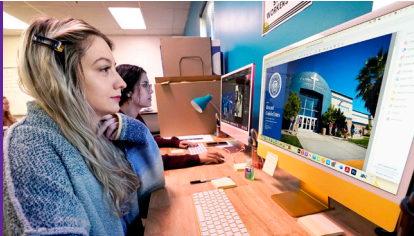# GCU DAY
PROGRAM SESSION GUIDE

Your students can customize their event by choosing one of our various academic focuses.

Arts and Media

Design Your Journey: Visualize Your Future

Students will be immersed in a creative and reflective experience where they can explore their identity and aspirations through visual storytelling. They will design a personalized movie poster that captures who they are today and who they hope to become after graduation. This activity encourages students to take ownership of their story while engaging in meaningful self-expression and peer collaboration.

Business

Business Simulator Challenge

Students will step into the fast-paced world of business as they take on roles in departments like marketing, research and development, finance and executive leadership. Working in teams, they'll navigate practical business scenarios that require strategic thinking, collaboration and creative problem-solving. Each session offers a unique challenge, giving students a dynamic introduction to the complexities of business strategy.
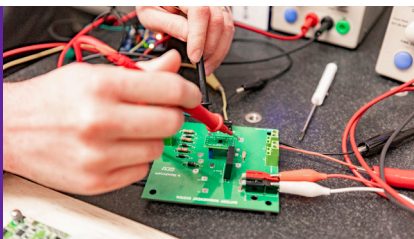
Education

Education Construction

Students will take on the roles of writers, readers and doers as they work together to recreate a Lego structure using only written and verbal instructions: no visuals allowed. This hands-on challenge highlights the importance of clear communication, instructional clarity and classroom management, sparking meaningful conversations about how to support different types of learners.

Engineering

Engineering Circuit Board Challenge

Students will take on a hands-on engineering challenge by working in teams to build a functional or creative circuit board project. Using provided kits, they'll compete against each other while developing key skills in innovation, teamwork and problem-solving. This fast-paced activity showcases GCU's project-based approach to engineering and introduces students to practical applications of electronic design.

Esports

Game On: Building a PC with Esports

Students will explore the world of esports by learning how to build a gaming PC, gaining hands-on experience with hardware assembly and insights into the esports industry. By the end of this track, they will have had the opportunity to learn a deeper understanding of the esports world.

Forensic Science

Crime Scene Science: Analyzing Clues with Chemistry

Students will step into the role of crime scene investigators as they explore a mock crime scene. Rotating through hands-on stations like blood spatter analysis, pH testing and evidence sketching, teams will work together to determine what's relevant and piece together their case. This immersive experience blends chemistry, critical thinking and collaboration, offering a realistic and engaging introduction to forensic science.

Healthcare and Nursing

Hands-on Health Care: Anatomy in Action

Students will engage in a three-part academic experience that brings health care and science to life. This session includes a hands-on cadaver lab exploration, interactive anatomy relay challenge and a customizable third rotation, either a health sciences presentation or an immersive VR anatomy experience. With 35-minute rotations, students get a well-rounded, engaging introduction to careers in health care and the sciences.

Honors

Escape the Campus

Students will step into the role of campus explorers as they work in teams to solve a series of interactive challenges. Rotating through puzzles that encourage teamwork, problem-solving and communication, groups will collaborate to unlock clues and complete the experience. This immersive activity blends critical thinking, leadership and teamwork, helping students build connections and develop skills essential for their academic future.

Pastoral Careers

Chapel (Mondays Only)

Spiritual Life hosts weekly worship services where the GCU community gathers to worship together and hear teachings from the Bible. Worship is led by GCU students and speakers include GCU Spiritual Life staff, local pastors and ministry leaders from churches and Christian organizations. Prospective students are invited to attend Chapel services to worship together, grow in biblical understanding and find community with current students and other future Lopes.

Psychology and Social Work

Thinking Critically: The Intersection of Brain, Bias and Behavior

Students will explore key areas of psychology such as brain science, group behavior and social influence through an engaging, hands-on experience. This session helps students connect their personal interests to potential academic and career pathways in mental health. They can leave with a clearer understanding of how GCU's programs can support their goals in this impactful field.

Technology

Digital Capture the Flag (CTF) Challenge

Join us for an exciting, tech-focused Capture the Flag activity! This interactive, digital competition lets you put your problem solving and technical skills to the test through puzzles, coding challenges and cybersecurity inspired tasks. Work with your team to uncover hidden flags and race to the top of the leaderboard. It's a fun way to experience the hands-on, competitive side of our technology programs at GCU!

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