more. We will continue to expand our featured degree programs and add diverse STEM offerings to meet the needs of emerging fields.

The following GCU programs are approved by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET):

- Biomedical Engineering
- Computer Science with an Emphasis in Big Data Analytics
- Computer Science with an Emphasis in Business Entrepreneurship
- Computer Science with an Emphasis in Game and Simulation Development
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

ABET is the premier accreditation organization for engineering and technology higher education. ABET accreditation will:

- Add value and prestige to your degree.
- Provide easier access to grad school programs, jobs and professional licensure.

GCU HONORS COLLEGE



The GCU Honors College represents great opportunities and even greater rewards for well-rounded high achievers, both inside the classroom and beyond. The Honors College has over 950 new and 1,450 continuing learners for a total of more than 2,400 students.¹ Honors students embark on challenging and enriching learning experiences for higher achievement in servant leadership and academic scholarship.

¹Fall 2020

HONORS COLLEGE MISSION

The Honors College is designed to produce exemplary graduates who are uniquely equipped to lead and serve in local and global communities. Academically advanced students participate in curricular and co-curricular experiences unique to the honors community. Curriculum is developed to holistically integrate faith, theory, practice and research. Our goal is to develop leading change agents who are primed to enter the workforce with a competitive advantage.



SPECIAL HONORS BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES:

- One-on-one mentoring with distinguished honors-dedicated faculty
- Honors mission trips and study abroad opportunities
- Honors diploma and designation on transcripts
- Opportunities for internships and community service learning projects
- Honors housing for freshmen in the Honors Living Learning Community
- No additional fees

The honors experience focuses on critical thinking and empowers students to move from idea to impact. Students examine real world problems and work alongside industry experts, professionals and mentors to create and apply impactful solutions. Students push their intellectual limits and explore higher levels of thinking.



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



Education Meets **AFFORDABILITY**

Here at GCU, our number one priority is our students, which is why we do everything in our power to make it affordable for them to receive a quality education. And GCU has no out-of-state tuition to further reduce costs.

The Grand Canyon University campus tuition rate has remained at \$16,500 since 2009 as part of our commitment to provide affordable, quality education.

We also offer fast-track options, as well as an accelerated bachelor's to master's program.

MAXIMIZE TIME AT GCU

Fast-track options can help students expedite their graduation date. The sooner students graduate and start a job, the sooner they can earn an income, pay off student loan debt and avoid another year of college-related expenses.

These options include:

Personal Finance Planning: Counselors can customize a fast-track path for a student to graduate in under four years. Options may include summer sessions, online learning and transfer credits (from another institution or our dual enrollment program).

Dual Enrollment: High school students can earn college credits while still in high school. These courses cost less than regular tuition and students also receive help with strategic scheduling to ensure they're on track.

Summer Session: The summer session can help students save time and money by earning college credits and receiving discounted housing rates. Full online offerings are available, so students can study from anywhere.

Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's: Students can often earn their bachelor's degree in three years and their master's degree in one¹ year, saving both time and money. Students attend classes year-round and take courses in the same format as our traditional, four-year undergraduate programs.

¹Not all graduate programs can be completed in one year

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

As part of our trusted transparency, university admissions counselors provide a personalized estimated budget for each student, along with one-on-one counseling and financial advising centered on cost effectiveness. Counselors only discuss the awards the student qualifies for and provide options to prevent overborrowing. Counselors also ensure that students understand the corresponding renewal criteria. Unlike many other universities, GCU students can renew and lock in their scholarship for all four years as long as the student maintains eligibility. These efforts are extended to make sure no student enters the university without a full understanding of their commitment and scholarship opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GCU traditional campus students received over 157 million dollars in scholarships in 2020. All of GCU's scholarships are automatically renewed every year as long as the student maintains enrollment eligibility in their program and, if necessary, maintains other eligibility requirements.

MINIMIZE STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Our university admissions counselors provide financial solutions and options tailored to each student's unique financial situation. We're committed to helping students graduate with minimal student debt by offering interest-free payment plans that begin with transparent financial discussions.

