

## Intensive Terms

### 1. January Term

An integral part of the second semester, January term gives students an opportunity to concentrate on a single course for three weeks. Transcultural travel programs are among the innovative courses offered. Students may also enroll in an approved January term at another institution. The academic load for the spring semester is the sum of courses taken during January and spring terms. Therefore, students normally earn three or four credits in January and 12 or 13 credits during the spring term, for a total of 15 to 17 credits in the second semester.

All students are expected to register for a course during January term each year. Since January term and spring term together compose the second semester, all fees are applied accordingly. No discounts for tuition or room and board are given to students who do not enroll for a January term course.

### 2. May Term

May Term is a three-week term immediately following Spring Term and is reserved exclusively for approved Cross-Cultural Studies courses. Since May Term is considered a part of the second semester, students will be charged additional tuition at the overload rate for each credit above the 18 credits allowed for the second semester. Students who are interested in courses other than Cross-Cultural Studies should enroll in the Summer Session.

### 3. Summer Session

Messiah's Online Summer Session meets the needs of students, making it easier for them to stay ahead of schedule. Some individuals use Messiah's Online Summer Session to enhance their own personal learning. Many of our courses satisfy general education requirements. Each course is lead by a dedicated Messiah College faculty. Course titles are announced by the Provost and Registrar's Office. Scheduling is simultaneous to Fall registration.

In addition to our online courses, a wide variety of independent and directed studies can be available to Messiah students. Internships offer students an opportunity to combine full-time employment with academic components to receive credit. Students who register for SERV 231,232 – Foundations of Service, Mission, and Social Change integrate a spring semester course on service with a summer service experience followed by a fall reflection course.

Students may also elect to take courses at other colleges over the summer and transfer the credits to their Messiah program. To assure transfer of credit, these students should check the online Course Equivalency Database or complete the "Approval for Transfer Credit" form available in the Registrar's Office.

Since Summer School is not considered a part of the second semester, fees for Summer Session courses are charged independent of fees from the regular academic year.