

# GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

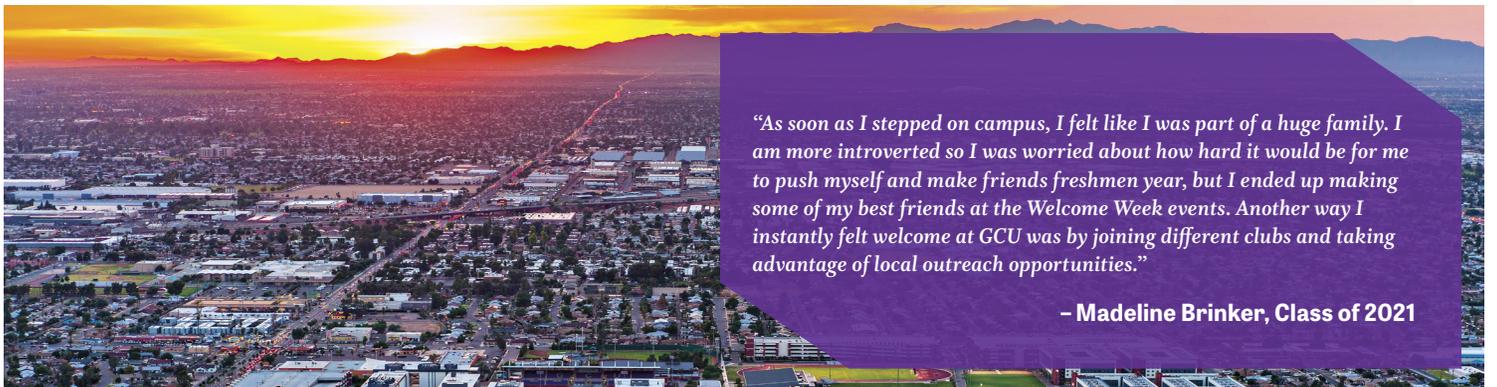
## ▶ AND HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

### A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

Grand Canyon University's campus is a welcoming learning and growing environment for students who come from all types of backgrounds. Students become a part of a diverse, faith-oriented community where they have opportunities to get involved in activities, sports, clubs and organizations, meet likeminded people, pursue their interests, attend campus events and participate in service projects that all help turn GCU into a second home.

Campus living also provides home-schooled students with brand-new learning experiences that help them grow. Campus continues to expand beyond 250+ acres with new residence halls and academic buildings, popular eateries, recreational and fitness centers, and state-of-the-art facilities like the Colangelo College of Business, Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark and the Canyon Activity Complex.

Additionally, GCU's independent police department and Public Safety Department ensure the safety of our students. Our Public Safety Department works in partnership with the Phoenix Police Department to keep our students safe by providing service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. 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.



*"As soon as I stepped on campus, I felt like I was part of a huge family. I am more introverted so I was worried about how hard it would be for me to push myself and make friends freshmen year, but I ended up making some of my best friends at the Welcome Week events. Another way I instantly felt welcome at GCU was by joining different clubs and taking advantage of local outreach opportunities."*

**– Madeline Brinker, Class of 2021**

### ONE FOUNDATION

At GCU, Christian convictions, Christ-focused curriculum and service beyond the classroom make up One Foundation, which guides the university toward faithfulness, excellence and service to its neighbors and God. We do our best to ensure all of our students feel well supported in our process of integrating faith and we are driven to continue creating an even more faith-based environment for the next generation of Lopes.

*\*One Foundation Study Summary, 2017*

### FROM YOUR HOME TO CAMPUS *EXCELLING AT GCU*

Many students arrive at GCU well-prepared for the college journey because of their academically enriched learning experiences at home. GCU values the methodology of a student's home school experience. For that reason, we do not require additional testing or validation of a student's transcripts for acceptance. Students are not required to retake labs or tests if they have a GPA of 3.0 or above, which further differentiates GCU from other universities.

Our university serves as an extension of this quality education, so students easily adjust to the rigorous college-level academics and start to succeed right from the beginning. If students experience any challenges, they can easily connect with academic and career-planning assistance, spiritual life opportunities, health and wellness resources, university counselors and more services that are readily available. GCU is committed to meeting the needs of all students, including those who have received home education.



*"GCU is like a breath of fresh air because they're actually looking for homeschoolers. They welcome us and it's like wow, we can feel at home here and get a really good education."*

**– Lucy DiGrazia, GCU Parent**

### ACE CENTERS

GCU's Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Centers, which are located throughout campus, are available to support you throughout your time as a Lope. Students are paired with specially-trained learning advocates (LEADs) who assist with coursework in a variety of subjects. In addition to academic resources, the ACE Centers also offer a First Year Experience program, as well as career resources.

