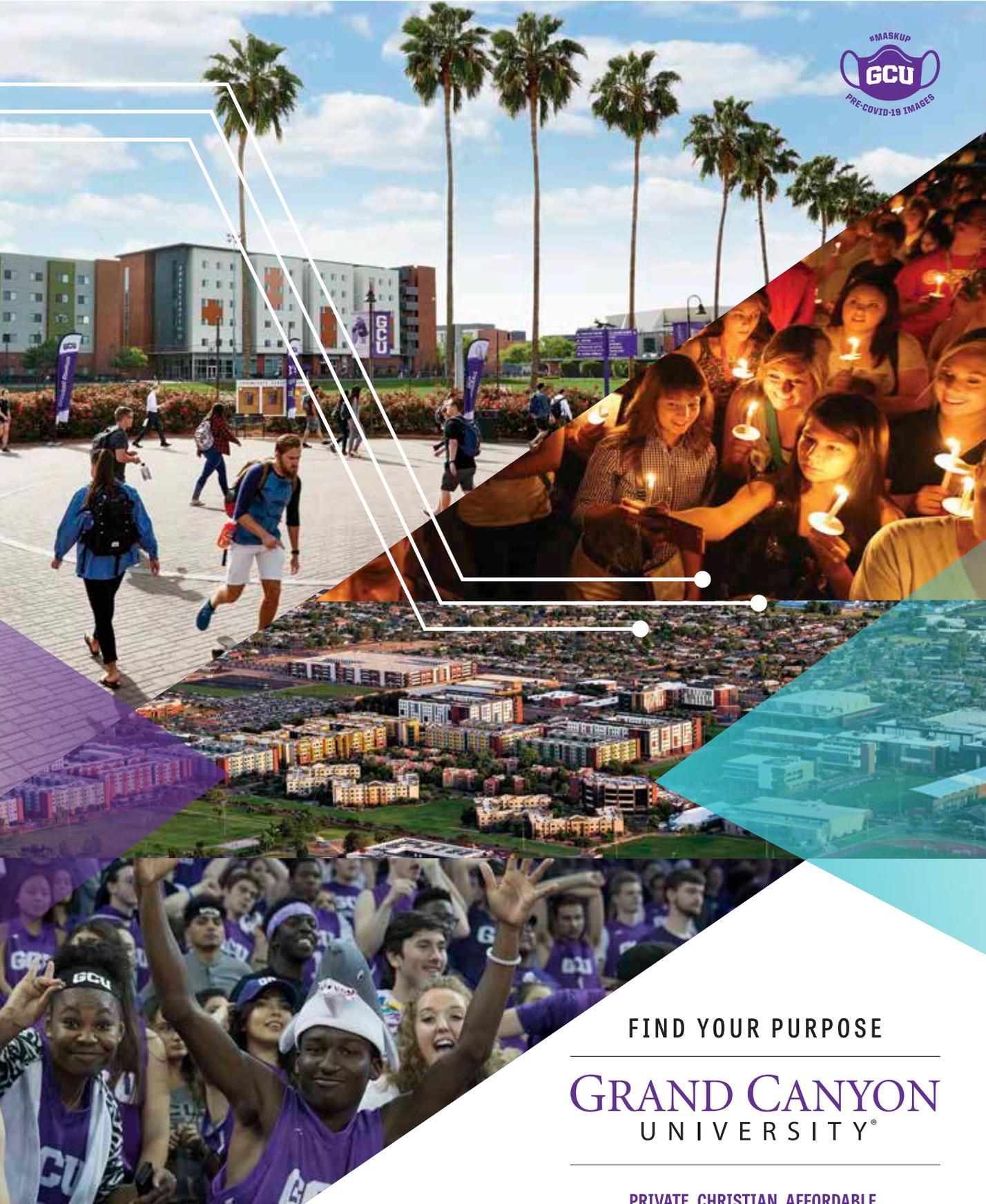


# CAMPUS OVERVIEW



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 invested over \$1 billion in growing the campus with new facilities, residence halls, amenities and technology infrastructure. 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 celebrated a transition back to an Arizona nonprofit corporation that is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt educational institution, returning to its historical roots and continuing a rich legacy operating as a nonprofit organization. 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 20,500\* ground students find their purpose. GCU offers more than 225 academic programs, including 175 online programs, across nine colleges. Campus continues to expand beyond 250+ acres with 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.

