

CAMPUS LIVING

Your Guide to Lope Life



FIND YOUR PURPOSE

Private. Christian. Affordable.

GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY™

MISSION *and Vision*

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

WHAT WE DO

We turn students into Lopes for life! As a GCU student, you are the glue that holds our campus community together. From spiritual life activities to intramural sports, there's seemingly no end to the ways to get involved. Start making some tracks and leave your mark on GCU!

MISSION STATEMENT

The department of student affairs exists to serve the Grand Canyon University student population from a Christian perspective through relevant co-curricular activities, meaningful engagement in their surrounding community and personal preparation for their future career and life.

**#17 Best College Campus
in America (2023)¹**

VISION

WE WILL PREPARE students to be contributing citizens in a diverse global community by facilitating service to others.

WE WILL FOSTER an environment that is fun, safe and encouraging by providing quality services to the student body.

WE WILL LEAD our students in such a way that supports respect toward others.

WE WILL EQUIP student leaders to have a positive impact on the entire student population.

WE WILL HOLD our student body accountable to the Community Standards, which promotes community development through personal responsibility.

GCU is eager to create a welcoming and inclusive campus environment. Our Lope community is built on the values of kinship, honesty, community and support. With Jesus Christ as our cornerstone, we encourage students to make GCU their home away from home.

¹Niche.com 2023 college rankings.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

GCU strives to foster an environment where all students are encouraged to explore and strengthen their faith. Our goal is to equip students to develop spiritually and provide opportunities to examine and utilize the gifts and passions God has given them. We want students to learn how to lead others in a way that honors and demonstrates their commitment to Jesus. GCU is also strongly committed to serving others on a local, national and global level, and students are invited to participate on short-term mission trips and a variety of weekly outreach ministries.

FINDING A CHURCH

Belonging to a local church is vital for spiritual growth. However, finding a community of faith in a new place can be a challenge. The Department of Spiritual Life can help you discover your spiritual home here in the Valley. And don't be afraid to reach out to others such as professors or upperclassmen to get connected. We're all here to help.

ON-CAMPUS

Chapel, The Gathering and Life Groups meet on a weekly basis.

CHAPEL is a weekly worship service that invites the GCU community to join together to pray, sing and hear biblical teachings from local pastors, ministry leaders and special guests. Services are led collaboratively by student leaders, Spiritual Life staff and our campus pastor, and is open to all students, staff and faculty.

THE GATHERING is a weekly evening worship service led by student leaders with oversight from Spiritual Life staff. Students are invited to join their peers in community, prayer, worship and Bible teaching led by the GCU Pastoral Team.

LIFE GROUPS are student-led Bible studies for residential and commuter students. New students are especially encouraged to participate in Life Groups to meet friends and be encouraged with times of prayer and discussion. Students are welcome to join a Life Group any time throughout the year.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION workshops are weekly opportunities to learn and practice spiritual disciplines. Students grow in their understanding of biblical topics such as prayer, reading scripture, rest and more.

➤ For schedules or to get involved in our programs, stop by the Office of Spiritual Life or visit [gcu.edu/SpiritualLife](https://www.gcu.edu/SpiritualLife)

SERVING OTHERS

Within Our Community



LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

Student leaders and staff from the Department of Spiritual Life organize a variety of annual and weekly outreach ministry events to serve and support GCU's surrounding community. **Here are just a few:**

CANYON KIDS

Every Saturday morning, Canyon Kids invites the children in our neighborhood to a local church for Bible stories, games and crafts. Volunteers have the opportunity to mentor and form spiritual relationships with kids from the local community.

CITYSERVE

GCU is proud to partner with CityServe – a network of churches and community service organizations dedicated to transforming communities. After the official opening of a 35,000 square foot warehouse in September 2021, GCU took on the role of CityServe's official distribution HUB for Arizona. Since then, in-kind goods from furniture to small appliances supplied by national retailers (Costco, Amazon, etc.) have been distributed regularly to families in need across our state. **Scan the QR code to learn more!**



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

GCU has partnered with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that builds and repairs houses all over the world for underprivileged people, to renovate an entire community of homes in our West Phoenix neighborhood. GCU is committing the talent and enthusiasm of students and employees who have paired with Habitat leaders to supply the manpower necessary to renovate as many as 700 neighborhood homes.