- GCU's median Parent PLUS loan debt is just over \$14,500¹
- GCU's median Parent PLUS loan debt is \$10,000 less than 50% of other higher institutions¹

¹Retrieved from College Scorecard in March 2021.



First GENERATION

GCU is dedicated to student achievement and improving student performance in the classroom by making free resources readily available and easily accessible. 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.



Online Support: The Student Success Center, located online inside HALO assists with writing, test taking, effective note taking, time management, studying and more.

ThinkingStorm: This external provider provides online tutoring services for math, writing, science, business and software.

Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Center: This resource helps students find student-worker positions, internships and job opportunities. Students have access to career tools and are coached on writing effective resumes, polishing interviewing skills, networking and more.

Nerd Herd: Nerd Herd provides on-campus technical support and troubleshooting services for computer issues. Available technicians help with hardware and software problems, including laptop repairs, system solutions and more.

Admissions and Student Services Counselors: This team is dedicated to meeting student academic and financial needs. Assigned counselors advise on university policies and procedures, keep students on track toward graduation and guide throughout all four years toward success.

Lopes Notes

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PLACE TO HANG OUT ON CAMPUS?

I absolutely love to hang out at the Diamondback Chick-fil-a! Living on the furthest side of campus it can be quite the trek to main campus, but the Chick-fil-a at Diamondback has become a great meeting point for me and my friends as we live all over campus. Plus, Colter field is right across the street and has GREAT hammock spots! – BRITTANY ANSINGH

DESCRIBE YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE LIVING ON CAMPUS.

Living on campus is such a great way to get connected to community! I met some of my best friends living in the grove freshman year. It is almost impossible to be lonely while living on campus where there are so many opportunities to meet people. – GRACE HENSON

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PLACE TO HANG OUT ON CAMPUS?

The Student Union GCBC is my favorite place to study, do homework and hang out with friends. – GRACE HENSON

Home Away FROM HOME

Living on campus is all part of the traditional college experience and GCU is ranked in top 12% for best student life in America¹. 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 introduce students to lifelong friends.

¹2020 - <https://www.niche.com/colleges/grand-canyon-university/rankings/>

LOPES LIVING ON CAMPUS

New and returning students have 21 housing options, with room and board starting at \$3,525¹ per semester. Suite-style residence halls and apartments offer all of the amenities for students to make GCU into a home away from home (approximately 68% of students live on our 275- acre campus²). Living Learning Communities are available for students who want to live in a community of peers who share their interests and academic goals. Purchasing a meal plan and participating in GCU's Dining Dollars program is required.

¹Based on suite-style, triple occupancy room plus the residence hall minimum meal plan (Canyon \$1,450 Dining Dollars per semester). Prices based on 2022-23 rate and are subject to change.

²Fall 2019

THE HERD STOP

Looking for healthy eating options and convenience? The Herd Stop has you covered. Located on the ground floor of the Antelope Apartments, this grocery 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.

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) serve the students and Life Groups take place in residence halls and apartments for all students who want to attend Bible studies.

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR FRESHMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN

Incoming student residence halls feature freshmen-only, suite-style accommodations where students have the comfort of living with peers. Options and amenities include:

- Fully furnished, single, double or triple-occupancy options
- Lobby and living room area
- Laundry facilities on every floor
- Outdoor courtyard
- Apartments also include a fully equipped kitchen



Apartment Style (shared by 4 students)

APARTMENT-STYLE LIVING

Students can upgrade their on-campus accommodations to apartment-style living. GCU is ranked as having the #1 best college dorms in Arizona in 2022,¹ according to Niche.com.