\*Fall 2019

## GCU'S SIX COMMITMENTS FOR REWARDING EXPERIENCES

### 1. Start Strong, Finish Strong

Student success and well-being are top priorities at GCU. We go above and beyond to help our students prepare for their career, as well as have a happy and healthy GCU experience. A wide range of complimentary resources are available around campus to support our Lopes, from academic assistance to student wellness.

### 2. Early Graduation

As part of our commitment to affordability, we offer fast-track options for students to accelerate their educational path toward graduation and enter their career sooner. Graduating in less than four years means students pay less tuition and overall college expenses.

### 3. Low Student Debt

Finances deter many students from pursuing a college degree. In response, GCU helps make a college education accessible by offering generous scholarships. On average, a student qualifies for approximately \$7,800 in GCU-funded scholarships for the academic year, which reduces tuition by about half.\* GCU students graduate with less debt than the national average (\$18,750 for GCU vs. \$23,876 for private nonprofit).\*\*

### 4. Home Away From Home

As of fall 2018, 54.86% of our traditional students were out-of-state residents. We go to great measures to provide both out-of-state and in-state students with a safe and comfortable environment to live, learn and enjoy. Students can get involved in various clubs, organizations, sports, campus activities, Bible studies and more. Supportive resources include the GCU Learning Lounge,<sup>®</sup> the Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Center, peer and professional counseling, and security services that help turn our campus into a second home. GCU's independent police department and Public Safety Department ensure the safety of our students. Our Public Safety Department employs full time and part time employees who work together to provide service 24 hours a day. There are also emergency blue light phones around campus, a "Tips" report tool, RAVE text messaging system and more security services to keep our campus safe.

### 5. Real-World Experience

GCU also serves as the parent organization of multiple enterprises—the GCU Golf Course, GCU Hotel, Canyon 49 Grill, Grand Canyon Beverage Company, Canyon Promotions, the GCU Ad Agency and Canyon Pizza Co. Students have a unique opportunity to get involved in these enterprises, participating in the transformative impact that an effective relationship between business and community creates. These enterprises provide students with hands-on learning environments, create real workplace experiences and inspire students to use business as a means for good in their communities.

### 6. One Application

Many colleges and universities have implemented additional measures of evaluation before permitting upperclassmen to complete their major course of study. Secondary acceptance requires an additional application, a second review of previously submitted materials and/or a minimum GPA requirement. These secondary measures can potentially delay graduation and cause students to incur greater expense. 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.

\*Average tuition after scholarships is approximately \$8,600. Scholarships may be awarded based on 6th semester transcripts. At the time in which 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 decline scholarship awards for any reason. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. GCU reserves the right to change scholarship awards at any time without notice. If a student does not meet the minimum renewal criteria, their scholarship will be forfeited. Prices based on 2019-20 rate and are subject to change.

\*\*Institute for College Access and Success, 2017

\* As of Fall 2019

# 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.

## UNITED BY PURPOSE

### Purpose. Partnership. A Mission. A Vision.

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** in an unprecedented partnership with Habitat for Humanity
- **Creating jobs**, investing in entrepreneurship and supporting local business opportunities through the Lopes Kingdom Fund

## GCU ENTERPRISES

GCU continues to expand its community influence by redesigning and building brand-new enterprises. Not only do these enterprises offer more services for our students and the GCU community, but they serve as hands-on learning environments and management opportunities for recent graduates. Our multimillion-dollar construction projects have included the following.



**GCU Golf Course:** The former Maryvale Golf Course was remodeled into the championship GCU Golf Course that offers over 7,200 yards of renovated premium greens. The 22,000-square-foot clubhouse features The Lope House restaurant, the fully equipped Lope Pro Shop and luxury event space.

**GCU Hotel:** Lope hospitality at its finest! The GCU Hotel welcomes fans and visitors to Lope Country. The hotel's affordable accommodations include 150 total rooms, 30 junior suites, 10 suites and 110 deluxe rooms, along with a resort-style pool, hot tub, poolside cabanas and an outdoor fire pit.

**Canyon 49 Grill:** Our restaurant serves as a university eatery in the heart of Phoenix. Canyon 49 is where GCU spirit meets the Phoenix food scene. It's a local hangout full of delicious food, live entertainment, a private dining space and an outdoor patio.

**Grand Canyon University Beverage Company:** GCBC is our premier drink provider serving as a "by students, for students" organization. As a student-centered university, GCBC profits are redistributed back into the student body. Lopes can refuel and choose from a menu of hot/cold coffee drinks, hot/iced teas, doughnuts and pastries.