HOMELESS MINISTRY

GCU has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to provide assistance to families in need. Opportunities include serving meals and helping maintain their garden, along with other programming, meal and tutoring aid for under-resourced children whose families visit the center.

➤ Visit gcu.edu/SpiritualLife to learn more.



MISSION TRIPS

Each year, GCU students, staff and faculty embark on global outreach trips in order to be in an environment where the Lord opens their heart to learn from and serve people of all nations. Mission trips vary in focus; some serve children, women and the homeless or focus on medical needs, while others focus on education, relationship building and labor-intensive construction projects. GCU provides opportunities for students to participate in both short trips and longer voyages in order to reap the benefits of multiple experiences while ministering abroad.

RECENT MISSION TRIP LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- Dominican Republic
- Costa Rica
- Nicaragua
- Mexico
- North Africa
- Uzbekistan
- Zambia
- Ecuador
- Japan
- Spain



In the fall, the Department of Spiritual Life hosts a mission fair where Christian missions organizations provide opportunities for students to join a mission trip team. Students can also engage in global ministry throughout the school year in global outreach groups and globally focused ministries, such as Refugee Ministry, Global Adoption, ESL, The Bridge and more.

➤ Visit gcu.edu/SpiritualLife to learn more.



STUDY ABROAD

Grand Canyon University offers a variety of traditional study abroad programs for our students, allowing learners to embrace adventure, explore the world and experience education from a global perspective. Study abroad programs are available in the fall, spring and summer terms and select programs persist for the full academic year. Customize your curriculum by adding diverse academic coursework, an internship, volunteerism, ministry, professional service learning or language immersion programming to your study abroad experience.

GCU'S CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE:

- CIS Abroad
- Living and Learning International
- Semester at Sea (SAS)
- Students International (SI)
- University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

➤ For international internships, GCU partners with The Intern Group.

POPULAR DESTINATIONS INCLUDE:

- Australia
- England
- Italy
- Spain
- Thailand
- Costa Rica

➤ For more information visit gcu.edu/StudyAbroad or follow us on Instagram [@gcustudyabroad](https://www.instagram.com/gcustudyabroad).



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

and Campus Events

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

GCU has over 100 clubs and organizations operating on campus. These groups are the heartbeat of our community at GCU. Our clubs and organizations are organized by the areas of interest ranging from academic and career to arts and social activities.

➤ Interested in joining a club or organization at GCU?
Visit gcu.edu/clubs to view a list of all available clubs and organizations.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY (ASGCU)

Our student government organization is Associated Students of Grand Canyon University (ASGCU). The ASGCU president and cabinet serve as a direct link between the undergraduate student body and university administration.

➤ Interested in being a part of ASGCU? Visit gcu.edu/asgcu to find out more.

Canyon Activities Board (CAB)

CAB fosters campus spirit, school tradition and a sense of belonging by providing inclusive programming for our diverse student body. From movie and trivia nights to student market and lip sync competitions, CAB's events are vibrant, varied and for everyone! We recommend you jump in and give everything a try.



The **BIGGEST** party in college basketball!
– SB Nation



Want to cheer on the home team? Check out the **HAVOCS!** GCU Havocs are a way to show your pride and spirit for our different athletic teams. Havocs value community and camaraderie and believe our passion and noise is magnified when we cheer together.

➤ To find out more, visit havocs.gcu.edu





RECREATION FACILITIES

Our recreation and fitness centers give you the opportunity to play, work out or just relax with your friends. Whether you want to use the courts, scale our 30-foot climbing wall or work out with a variety of free weights, weight machines, cardio and core equipment, we have it all!