Amenities include:

- Fully equipped kitchens
- Private bathrooms
- Living room
- Laundry facilities on each floor
- Courtyard
- Open lobby
- Charcoal barbecue
- Recreational green space
- Some apartment complexes also include outdoor pools

¹Retrieved from Niche.com 2022 Best College Dorms in Arizona in November 2021



Home Away **FROM HOME**

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 established policies and extensive public safety measures to help keep our campus secure. The chief of GCU Police is the former chief of police for the City of Phoenix who brings years of experience in security and community protection. Campus security services include:

- Incident reporting system (TIPS)
- Safety escort program
- Emergency blue light phones
- R.A.V.E emergency text notifications
- AlertGCU (to communicate time-sensitive information during an emergency)

DINING

The GCU campus offers 22 different dining options, including:

- Chick-fil-A®
- Einstein Bros. Bagels
- Nekter Juice Bar
- Panda Express®
- Panera Bread
- Qdoba Mexican Grill®
- Subway®
- Taco Bell®
- The Habit® Burger Grill

For a quick snack, students can head to Jamba Juice®. Healthy options are available at Fresh Fusion, Pita Jungle, The Grid and the Lopes Natural Mart at Chaparral Hall. The Lopes Marts at Agave and Juniper Hall both offer a convenient one-stop shop for campus essentials.

LOPE LIFE

Campus, commuter 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 OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

Students have access to adventure, fellowship, environmental stewardship, leadership development and outdoor education.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Campus involvement thrives at GCU among students, faculty and staff. Students can enhance their learning experiences by making a difference as a member of a club in any of these organizations:

- Professional Student Organizations
- University Social Organizations
- University Ministry Organizations

Clubs, organizations and student groups also provide leadership opportunities for students on a mission to serve others, from the campus to the community. By taking advantage of these opportunities, students can prepare for a future in leadership and make a lasting impression during their time here.



To learn more about the clubs and organizations at GCU, visit gcu.edu/Clubs



CAMPUS LIFE

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, including:

- Welcome Week
- New Student Orientation
- Family Week
- Winterfest (celebrate the holidays with ice skating, hot chocolate and more!)
- Lip Sync
- GCU Tedx (live speakers and exciting TEDTalks videos)

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 with 24/7 security guards.

- Fitness centers are equipped with treadmills, stationary bikes, strength equipment and free weights. Some centers offer classes such as Zumba, yoga and boot camp.
- The Canyon Activity Center is a nearly 135,000-square-foot athletic facility that houses 10 full-size basketball courts and volleyball courts, each of which has its own scorecard for individual games and tournaments. The center 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 Thunder Alley, where students can bowl, play games like pool, ping pong and air hockey and relax in lounge areas with big screen TVs.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Spiritual Life supports students by providing opportunities such as:

- Bible study
- Connection
- Discipleship
- Engagement
- Spiritual leadership
- Worship

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 local churches and organizations.

Students can also join GCU programs such as:

- GO Nights
- Global Connect
- Global Tour
- International Student Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- And more!

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.



LOCAL AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

CGCU is strongly committed to guiding students to become compassionate servant leaders.

We work with nonprofit agencies such as:

- American Cancer Society
- Hopefest
- Phoenix Rescue Mission
- The Phoenix Dream Center

Our own signature events include:

- Canyon Cares
- Fight to Right Children's Cancer
- Salute Our Troops
- Serve the City

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Since 2015, GCU volunteers have been revitalizing local neighborhoods by renovating and building homes as part of GCU's unprecedented partnership with Habitat for Humanity. GCU and their partners collaborated to renovate over 300 homes and complete over 800 repairs¹ and positively impact the lives of families who call West Phoenix home.

¹January 2015 to February 2021

GCU students have traveled to Costa Rica, Honduras, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Thailand and more!



To learn more about Lope Life events and activities, visit events.gcu.edu

ATHLETICS *and* SPORTS

GET IN THE GAME!

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.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS TEAMS:

- 16-inch Softball
- 3-on-3 Basketball
- Flag Football
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Sand Volleyball
- Soccer
- Spikeball
- Ultimate Frisbee

HAVOCS

GAME DAY AND HAVOCS

Our progressive 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, the most spirited student section in the WAC, 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.