**Canyon Promotions:** Canyon Promotions is GCU's newest enterprise and service provider for producing and delivering promotional items. Canyon Promotions production artists and coordinators create custom-branded merchandise, ranging from screen printing and embroidery to large-format printing.

**GCU Ad Agency:** Working at the GCU Ad Agency prepares students for careers in advertising and marketing by offering them hands-on experience in a world-class agency setting. Students have the opportunity to work with real clients on projects in every marketing discipline including social media, photography, videography, graphic design, copywriting, event planning and more. Students receive mentorship, collaborate with teammates and industry professionals, build their portfolios and develop essential workplace skills. The GCU Ad Agency works to carry forward a Christ-centered approach that resonates with our clients.

**The Lope Shops:** The Lope Shops are home to the widest selection of official GCU-licensed apparel and gift items such as coffee mugs, sweatshirts, T-shirts, shorts, polos and more.

**Canyon Pizza Co.:** The official pizza of Lope Country, the go-to spot for students, faculty and friends to swing by and grab quality food. We strive to serve pizza with purpose by creating delicious food and an unforgettable experience.



# CAMPUS *BY THE NUMBERS*

- ▶ Average **GPA 3.55\*** for incoming campus students
- ▶ Over **270 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**, including over **175 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**
- ▶ Approximately **68%** of students live on our **250+ ACRE** campus\*\*
- ▶ Room and board rates start at just **\$3,475** per semester<sup>†</sup>
- ▶ No out-of-state tuition
- ▶ Campus tuition frozen at **\$16,500** since 2009
- ▶ Tuition averages at **\$8,600** per year<sup>‡</sup>
- ▶ **21 NCAA DI sports, 30 CLUB SPORTS, 7 INTRAMURAL SPORTS**
- ▶ Over **120** academic, professional, social and recreational clubs in the 2019-20 academic year
- ▶ **22** on-campus dining locations



**2020 GCU RANKINGS BY NICHE**  
*#6 best college dorms in America*  
*#19 best college campuses in America*

# STUDENT HEALTH

## OFFICE OF STUDENT CARE

Offers solution-focused counseling services free of charge to GCU campus students. Services include psychoeducational workshops, weekly process groups, brief individual counseling, crisis triage and professional referrals in the Phoenix area as needed.

*The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 am – 5 pm.*

After-hours availability provided through GCU Public Safety and EMPACT crisis line: **602-639-8100**

▶ For more information about services, email [StudentCare@gcu.edu](mailto:StudentCare@gcu.edu) or call **602-639-7007**.

## CANYON HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIC:

Provides students, staff and faculty top-quality healthcare services. Board-certified nurse practitioners see patients and provide care to the GCU campus community by offering health services such as performing physicals, treating illnesses and delivering holistic, individualized care to all of our campus students and staff.

### Services offered include:

- ▶ COVID-19 testing
- ▶ Health education and wellness promotion
- ▶ Immunizations including tetanus
- ▶ Prescription medications
- ▶ Smoking cessation
- ▶ Tuberculosis skin tests
- ▶ Weight management
- ▶ Women's health services including pelvic exams, pap smears, breast exams and pregnancy tests

*Out-of-state students must check with their insurance plan to find out if they have medical and dental coverage in Arizona, including emergency and urgent care or prescription medication coverage.*

## COVID 19

GCU has taken a number of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

▶ For the latest updates on our COVID-19, visit [gcu.edu/covid](https://www.gcu.edu/covid)

\*2019-20

\*\*Fall 2019

†Based on suite-style, triple occupancy room plus the residence hall minimum meal plan (Canyon\$1425 Dining Dollars per semester).

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# 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.**

## MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the office of multi-cultural diversity and inclusion office is to serve support and educate GCU students faculty and staff. We carry out this mission by hosting events presenting trainings and conducting surveys related to areas of multiculturalism equity and inclusion.