▶ **PREPARING HOME-SCHOOLED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARLY FOR THEIR COLLEGE JOURNEY**

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

GCU proudly partners with a variety of organizations to offer home-schooled students the opportunity to get a head start on college through online dual enrollment. Students can participate as early as sophomore year and take up to 60 credits during high school. These courses all reflect Grand Canyon University's mission and are taught through a Christian lens.

- ▶ Choose from approximately 50 university-level courses; each seven-week class has year-round start dates (15-week courses are available)
- ▶ Take classes online with the flexibility to conveniently learn at home according to the student's schedule
- ▶ Transfer college credits easily toward GCU degree programs or other universities
- ▶ Receive the same resources and quality instruction, taught through the lens of our Christian worldview, as traditional students

### Dual Enrollment Benefits:

- ▶ Earn college credits early to accelerate the college academic journey
- ▶ Prepare to easily transition into college and to meet college expectations
- ▶ Graduate college early and enter the workforce sooner
- ▶ Save time and money, thus reducing student loan debt

Visit [gcu.edu/DualEnrollment](https://www.gcu.edu/DualEnrollment) for more information and to sign up today!

## GCU'S ALPHA PROGRAM AND BENEFITS

The Alliance Program for Homeschool Achievement (ALPHA) is a GCU participant program providing services and opportunities for home-schooled co-ops and families. ALPHA supports home-schooled high schoolers who are ready to take the next step in their education. To ease students into college and help them prepare, the program connects families with scholarship opportunities, university program and event discounts, professional development and free opportunities including:

- ▶ College prep forum covering GPA/ACT/SAT requirements, scholarships and majors
- ▶ Dual enrollment course planning for specific majors
- ▶ Free afternoon tutoring for dual enrollment students
- ▶ Transcript how-to guide, and more

## ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT FOR STARTING COLLEGE

Transitioning into a traditional college environment is a major change as the uncertainty of college can be intimidating and stressful; GCU understands that. To help students with a smooth and informed transition, GCU offers many spiritual life opportunities including Life Groups, Chapel and The Gathering. GCU also has university counselors who provide these personalized services that they will walk through with families and students step by step:

- ▶ Navigating the scholarship application and award letter process with transparency, so students can make the best financial decisions for their situation
- ▶ Advising about the advantages of dual enrollment and graduating early
- ▶ Homeschool-specific counselors specifically trained to meet the unique needs of homeschool students
- ▶ Exploring academic programs, campus life and more

## VISIT CAMPUS YOUR WAY

Future Lopes can choose to take part in one of the programs outlined below.

### VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON TOURS

Campus is open for individual tours or you can participate in a virtual GCU LIVE tour from your home.

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

### DISCOVER GCU

We want our students to feel confident in their college decision, which is why we offer Discover GCU. Through this all-expenses paid\* on-campus experience, high school students have the opportunity to tour campus, meet with an admissions counselor, learn about our various degree programs and see firsthand what it means to be a Lope!

### HOMESCHOOL TRIP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

You and a parent and/or guardian will have the opportunity to discover what it means to be a Lope! Schedule your own visit to campus and have your trip reimbursed by GCU by participating in our Homeschool Trip Reimbursement Program.\*\* Please keep in mind, this trip must be approved before travel dates are confirmed.

During your visit, you will:

- ▶ Meet with your university admissions counselor
- ▶ Tour our vibrant campus
- ▶ Meet current GCU students
- ▶ Check out our on-campus eateries, academic buildings, recreation facilities and more
- ▶ Explore campus at your own pace

**CONTACT YOUR UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS WHICH CAMPUS VISIT IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

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\*Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.

\*\*This program is only available to homeschool high school juniors and seniors plus one legal guardian. Receipts are necessary for reimbursement and an MOU needs to be signed. Reimbursement maximums are \$300 if your city of residence is less than 600 miles from Phoenix, \$500 if your city of residence is between 600-1,000 miles from Phoenix and \$700 if your city of residence is greater than 1,000 miles from Phoenix. Reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days of your trip. Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply. This trip must be approved before travel dates are confirmed. Ground Travel Expense Reimbursement: to qualify for reimbursement, the student must establish his/her city/state of residence. GCU reimburses mileage at \$.42 per mile and will use the student's home address to determine the reimbursement amount. Ground travel reimbursement cannot exceed \$100 (238 total miles).

Please note, not all GCU programs are available in all states and in all learning modalities. Program availability is contingent on student enrollment. Grand Canyon University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (800-621-7440; <http://hlcommission.org/>). 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>. GCU, while reserving its lawful rights in light of its Christian mission, is committed to maintaining an academic environment that is free from unlawful discrimination. Further detail on GCU's Non-Discrimination policies can be found at [gcu.edu/titleIX](https://www.gcu.edu/titleIX). The information printed in this material is accurate as of SEPTEMBER 2020. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit [gcu.edu](https://www.gcu.edu).  
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