“The student section at Grand Canyon University is the biggest party in college basketball.”
—SB Nation¹

¹Retrieved from SB Nation, The student section at Grand Canyon University is the biggest party in college basketball in January 2016

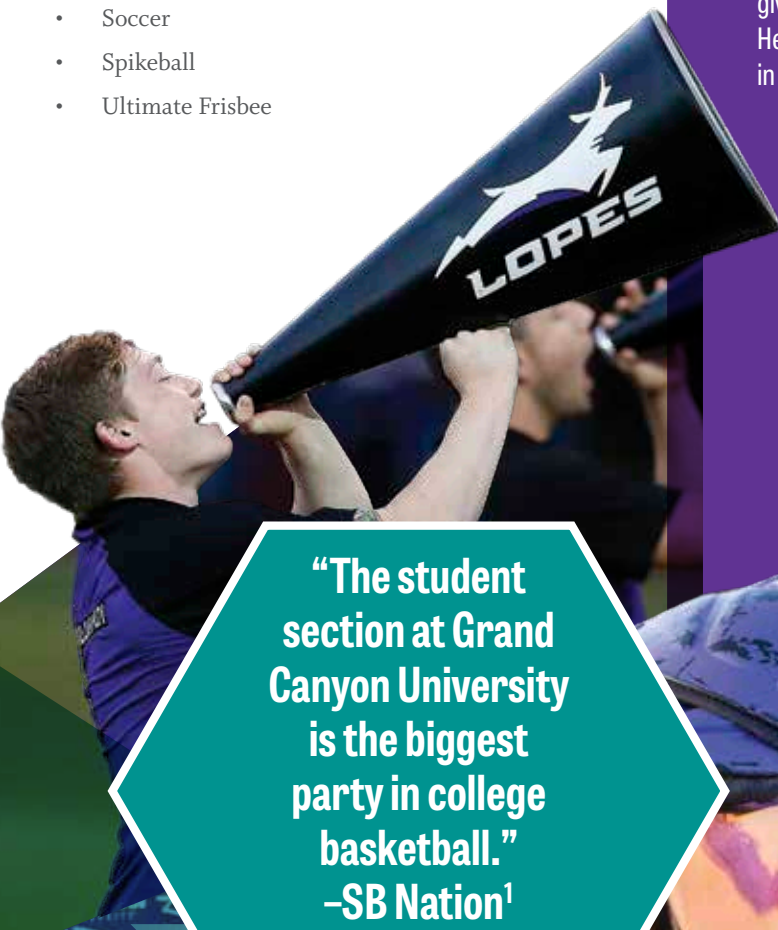
LOPES RISING

GCU has a rich history of athletic success including eight National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championships and back-to-back Learfield Directors’ Cups in 2011-12 and 2012-13 as the top-performing NCAA Division II athletics department. In 2017, GCU completed its four-year transition to the most elite level of intercollegiate athletics — NCAA Division I. As a D-I school in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), GCU has won three Commissioner’s Cups for the conference’s most successful school competitively and two Academic Excellence Awards as the WAC’s top department academically. The Lopes have made many appearances in the NCAA Tournament including men’s basketball, baseball and men’s and women’s soccer.

ATHLETIC ACCOLADES AND DEVELOPMENTS

- GCU has cultivated a culture of champions, from competing in the NAIA for four decades to their rise through the Division II ranks to winning conference championships at the Division I level.¹
- Lopes have claimed 40 WAC championships (1998-2021) and 10 National championships (1975-2012).¹
- Our Division I athletic program expansion continued with the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) announcement² of GCU’s addition to their roster as one of five universities chosen.

¹June 2019 – gculopes.com/sports
²January 2021 – gculopes.com/news



To learn more, visit gcu.edu/campusrec

COMPETITIVE COLLEGE CLUB SPORTS

Club sports offer a great opportunity for students to excel at their passions outside of the classroom and be part of national athletic communities. Nearly 2,000 unique athletes participate in 30 different sports.¹

¹2019-20

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.

Club sports dues cover:

- Uniforms
- Practice facilities
- Coaching
- Athletic training
- And more!