## CORE VALUES

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Competency

## OUR COMMUNITY\*

- 49% White
- 29% Hispanic or Latino
- 7% Black
- 6% Two or more races
- 4% Asian
- 3% Unknown
- 1% American Indian or Alaska Native
- 1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

\*Fall 2018

## UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY STATEMENT

As a Christian institution, Grand Canyon University embraces a biblical worldview that outlines a responsibility to fulfill the Great Commandments which, simply stated, are “to love God and to love our neighbor.” We are a community of people who value the pursuit of truth and find great understanding in the convergence of viewpoints, backgrounds and ideas. Therefore, we will provide an environment where learners can openly discuss and debate to gain understanding. We welcome students from all walks of life, which has contributed to a growing diversity within our population. Our diversity encompasses a multitude of dimensions, including age, disability, national origin, race, color, religion, gender, veteran status and more. We believe that all people, without exception, bear the image of God and have been designed to reflect His love and creativity. Our Christian perspective compels us to treat every individual with respect and compassion. All members of the university community will be welcomed, valued and provided safety in this community. Finally, diversity not only enriches the educational endeavor, it is critical to it. It will help prepare us for the varied world in which we reside. Maintaining a diverse environment requires a measure of tolerance and understanding commensurate with the dignity and value of all human life. In sum, GCU values diversity because it values every student and employee entrusted to its care.

## MULTICULTURAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- African Student Association
- Black Student Union
- GCU Philippine American Student Association (PASA)
- GCU Hua Aloha Club
- GCU Spanish Club
- International Club
- Latino Student Union
- Nations of Indigenous Cultures Club (N.I.C.C.)



# Our Christian **WORLDVIEW**

## **GCU, 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.

## **GCU 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.



## **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. We encourage all students to grow spiritually, live with intention and respond to their call to purpose.



# Distinct Academic EXPERIENCE

GCU's programs are designed to provide students with dynamic curricula, hands-on learning and engaging classroom experiences for excellent career readiness.

## ACADEMIC DIFFERENTIATORS

The Grand Canyon University experience is like none other. Our rigorous curriculum, nationally ranked campus and philanthropic relationships set us apart. More specifically, we differentiate ourselves from other universities through our Christian worldview, focus of instructors, teaching methods, early exposure to major courses, general education, equipment access/use and extracurricular opportunities.

## CHRISTIAN IDENTITY AND WORLDVIEW

Our Christian identity and worldview distinguish the GCU experience in the classroom and beyond. The integration of faith into our curriculum, values and overall college experience shapes students' character, disposition, sense of purpose and vocational aspirations. These attributes are pervasive, so they connect in many ways to the academic and extracurricular aspects of GCU.

## COMMUNITY

Our community includes everyone from students, faculty and staff to our executive leadership team. These individuals work to bring together different disciplines, life experiences and cultural backgrounds to foster an innovative and collaborative community. GCU's professional board members also come from varying backgrounds – they are movers and shakers within their own professions. While they are known locally, some even worldwide, their expertise is shared at GCU with our leadership team to ensure the university's focus remains on creating the best environment possible for students.

## TEACHING METHODS

GCU values project-based, hands-on learning versus traditional-style lectures. We use out-of-the-classroom methods and industry-driven curriculum to educate our students so they have real-world, tangible experience. Our students prove to be ahead of the curve and career-ready when they graduate.

## INSTRUCTOR'S FOCUS

As a teaching university, we value research, but our faculty's priority is on our students. This manifests in a few ways: First, our faculty, not graduate assistants, teach so students can benefit from their knowledge and learn directly from experts in their field. Second, we keep our class sizes small so students can benefit from one-on-one instruction, among other advantages. And third, GCU is student-focused, meaning our students lead projects under the guidance of faculty and are provided opportunities to gain experience and build a portfolio for when they enter the workforce. We also believe in using our students as resources to solve real-world problems instead of outsourcing. This is evidenced by the 2,300 student workers\* that GCU employs.

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

## EARLY EXPOSURE TO MAJOR COURSES

Oftentimes, students do not dive into their major until their junior year; however, we see tremendous benefits in exposing students to major courses during their first year. As a result, general education courses are dispersed across a student's program of study and coursework. We also support interdisciplinary initiatives so learners have the option to work with other majors. To further support this crossover, our minor degree programs are designed to augment students' current skillsets, readying them for employment.

## GENERAL EDUCATION

GCU's general education program, which is interspersed throughout a student's degree program, is structured to form leaders who make significant contributions in their civic and societal life. Academically, the curriculum is demanding yet meaningful in order to challenge students in all aspects of problem solving, communication, critical thinking and evidence-based decision making. The difference in our general education is not solely found in our Christian worldview, but also in the expert faculty who teach it.

## CO-CURRICULAR

Our programming forces students to put theory into practice through an interactive, hands-on approach that prepares students to create innovative solutions to complex issues in the workforce. Our agile education pathways promote internships, work-inspired projects such as the Economic Impact Studies, and experimental research in 3D printing, prosthetics and more. Students are exposed to professional and leadership development boot camps and competitions such as the Canyon Challenge, an opportunity for students to present a business plan to win a share of prize money.

