



YOU CAN *SAVE* *ON YOUR COLLEGE* EDUCATION

Private. Christian. Affordable.

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

GRAND CANYON
UNIVERSITY®

PHOENIX, ARIZONA



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT AN AFFORDABLE COST

At Grand Canyon University, we're proud of our successful graduates and the impressive transition our students make into ambitious young professionals. Many students wouldn't have the opportunity to graduate from college and move on to great career opportunities unless affordable options were available to them. We understand that the cost of a college education is not only high, but rapidly increasing. That is why GCU remains committed to cost-effectiveness. We believe financial circumstances shouldn't dictate a student's future, so our university focuses on delivering creative solutions to keep costs affordable.

Why GCU is a **MORE AFFORDABLE OPTION**

Grand Canyon University serves as Arizona's premier, private Christian university. Our mission is to help students find their purpose, while growing into global citizens, critical thinkers, effective communicators and responsible leaders. One way that we carry out our mission is by making private education affordable. We are equally dedicated to servant leadership, academic excellence and the opportunity for all to have access to a quality, private education. For GCU, affordability and accessibility mean lower price tags compared to other universities and national averages.

THE TRANSPARENCY COMMITMENT

As a university that upholds financial transparency, our admissions counselors offer detailed information and benefits, while directly answering questions about how to pay for college and incur minimal debt. Financial plans are tailored to a family's financial situation and needs. We want to be as transparent as possible, so students can choose the best university for their current circumstances and future goals.



TUITION AND COST


Quality


Speed


Efficiency


Cost

1. GCU's on-campus tuition rate has remained frozen for the last 12 years as part of our commitment to provide affordable education. In contrast, the average national tuition has increased by 18% in the last decade. In some cases GCU's published tuition rate is lower than the rates in public university systems.
2. GCU has no out-of-state tuition, which means that our rate is the same for all in-state and out-of-state students.
3. Our tuition rate is \$16,500 annually. With the help of GCU-funded institutional scholarships, the average 2019-20 campus student only paid \$8,600 in annual tuition. These scholarships lower the cost of tuition for most students by nearly half.*
4. Our 2021-22 room and board rates start at just \$3,475 per semester.**

*Average tuition after scholarships is approximately \$8,600. Scholarships may be awarded based on sixth 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. Calculated before federal loans or grants are applied. 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.

**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.

MINIMAL STUDENT DEBT

Trends indicate that student loan debt is increasing. However, GCU students graduate with less debt than the national average (\$18,750 for GCU vs. \$23,876 for private nonprofit universities).* GCU's extensive opportunities and options help students graduate with minimal student debt and immediately start to pay it off according to their unique situation.

*2013-14 and 2014-15

Student Loan Debt: How GCU Addresses This Financial Burden

1. INTEREST-FREE SEMESTER PAYMENT PLANS:

GCU offers and encourages interest-free payment plans to help manage college expenses by paying over time, rather than in a single lump sum.

2. LOWER MONTHLY PAYMENTS:

GCU accepts higher down payments, which helps reduce monthly payment amounts without penalty.

3. COST ESTIMATOR:

The cost estimator helps students get a better understanding of what it might cost to attend GCU. Calculations are fully transparent and accurately represent a student's financial picture. This allows for more planning and upfront awareness of a student's ability to afford a GCU education.

4. NO HIDDEN FEES:

It is important to make sure all charges are accounted for so there are no surprises. There are many fees that universities charge that may not initially be shared on their financial estimate. Additionally, some universities and their scholarship programs may require the student to live on campus, but the fees associated for doing so may not be included on the letter.

5. AVOID FINANCIAL PITFALLS:

It is important to GCU that students read through and understand financial aid offers accurately. We host workshops and schedule appointments to help families avoid misunderstandings. Some common pitfalls to be aware of are:

No Balance Due:

Do not focus on the out-of-pocket amount. Many sources of funding are used to calculate this. The details of this calculation are more important than the zero-dollar out-of-pocket expense that may appear at the bottom of the financial aid offer. Zero dollars does not always mean free.