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

GCUClubSports.com

CLUB SPORTS



Our club sports teams include:

- A capella
- Artistic Swim
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Bowling
- CrossFit
- Esports
- Flag Football¹
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Powerlifting
- Rugby
- Running
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spikeball
- Spirit
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Wrestling

¹Not offered to both genders at this time



Adventures *in* the SOUTHWEST



Sedona, AZ

Phoenix, AZ



Antelope Canyon, Page, AZ

For both Arizona natives and visitors, the Grand Canyon state and city of Phoenix will always amaze and offer something new to discover. Our sunsets are beautiful. The Sonoran Desert is a natural playground for hiking, biking and camping. Towns from Sedona to Flagstaff are home to distinctive natural beauty and unique things to do.



Flagstaff, AZ



Havasupai Falls, Grand Canyon, AZ

Grand Canyon National Park, AZ



VALLEY OF THE SUN

GCU is located right in the heart of Phoenix. This metropolis offers a wide range of restaurants, entertainment, annual events and popular outdoor destinations to hike, bike, camp and explore. Discovering everything that Phoenix has to offer is all part of the experience of moving away from home and venturing into a new city.

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.

ARIZONA OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING:

- Antelope Canyon
- Arizona Cardinals (NFL)
- Arizona Coyotes (NHL)
- Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB)
- Arizona Rattlers (Arena Football)
- Arizona Snowbowl
- Arizona State Fair
- ATV rentals
- Camelback Mountain
- Fossil Creek
- Four Corners Monument
- Grand Canyon
- Havasupai Falls
- Horseshoe Bend
- Jerome
- Kartchner Caverns State Park
- Lake Havasu
- Lake Pleasant
- Lake Powell
- London Bridge
- Lowell Observatory
- Montezuma Castle
- O.K. Corral in Tombstone
- Out of Africa Wildlife Park
- Phoenix Suns (NBA)
- Piestewa Peak
- Sedona
- Skydive Arizona
- Sunrise Park Resort
- Tonto National Bridge Park

Explore PHOENIX



PHOENIX EVENTS

Phoenix offers fun events happening year-round:

- Arizona Fine Art Expo
- Arizona State Fair
- Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction
- Cactus Bowl
- Fiesta Bowl
- First Fridays Art Walk
- Las Noches de las Luminarias
- MLB Spring Training

- Rock 'n Roll Arizona Marathon
- Waste Management Phoenix Open
- Phoenix International Raceway
- Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show
- Scottsdale Culinary Festival
- Scottsdale International Film Festival
- Tempe Festival of the Arts
- Zoolights at the Phoenix Zoo

PHOENIX ACTIVITIES

As the desert's bustling metro, Phoenix is full of diverse things to do. There are plenty of activities for all interests, whether you want to try something new or plan to entertain guests during a fun weekend.

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| Arizona Science Center | Musical Instrument Museum |
| Butterfly Wonderland | Octane Raceway |
| Desert Botanical Garden | OdySea Aquarium |
| Heard Museum | Phoenix Art Museum |
| iFLY Indoor Skydiving | Phoenix Zoo |
| Lucky Strike Bowling | Topgolf |

SHOPPING IN PHOENIX

The Valley of the Sun has national chains, unique destination stores and world-class designer shops, including:

- Biltmore Fashion Park
- CityScape Phoenix
- Kierland Commons
- Last Chance
- Scottsdale Fashion Square
- Scottsdale Quarter
- Tanger Outlet Westgate

PHOENIX DINING

Whatever your culinary preference, there are variety of eateries to satisfy your appetite, such as:

- Canyon 49 Grill (American)
- Delux (Burgers)
- Flower Child (Organic)
- Giordano's (Chicago-style pizza)
- Green (Vegetarian)
- Joy Ride (Mexican)
- Lou Malnati's (Pizza)
- Over Easy (Breakfast)
- Portillo's (American)
- Sauce (Pizza)
- Southern Rail (Southern)
- Spinato's Pizzeria
- Oak (Modern American)
- The Lope House Restaurant (American)
- Two Hippies Beach House (Mexican)



NEXT steps:

- 1 ▶ Apply for free at gcu.edu/ApplyNow
- 2 ▶ Upload your transcripts and submit your test scores
- 3 ▶ Upon acceptance, visit campus (all-expenses paid¹ programs available)
- 4 ▶ Register for courses and pay the registration deposit

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@gcu.edu

¹Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply

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.

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