## EQUIPMENT ACCESS

Our students are the pioneers of many of our degree programs. For example, our STEM department features the most up-to-date technology and applications. Plus, our industry-driven and co-designed curriculum puts students at the forefront of the technology sphere. We also have makerspaces, state-of-the-art labs, manufacturing facilities and shops that are all available to lower and upperclassmen to use for their projects and creations.

## EXTRACURRICULAR

GCU Values and encourages student engagement on many levels. Students can participate in our career- and scholarship-focused events or our student-driven, faculty-supported groups and clubs. Many of our clubs are industry-specific with a focus on preparing students for the real world. Our community is full of interaction among students, faculty and executive leadership and mentoring by professional experts. Learners have access to guest speakers and outside relevant resources, social and academic learning communities and industry-specific networking opportunities. Our community-driven, service-oriented culture opens the doors for students to give back, build character and change lives through outreach programs and events. GCU emphasizes teamwork, especially across different life experiences and cultural backgrounds, to produce well-rounded critical thinkers.



# COLLEGES

Colangelo College of Business

College of Doctoral Studies

College of Education

College of Fine Arts and Production

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 contemporary, competitive 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 various minor degree programs help traditional students maximize their education and give them a competitive advantage for 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. Across all colleges, students learn under the close attention of expert faculty and in classroom environments that cultivate higher ethics based on our Christian worldview.

Explore all program offerings at [gcu.edu/degreeprograms](https://gcu.edu/degreeprograms)

For a full list of minors, visit [gcu.edu/minors](https://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 integration of faith and learning deepens understanding and advances inquiry in STEM fields.



## DEVELOPING A STEM WORKFORCE

Employment in STEM-related occupations is estimated to grow an incredible amount in the next ten years. In response to this uptick in STEM careers, our college is dedicated to developing highly skilled professionals who are equipped to enter these competitive fields. A career in STEM is not only a pathway toward impacting the future of innovation and cutting-edge technology, but a pathway to stimulating the economy within the global marketplace.

## 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

**Over 255,000 total square feet** of dedicated STEM learning space, an 84,105-square-foot STEM building opened in fall 2015, followed by a second newly constructed 173,447-square-foot engineering building with labs, workshops and cutting-edge equipment

**Lopes Live Labs** are applied learning labs that represent on-campus locations where students learn, gain access to industry opportunities and experience their education coming to life

**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 over it

**The Cyber Center of Excellence** is a training center focused on teaching people how to stop and investigate cyberattacks, 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

## 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. Throughout the next several years, the college will continue to expand on 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):

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

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. Honors students embark on challenging and enriching learning experiences for higher achievement in servant leadership and academic scholarship.*

## HONORS COLLEGE MISSION

The Honors College is designed to produce exemplary graduates who are uniquely equipped to lead and serve in the workplace and 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 over their contemporaries in their fields of interest.



## SPECIAL HONORS BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES:

- One-on-one mentoring with distinguished honors-dedicated faculty
- Priority tickets to exclusive speaker events on campus
- Invitations to interdisciplinary symposium seminars
- Six-week professional and leadership development program
- Honors mission trips and study abroad opportunities
- Honors diploma and designation on transcripts
- Opportunities for internships and community service learning projects
- Numerous Honors clubs and organizations, including Colangelo Scholars and Honors STEMists
- Designated honors student services counselors
- Short-term, faculty-led international excursions and global studies experiences
- 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. Student 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://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. In addition to not charging our students out-of-state tuition, we've kept our in-state campus tuition the same since 2009, ensuring that we remain just as affordable as we once were. We also offer fast-track options, as well as an accelerated bachelor's to master's program.

## THE TIME VALUE OF MONEY

A trending movement of early graduation on our campus reduces student debt, lowers opportunity costs and helps students enter the workforce faster. We advocate that students accelerate their academic paths to save and avoid funding an additional year of college.

## 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:** If a student wants to graduate in less than four years, one of our counselors will customize a fast-track path. Fast-track options may include summer sessions, online learning and transfer credits (from another institution or our dual enrollment program).

**Dual Enrollment:** High school students earn college credits while still in high school to get a head start on their college career. These courses cost less than regular tuition, which increases overall savings. Students also receive strategic scheduling to ensure they're on track to accelerate their college journey.

**Summer Session:** Students can take advantage of summer as a way to save time and money by earning college credits and receiving discounted housing rates. Summer session offers full online offerings, so students can choose to study from anywhere.

**Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's:** Saving both time and money, in many cases, students can earn their bachelor's degree in three years and their master's degree in one\* year. Students attend classes year-round and take courses in the same format as our traditional, four-year undergraduate programs.

\*Not all graduate programs can be completed in one year

## ESTIMATED BUDGET SHEET EXAMPLE FALL 2021 AND SPRING 2022

CHARGES	FALL 2021	SPRING 2022
Tuition	\$8,250	\$8,250
Room (triple occupancy)*	\$2,050	\$2,050
Meal Plan*	\$1,425	\$1,425
Estimated Fees**	\$1,115	\$715
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$12,840</b>	<b>\$12,440</b>
<b>GCU Transfer and High School Scholarships</b>		
High School Direct Dean Scholarships Transfer Indirect Provost Scholarship	\$2,700	\$2,700
<b>Financial Aid</b>		
Direct Loan Program (Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized)	\$2,750	\$2,750
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,390</b>	<b>\$6,990</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Five equal monthly installments	\$1,478	\$1,398

\*Amounts reflect 2021-22 values and are subject to change.

\*\*Average fee estimate includes Canyon Connect book fees (six classes per academic year), activity fee (traditional campus students excluding students accepted into pre-licensure nursing program), health fee and Housing Application Fee (returning residents only, non-refundable). Parking fees vary by lot selected ranging from \$20 - \$150 per academic year and charged in the fall semester. Students starting in the spring semester are charged a prorated fee. Estimate not including Program Premium for majors such as nursing and engineering. Total cost variance between Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 due to one-time \$250 housing fee for fall and the parking fee.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Approximately 90% of fall 2018 traditional students maintain some level of institutional scholarship, which lowers tuition and enhances our affordability. 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.

## 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 over borrowing. Counselors also ensure 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.



# Start Strong, **FINISH STRONG**

**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.



**LoudCloud:** Our online classroom environment designed by curriculum experts. The platform is used in both our campus and online classes and can be used to easily transition from one class format to the other.

**Online Support:** The Student Success Center, located online inside LoudCloud, 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.

# Home Away FROM HOME

*Living on campus is all part of the traditional college experience. We go to great lengths to cultivate a culture and create a living environment that becomes a second home. Students live just a five-minute 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.*

## LOPES LIVING ON CAMPUS

New and returning students have 19 housing options, with room and board starting at \$3,325\* per semester. Suite-style residence halls and apartments offer all of the amenities for students to make GCU into a home away from home. Living Learning Communities are available for Students who want to live in a community of peers who share their interests and academic goals, like STEM for example. Purchasing a meal plan and participating in GCU's Dining Dollars program is required.

\*Based on suite-style, triple occupancy room plus the residence hall minimum meal plan (Canyon \$1,425 Dining Dollars per semester). Prices based on 2021-22 rate and are subject to change.

## RESIDENCE LIFE

The Department of Residence Life welcomes students home! Residence Life aims to provide a co-curricular experience by providing a safe and secure, Christ-centered community supporting academic excellence, engagement, self-growth and healthy relationships. Student leaders (including RAs and RDs) serve students. Life Groups also take place in residence halls and apartments for campus and commuter 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 who share similar first-year experiences. Fully furnished, double- or triple-occupancy residence halls are also available for upperclassmen and transfer students. Residence hall features include an inviting lobby, breakout rooms for studying, laundry facilities on every floor and a massive outdoor courtyard.



Double Occupancy (shared by 4 students)

## APARTMENT-STYLE LIVING

Students can upgrade their on-campus accommodations to apartment-style living. Our various floorplans include fully equipped kitchen, living room and special features. Apartment amenities include large shared laundry facilities on each floor, an outdoor pool and courtyard, a charcoal barbecue, an open lobby and recreational green space. Several brand-new apartment buildings have opened over the last two years with more to come.

## 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 help keep our campus secure. In fact, 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. Under the chief of GCU Police's leadership, campus is an even safer and more secure environment for students and the GCU community. Campus security services include the incident reporting system (TIPS), safety escort program, emergency blue light phones, R.A.V.E emergency text notifications, AlertGCU for communicating time-sensitive information during an emergency and more.