PLUS Loans and Private Loans on a Letter:

While PLUS and private loans are both options to assist with tuition costs, these loans are credit-based and not guaranteed. GCU provides students with estimates that only incorporate the financial aid options that students qualify for without additional applications beyond the federal application, though those can be considered upon request.

Scholarship and Renewability:

Many schools offer scholarships for the first year only. This can leave families financially strained after freshman year is over. Most GCU scholarships are automatically renewed for all eight semesters as long as the student attends full-time and maintains the minimum established criteria.

6. FEDERAL WORK STUDY:

GCU does not include federal work study on a student's financial aid offer because it is not a guaranteed source of assistance. A student has to actually be hired into a federal work study position and have financial need to qualify for it.





GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

More than 90% of traditional students* maintain some level of institutional scholarship, which lowers tuition and enhances our affordability. Most academic scholarships are based on weighted high school GPA or student's SAT or ACT scores. If you do not have a weighted GPA, you can use your unweighted GPA to qualify for the scholarships. The average incoming GPA for traditional student was 3.55 in fall 2019. We encourage families to review our available scholarships at gcu.edu/CampusScholarships

*As of Fall 2018

Our counselors can also assist with the assessment of scholarships that students may be eligible to receive. We make sure families understand the requirements, savings and how to lock in a scholarship offer.

Renewability

Most institutional scholarships offered at the point of entry are renewable annually for fall and spring, up to eight semesters. To maintain a current scholarship, the student must remain eligible to attend GCU and meet other requirements if necessary. Unlike many universities that require students to reapply, our upperclassmen can continue to automatically supplement their education through scholarships up until graduation.



MAXIMIZE TIME AT GCU

Our goal is for students to successfully enter the 21st century workforce prepared for their careers. For many students, the faster they graduate, the better. That's why we offer fast-track options for students to accelerate their educational path toward early graduation, so they can start grad school or enter into their careers sooner. We want our students to recognize the many benefits that come with graduating faster: lower student debt, fewer college expenses and greater lifetime earnings potential.

Fast-Track Personalized Planning

Our counselors are advocates for overall savings. If a student wants to graduate in less than four years, we will customize a fast-track path that meets specific goals and needs. This can benefit students who aim to attend grad school after graduation. Depending on the program, there may be flexibility to expedite a graduation date to the greatest advantage. Fast-track options may include summer sessions, online learning and transfer credits (from another institution or our dual enrollment program).

Dual Enrollment

We offer our dual enrollment program to high school students who want to start earning college credits early. This is an opportunity for students to earn and transfer college credits while still in high school to get a head start on their academic goals. These courses cost less than regular tuition, which also increases overall savings. In addition to dual enrollment, GCU also accepts college credits via Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.

Visit [gcu.edu/DualEnrollment](https://www.gcu.edu/DualEnrollment) for more information about dual enrollment opportunities at GCU.

Summer Sessions

We encourage students to take advantage of summer school as a way to save time and money by earning college credits, either on campus or online. Students pay discounted tuition and housing rates during the summer. Our summer sessions include online options, so students can choose to study from anywhere. Summer sessions are also a chance for students to increase their GPA by focusing on one or two courses at a time.

3+1 Program

The 3+1 program gives students the opportunity to align their undergraduate and graduate studies early in their college career. 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 — which helps students enter the workforce with a graduate degree sooner. In this rigorous program, students attend classes year-round and take courses in the same format as our traditional campus undergraduate programs for four years. Since summer tuition and housing rates are discounted, this fast-track program saves students a considerable amount of money.



SELECTING THE RIGHT COLLEGE IS BOTH AN IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT DECISION

This is why we encourage families to research options thoroughly. As part of our commitment to transparency, we encourage students and parents to ask questions and engage with their admissions counselor early on to optimize a financial plan.