The best part is that current students already have a membership to the facilities. **Just make sure you have your GCU ID!**

CLUB SPORTS

Our robust offerings provide a great opportunity for students to excel at their passions outside of the classroom and be part of national athletic communities. Our organized club sports teams play at a competitive level that creates unforgettable experiences. Because of GCU's numerous scholarship offerings for those that qualify, students can continue to play the sport they love and get an education without overextending themselves financially to do so.

Our low club sports dues cover everything our athletes need to continue their athletic journey, including uniforms, practice facilities, coaching, athletic training and more!

Facilities include: Performance Athletic Center inside the Lopes Performance Center, Antelope Gym, Chaparral Hall Gym, Juniper Hall Gym, Papago Apartments Gym, Colter Field, Sand Courts, Canyon Activity Center, Thunder Alley, Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark, Colter Field, GCU Softball Stadium and GCU Golf Course.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE RECENT ACCOLADES RECEIVED BY OUR CLUB SPORTS TEAMS:

Women's Club Volleyball – NCVF National Champions (Back-to-back National Champions) | Men's Club Baseball – NCBA Division II World Series Champions | Men's Club Flag Football – Scottsdale Adult Flag Football League Division II Champions | Men's Club Volleyball – MWVC Conference Champions | Women's Rugby – National Semi-finalist | Men's Club Basketball – National Finalist | Men's Club Golf – National Runners-up | Men's Lacrosse – National Tournament Appearance | Club Roundnet – National Tournament Appearance | Women's Club Basketball – National Tournament Appearance | Women's Ice Hockey – First playoff win in program history | Women's Club Soccer – Regional Tournament Finalist | Men's Rugby – Highest ranked team in the state of Arizona | Disc Golf – National Tournament Appearance | Club Wrestling – 2 national medalists



Scan to learn more or to arrange to speak with a club sports coach.



The GCU Club Sports program includes nearly 2,000 unique athletes across 30 club sports.¹

¹2019-20 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.

INTRAMURALS

You don't have to be the "next big thing" to enjoy sports at GCU. There are plenty of intramural activities throughout the year to get you into the competitive spirit! Intramurals are a great way to have fun, meet new friends and get involved on campus.

In addition to our major intramural seasons, GCU organizes several tournaments and activities throughout the year in other sports like kickball, dodgeball and ping pong.

OFFERED INTRAMURAL SPORTS LEAGUES

Three divisions are offered: competitive, recreational and coed.

Basketball | Flag Football | Cornhole | Futsal | Sand Volleyball | Soccer

To sign up for a team, visit imleagues.com/gcu

GCU's Esports program features over 100 collegiate players participating across 20 teams. The student-led organization now has more than 950 club members.¹

ESPORTS

Grand Canyon University's Esports program strives to be one of the best gaming organizations in the country. We are proud of our supportive gaming community that fosters a competitive spirit while also encouraging a casual social environment.

All Esports members have access to the GCU Esports Arena featuring high-end gaming PCs, luxury gaming chairs, tournament viewing areas and current-generation consoles. There are numerous events focused on different titles and communities that members can participate in throughout the academic year. Varsity players receive a jersey, one-on-one support, mentorship, additional facility access and more!

Hourly Facilities Packages

4 hours - \$4 20 hours - \$14 40 hours - \$25 100 hours - \$50

Additional facilities packages available.

Learn more about Esports by scanning the QR code.



¹Spring 2020



GCU OUTDOOR

Recreation Program

The Outdoor Recreation program exists to serve GCU students by providing outlets of outdoor recreation that engages both individuals and groups in adventure, fellowship, environmental stewardship, leadership development and outdoor education. Through these outlets, we can advance relationships and challenge students physically, spiritually and mentally. We will also strive to provide a positive experience for students while fueling off the endless adventures that occur in God's creation.

The GCU Outdoor Recreation program has four different areas to get involved with. These include a climbing wall, rental and resource center, campus garden and adventure trips.