Apartment Style (shared by 4 students)

## DINING

The Student Union, Lopes Way and Thunder Alley offer various dining options where students can eat, recharge and connect with friends. Chick-Fil-A®, The Habit® Burger Grill, Qdoba Mexican Grill®, Slices Signature, Subway®, Einstein Bros. Bagels and Panda Express® are among the most popular places for grabbing a bite. For a quick snack, students head to Jamba Juice®, Zoyo Neighborhood Yogurt or Auntie Anne's® Pretzels. 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 The Grove conveniently offer campus essentials.



# CAMPUS LIFE



*The student experience is one of the most important facets of college. At GCU, we call this Lope Life. Campus, commuter and transfer students experience Lope Life together within a dynamic learning and engaging social environment. On campus, students make lifelong friendships, stay active and build a professional future, surrounded by peers and campus support.*



## 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

Clubs center around a particular academic course of study or professional interest.

### University Social Organizations

Clubs promote out-of-classroom special interests.

### University Ministry Organizations

Spiritual groups provide ministry opportunities for students who want to enhance spiritual life throughout the campus and community.

### GCU Outdoor Recreation Program

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



*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/ClubsAndOrganizations](https://www.gcu.edu/ClubsAndOrganizations)

# CAMPUS LIFE

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ANNUAL EVENTS

As an essential part of Lope Life, student activities help students discover their purpose, develop gifts and deploy service. The Canyon Activities Board (CAB) plans events and activities throughout the year, including Welcome Week, New Student Orientation and Family Week, to involve students in Lope Life, as well as encourage students to make new friends and be active in the GCU campus community. Every year students look forward to Winterfest, GCU's annual event presented by CAB. Spirited students celebrate the holidays by ice skating, checking out the mechanical snowboard, indulging in snacks, drinking hot chocolate and so much more. Student Engagement also hosts fun annual events including Lip Sync, where students entertain friends by lip syncing to popular songs. Additionally, GCU's TEDx chapter puts on a yearly student planned, organized and executed event. This beloved event, TEDxGrandCanyonUniversity features live speakers and exciting TEDTalks video.

## 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.

- 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 brand-new 135,000-square-foot Canyon Activity Center is now open and features luxurious amenities including 10 multipurpose basketball/volleyball courts, rock climbing wall and a strength-and-conditioning room.
- 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 for spiritual leadership and engagement, discipleship and worship. At weekly Chapel and The Gathering services, the GCU community comes together to connect, worship and hear God's word. Student ministries, such as community and commuter life groups meet for Bible study.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS

Many students are passionate about making a global impact as they experience God's heart for other nations. Our global mission trips are opportunities to travel abroad, engage in global ministry as a team and learn from other cultures. The Spiritual Life Department hosts a mission's fair in the fall. Here, students can connect with local churches and organizations providing opportunities for students to join a mission trip team. Students can also get involved in global outreach by joining GCU programs such as GO Nights, Global Connect, Global Tour, International Student Ministry, Prayer Ministry and more.

## LOCAL AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

Community outreach and volunteer efforts uphold our university's mission to minister and serve others. GCU is strongly committed to guiding students to become compassionate servant leaders by making an enduring impact on local, national and global communities. We work with nonprofit agencies such as the Phoenix Dream Center, Hopefest, American Cancer Society and Phoenix Rescue Mission. Our own signature events include Serve the City, Salute Our Troops, Canyon Cares and Run to Right Children's Cancer.

## CANYON KIDS

The Canyon Kids weekly ministry program is one of GCU's most popular volunteer opportunities. 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 form spiritual relationships with attendees—and most importantly, our students bring joy to these children and help create a safe environment.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Since 2014, GCU volunteers have been revitalizing local neighborhoods by renovating and building homes as part of GCU's unprecedented partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The community service goal is for student and employee volunteers to give back and renovate as many as 700 homes, impacting not only the West Phoenix community, but the families who call this area home.

*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 [gcu.edu/events](http://gcu.edu/events)

# ATHLETICS *and* SPORTS

Students interested in playing college sports can get involved by joining a Division I NCAA, club or intramural team. We offer 21 DI sports teams that play as part of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), a variety of highly competitive club sports teams and both fall and spring intramural sports teams.

## 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:

- 3-on-3 Basketball
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Indoor Soccer
- Sand Volleyball
- Soccer
- Spikeball

# 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.

## LOPES RISING

In the early 1990s, GCU moved from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to NCAA Division II. After more than two decades of success in Division II (including back-to-back Learfield Sports Directors' Cups in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons), the Lopes made the leap to the most elite level of intercollegiate athletics—NCAA Division I. The 2016-17 academic year marked the milestone of entering our fourth and final year of transition to Division I. The 2017-18 season was the first year our DI teams, including men's basketball, were eligible for conference and NCAA tournament play.

