



**TRANSFORM
THE WORLD
THROUGH MUSIC**



➤ **EXPRESSIVE**
➤ **PASSIONATE**
➤ **PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN**

*“God is doing
something new at GCU!”*

*Rivers are flowing from the desert
as we train and send Worshippers
all across the world. The Worship Arts
Program is a place for students to grow in
their faith by being exposed to theological
and technical training. We fully trust our
academic community as they foster an
environment of growth and creativity
for every student.”*

**Moises Felipe, GCU Worship
Arts Director**

ELEVATE YOUR CALLING THROUGH THE POWER OF MUSIC

GCU offers a diverse range of music degrees designed to prepare you for a variety of careers — whether in the music industry, public education, professional performance or ministry. Our commercial music, music education and music performance programs are rigorous, mission-driven and led by knowledgeable faculty dedicated to helping you thrive as a vocalist, instrumentalist or educator. We also offer a worship arts program for those called to inspire others through music in a ministerial setting.



WHAT SETS US APART

- ▶ **Access to industry-standard** digital audio workstations (DAWs), a recording studio and Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) lab for practical skill building
- ▶ **A career-focused curriculum** that helps prepare you for worship leadership, music production and ministry through creative projects like Canyon Worship and The Grand Collective
- ▶ **A vibrant creative network** of clubs like the Songwriters Guild and opportunities to collaborate with peers and industry professionals

DESIGNATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS: The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accredits GCU as a postsecondary institution. This accreditation covers both GCU's traditional courses as well as online, providing a foundation of trust for quality education in both modalities.

CREATING COMMUNITY:

Resources and Clubs

ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT RESOURCES

Our campus is equipped with modern facilities and diverse resources to support your educational journey. From the library to our labs, we're here to help you reach your academic goals. Here are some of the amenities available to you:

Canyon Worship: The Canyon Worship project is an annual initiative by the Center for Worship Arts, where GCU worship arts students create and release an original worship album, guided by experienced Christian professionals. Listen to our students' latest worship album at CanyonWorship.gcu.edu

Center for Worship Arts: GCU's Center for Worship Arts was built in 2015 to provide worship arts students with the opportunity to perform and lead exciting and transformative worship services among peers.

GCU CAM FAM Network: The CAM FAM connects students across disciplines like dance, music, theatre, design and film — helping you grow your community and creativity. Members gain access to events, collaborations, job opportunities, internships and other opportunities.

GCU Recording Studio: A creative lab where commercial music and worship arts majors and minors can bring musical ideas to life, mastering audio recording while collaborating with staff and artists. The studio supports singles, EPs or full albums and features WhisperRooms for recording, podcasting and related projects.

Music Facilities: Commercial music and worship arts students access professional studios and practice spaces, gaining practical experience. Facilities include 18 practice rooms and a rehearsal room with instrument storage, available first-come, first-served or by reservation.

Songwriters Lounge: A space for worship arts students to collaborate, write music, study and grow spiritually through group projects, Bible study and additional creative space.

The Grand Collective: A student-driven music project where worship arts students write, perform and produce a full-length EP of original music each year. Guided by industry professionals, students collaborate in a creative, faith-centered environment.

For a complete list of resources, scan the QR code:



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Joining a club is a great way to enhance your academic experience, develop new skills and connect with fellow students. Some sound and music related clubs as well as ensembles at GCU include:

A CAPPELLA CLUB | @gcuclubacappella: This student-led group brings voices together to compete, entertain and push the limits of vocal music.

CANYON CHORAL SOCIETY | @gcuchoirs: GCU's largest choir welcomes all students — no audition required! Led by the assistant dean and faculty of music Dr. Juan Hernandez, this powerhouse choir often performs alongside a full orchestra.

GCU MUSIC CLUB | @gcu.music.club: Enjoy your fellow Lopes for all things music including listening parties, jam sessions and music-themed game nights.

GCU THUNDERING HEARD PEP BAND | @gcupepband: Open to all majors in any year of study, Thundering Heard is an integral part of Lopes basketball.



SONGWRITERS GUILD | @gcu.songwriters: This faculty-led club is the perfect space for composers and arrangers to collaborate, create and share their work.

GCU SYMPHONIC BAND: During the basketball off-season, the Thundering Heard Pep Band becomes the GCU Symphonic Band and performs once a year.


GCU THUNDER BIG BAND: A high-caliber performing ensemble open to the most advanced jazz musicians by audition. This band studies and performs music from multiple music eras.

GCU PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE: A chamber music group open to percussionists of all majors by audition. This ensemble studies and performs contemporary music.

GCU WIND ENSEMBLE: The premiere wind group at GCU is open to the most advanced musicians by audition. Musical excellence is upheld as both new and traditional masterpieces are performed.

Watch our concert band perform "Dances from America and Beyond":





"GCU's commercial music program is next level. I've gotten one-on-one time with professors, tons of hands-on learning and have grown my skills in music, marketing and more. It's real-world, collaborative and expanding."

Jackson Cox, Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Music, Class of 2028

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

JUMP START YOUR LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT CAREER

ACADEMIC RELATIONSHIPS: GCU music has relationships with and is endorsed by many local and national organizations and companies listed below. Through these relationships, GCU music is provided with industry-leading instruments, equipment and resources, in which students can use daily to perfect their musical experience and knowledge.

- ▶ Agave Music
- ▶ Kawai Pianos
- ▶ Palen Music
- ▶ Remo Drum Heads
- ▶ Vic Firth Sticks
- ▶ Zildjian Cymbals

Other organizations that GCU music has a relationship with include:

- ▶ Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association (ABODA)
- ▶ Arizona Music Educators Association (AzMEA)
- ▶ Arizona Musicfest
- ▶ College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA)
- ▶ National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
- ▶ National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)

Scan the QR code to learn how GCU can help you reach your full potential and find your purpose!



CELEBRATE FAITH and DEEPEN DEVOTION Through SONG.

Grand Canyon University provides immersive experiences and personalized support to help students refine their creative talents and express their faith — extending far beyond the notes on the page. Whether you feel called to lead worship, inspire through music or build a career in commercial music, education or performance, GCU works to equip you with the skills to bring your vision to life through sound, music and recording.

From hands-on learning opportunities to our vibrant campus life and welcoming Christian community, we invite you to discover why many current students and Lope alumni proudly consider themselves part of the GCU family. Come and experience the GCU difference!

DEGREE PROGRAMS

GCU offers a transformative higher education designed to prepare you for a career you may find rewarding. Our programs — including bachelor's degrees music and worship arts — can challenge your intellect, expand your horizons and help you elevate your sound, voice and calling in these ever-evolving fields.

For more details and a full listing of degrees, visit [gcu.edu](https://www.gcu.edu)

NEXT STEPS

1



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

2



Schedule an appointment with your university admissions counselor to review your scholarship eligibility and program of study.

3



Arrange your campus visit.
All-expenses-paid¹ programs available.

4



Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.

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Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

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