➤ Get involved today at
myrec.gcu.edu



SAFETY

Campus safety is a top priority and GCU takes every step to protect the GCU community and our properties 24/7, starting with the Department of Public Safety. Our tight-knit community is patrolled by the Grand Canyon University Police Department. We have various systems in place, such as an incident reporting system (TIPS), safety escort service, emergency blue light phones, R.A.V.E emergency text notification and Alert GCU for communicating time-sensitive information during an emergency and more.

➤ Visit gcu.edu/PublicSafety



#5 Best College Dorms
in America (2023)¹

CAMPUS LIFE and HOUSING

Our on-campus, fully furnished, suite-style residence halls and partially furnished apartments are affordable, fun and a great way to get to know other Lopes. From resort-style swimming pools to indoor and outdoor recreational spaces and comfortable, study-oriented areas, we want to create a welcoming, safe and fun environment for our students to live in. Lively building events and campus life keep our learners engaged and provide a healthy balance to their rigorous academic pursuits.

➤ Visit gcu.edu/ResidenceLife

Learn more about
campus life by
scanning the QR code.



EATING ON CAMPUS

There are multiple locations around campus to enjoy delicious grub and satisfy your cravings, including the Student Union, Lopes Way and Thunderground, a place to unwind and hang out with friends that features games, food and live music. We proudly offer healthy options and lighter fare, including sandwiches, juices and smoothies, soups, salads, wraps and more.

Chick-fil-A | Grand Canyon Beverage Company (GCBC)
Havoc House | Nekter Juice Bar | Panera Bread
Pita Jungle Taco Bell | And many more!



Scan the QR code to
see all our on-campus
dining options.

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.

As part of GCU's overall mission, GCU's student-focused Multicultural Office ensures the importance of safety and encourages our community members to promote a culture of acceptance and diversity. The office hosts events and individual meetings of Cultural/Inclusion and student infinity groups.

➤ Contact the office at MulticulturalOffice@gcu.edu, follow us on Instagram [@GCU_Multicultural](https://www.instagram.com/GCU_Multicultural) or visit gcu.edu/diversity for more information.





DESTINATIONS BY CAR

20 minutes to downtown Phoenix – Shopping at the Biltmore, concert venues, museums and dining

30 minutes to Scottsdale, AZ – Premier golf destination, hiking, nightlife, dining, shopping at Scottsdale Fashion Square and Kierland Commons

ROAD TRIPS

1-2 HOURS

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

3-4 HOURS

- 6. Grand Canyon National Park, AZ** – Picturesque hiking, sightseeing, backpacking, camping, Havasu Falls

4-6 HOURS

- 7. Joshua Tree National Park, CA** – 790,000 acres of national park (the size of the state of Rhode Island!)
- 8. Lake Havasu, AZ** – Boating, fishing and recreational activities
- 9. Las Vegas, NV** – Hotels, restaurants, shows, nightlife
- 10. Lake Powell, Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, AZ** – Water and recreational activities, boat rentals, fishing, sightseeing
- 11. Los Angeles, CA** – Sports, entertainment, beaches, Disneyland
- 12. Monument Valley, AZ** – Sightseeing, camping, hiking
- 13. San Diego, CA** – Beaches, San Diego Zoo
- 14. Zion National Park, UT** – Sightseeing, camping, hiking



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TAKE THESE NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at
gcu.edu/ApplyNow
and upload your transcripts.
No application fee!

2



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

3



Upon acceptance visit campus
(all-expenses-paid¹
programs available).

4



Register early to secure
courses and
on-campus housing.

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Pack your sunglasses and
move to Lope Country!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY,

undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

855-428-7884 | gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions

¹Travel reimbursement is only available to accepted prospective traditional campus students, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, AZ. School/district/organizations staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed, air OR ground. GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days.

Grand Canyon University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Pre-licensure nursing students who begin or resume attendance in Fall 2020 and beyond will be ineligible to utilize most GCU institutional aid/scholarships for tuition and fees once accepted into the clinical portion of the program. Important policy information is available in the University Policy Handbook at <https://www.gcu.edu/academics/academic-policies.php>. The information printed in this material is accurate as of AUGUST 2023. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit gcu.edu. Approved by the Student Affairs Department in August 2023.

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