## ATHLETIC ACCOLADES AND DEVELOPMENTS

- The 2018-19 school year provided many highlights for GCU Athletics including the second straight win of the WAC Commissioner's Cup for the best overall sports program in the conference.
- All in all, the Lopes claimed three WAC Player of the Year awards, six WAC Coach of the Year awards, three WAC Freshman of the Year awards and 26 All-WAC first team spots.
- The baseball program had five players picked in the 2019 MLB Draft, tying a school record.
- GCU led the conference with 239 Academic All-WAC honorees in 2018-19.



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

# COMPETITIVE COLLEGE CLUB SPORTS

GCU is extremely proud of our robust club sports offerings and prides itself on its fast-growing program. 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.\*

\*2019-20

Our organized club sports teams play at a highly competitive level that creates unforgettable experiences. Because of GCU's numerous scholarship offerings, students can continue to play the sport they love and get a great education without overextending themselves financially to do so. Our competitively low club-sports dues cover everything our athletes need to successfully continue their athletic journey. This includes uniforms, practice facilities, coaching, athletic training and more! Club teams are funded by GCU and through club fees from athletes competing for their university.

Our organized club sports teams have access to top-quality on-campus facilities. They engage in dynamic practices and play at a highly competitive level under the leadership of expert coaches who are passionate about helping their teams grow athletically and personally. GCU club sports offer the opportunity to pursue a love for the game while also focusing on academics.



*Our club sports teams include:*

- Acapella
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Bowling
- CrossFit
- Esports
- Flag Football\*
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Judo
- Lacrosse
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Pickleball
- Powerlifting
- Rugby
- Running
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spikeball
- Spirit
- Swim
- Synchronized Swimming
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Wrestling

*\*Not offered to both genders at this time*



# Adventures *in* the SOUTHWEST



Sedona, AZ

**GCU OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM**  
  
**WON 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**  
 for most outdoorsy school in the nation  
*(Outdoor Nation-Fall 2017)*

Phoenix, 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 things to do unique to the area.*

Flagstaff, AZ



Antelope Canyon, Page, AZ



Havasupai Falls, Grand Canyon, AZ



Grand Canyon National Park, AZ



## GCU OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

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## 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 all that Phoenix has to offer—from downtown Phoenix and Old Town Scottsdale to the Superstition Mountains and professional sporting events—is all part of the experience of moving away from home and venturing into a new city.

## GRAND CANYON STATE

Statewide adventure is also just a road trip away as weekend getaways are one of the perfect escapes from the college rigor. Some of the best places to explore in Arizona are: Sedona, Tucson, Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon, Antelope Canyon, Havasupai Falls and other outdoor destinations throughout the Sonoran Desert. Family and friends will love to visit 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)
- Piastawa Peak
- Sedona
- Snow Bowl
- 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 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.

Arizona Science Center

Butterfly Wonderland

Desert Botanical Garden

Heard Museum

iFLY Indoor Skydiving

Lucky Strike Bowling

Musical Instrument Museum

Octane Raceway

OdySea Aquarium

Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Zoo

Topgolf

## SHOPPING IN PHOENIX

The Valley of the Sun has national chains, unique destination stores and world-class designer shops. That means, there is something for every shopper and every budget.

Biltmore Fashion Park

CityScape Phoenix

Kierland Commons

Last Chance

Scottsdale Fashion Square

Scottsdale Quarter

Tanger Outlet Westgate

## PHOENIX DINING

If you are a foodie, Phoenix offers a variety of eateries to satisfy your appetite. Hop in the car with friends and check out these delicious local establishments.

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)

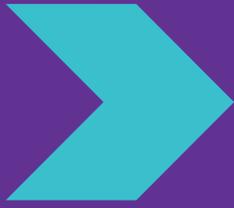
Spinato's Pizzeria

St. Francis (Modern American)

The Lope House Restaurant (American)

Two Hippies Beach House (Mexican)





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## NEXT STEPS

**STEP 1:** Apply for free at [gcu.edu/ApplyNow](https://gcu.edu/ApplyNow)

**STEP 2:** Set up your student portal and monitor your progress toward acceptance

**STEP 3:** Once transcripts are evaluated, choose one of our all-expenses paid\* campus visitation programs, to learn more about Lope life

**STEP 4:** Register early to lock in your scholarships, class schedule and housing preferences

To learn more about Grand Canyon University, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

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\*Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.

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