STUDENT WORKER OPPORTUNITIES

Student worker positions are available in a wide variety of campus departments each year. This helps students earn money that they can put toward college-related expenses or summer session classes. Students can apply for student employment through GCU's Academic and Career Excellence Center and even search for paid internship opportunities.

GCU enterprises, such as the GCU Ad Agency, GCU Golf Course, The Lope House Restaurant, GCU Hotel, Canyon 49 Grill, Grand Canyon Beverage Co. (GCBC), Canyon Pizza Co. and Canyon Promotions also offer jobs and real-life work application for students. Not only are student-worker positions beneficial for earning money, but they serve as opportunities for networking with GCU employees and faculty that can possibly lead to a full-time position at GCU.

MORE VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY

Students have access to a wide range of resources available, from academic support and career prep to health and wellness. We want our future graduates to live happily and healthily, have rewarding experiences and reach their potential through growth and support. At GCU, we are developing a well-rounded young adult, not just a student's intellect. Support offerings are valuable for personal development. Among our many free resources, we provide:

- **Explore More sessions** help students tackle their toughest subjects among their peers.
- **Faculty members** with open office hours care about individual student success.
- **Academic and Career Excellence Center** advise on internships, resume building, job searching and more.

The Lopes Living Well program, Lopes Support Network program, LopesTALK sessions and the Canyon Health and Wellness Clinic offer health and mental wellness services.



**WE
EMPLOY OVER
2,000
PART
TIME**

STUDENT WORKERS*

*SEE AVAILABLE POSITIONS
AND APPLY AT [JOBS.GCU.EDU](https://jobs.gcu.edu)*

*Over 2,000 student workers employed by Grand Canyon University and Grand Canyon Education as of July 2019

THE GCU DIFFERENCE

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.

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 profession. 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.

Instructor's Focus

As a teaching university, we value research but ensure that our faculty's first priority is our students. This manifests in a few ways: First, our faculty, not graduate assistants, teach courses so students 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 approximately 2,300 student workers** that GCU employs.

Hands-On Learning

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.

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 requires 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 and work-inspired projects such as the Economic Impact Studies, as well as 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 an entrepreneurial plan to win business funding.

Equipment Access

Our industry-driven and co-designed curriculum puts students at the forefront of the technology sphere. GCU students have access to makerspaces, state-of-the-art labs, manufacturing facilities and shops that are available to all students as soon as freshman year to work on their projects and creations.

GCU also ensures students can take full advantage of these opportunities by allowing students to maintain ownership of what they create using university facilities. Every GCU student keeps the intellectual property rights to anything they develop during school.

Extracurricular

Engagement at GCU happens on many levels. Students can participate in our career and scholarship 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, executive leadership and professional experts. Our students have access to guest speakers and outside relevant resources, social and academic learning communities and 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.

ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS

Our admissions counselors support students through the entire process of inquiring, applying and starting at GCU. They serve as an ongoing point-of-contact for both students and parents and are available to:

DISCUSS financial aid options to avoid over-borrowing

HELP families explore and understand all financial aid packages for comparison purposes

INFORM on how to save with GCU scholarships and renewability

PROVIDE a complimentary LOPES evaluation and estimated costs to attend GCU

CREATE a personalized graduation timeline

ENSURE students choose the right courses to their advantage

*26.6 average class size for traditional, 10.5 average class size for online and 13.6 average class size for professional studies as of July 2019

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NEXT *steps:*

STEP 1

Apply for free at gcu.edu/ApplyNow

STEP 2

Set up your student portal, upload your transcripts 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.

855-428-7884

gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions

*Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.

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>. The information printed in this material is accurate as of NOVEMBER 2020. For the most up-to-date information about admission requirements, tuition, scholarships and more, visit gcu.edu. ©2020 Grand Canyon University 20GTR0515