



**Department of
Biblical and Religious Studies
*School of the Humanities***

Messiah College International Programs and the EpiCenter

Although EpiCenter programs are open to all students, there are some programs that may be of particular interest to students in the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies. Below is a description of these opportunities. For more details, stop by the EpiCenter.

Australia Studies Centre

Adventure, academics and art! The Sydney-based Wesley Institute provides students with an opportunity to live in this coastal city, to experience Australian culture, and to study theology and the arts.

✓ Junior or senior status (Will consider sophomores).

✓ 2.75 GPA

Course options have included New Testament Background and Methodology, Theological Foundations, the Rise of Early Christianity, and Urban Ministry Field Experience.

GoEd Africa

Based in Kampala, Uganda, and Kigali, Rwanda, the Go ED Program in Africa engages students with the reality of global poverty. The program fosters spiritual formation alongside academic courses and cross-cultural experience; students participate in service projects with local NGOs.

✓ Junior, or senior status

✓ 3.0 GPA

Students take courses in African Traditional Religions and Issues in Peacebuilding.

Jerusalem University College

“Come study the Bible in the land of the Bible” is the experiential motto of Jerusalem University College. Students spend a semester or a year, studying about this Middle Eastern region of the world when they attend the Israel-based Institute.

✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status

✓ 2.5 GPA

Classes have included courses in Biblical Archaeology, Biblical and Modern Hebrew, as well as a core course “Physical Settings of the Bible.”

LCC International University

Witness history in the making while studying in Klaipeda, Lithuania. LCC International University serves students from a number of Eastern European nations.

✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status

✓ 2.5 GPA

Classes have included Biblical Interpretation, History of the Christianity, Introduction to Theology, Major Christian Thinkers, and Peacemaking and Justice.

Middle East Studies Program

Students spend a semester in Cairo, Egypt, learning Arabic, studying Middle Eastern culture and religion, and exploring political conflicts. The 15-week adventure includes a field service project and educational excursions to Israel and several Middle Eastern countries.

✓ Junior or senior status

✓ 2.75 GPA

Ideal for students interested in comparative religions, Islamic studies, or in communicating the gospel cross-culturally.

Philadelphia Campus

Studying at Philadelphia allows students to have the benefits of a large university and the closeness of a small community as they experience an urban culture.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

Students interested in urban ministries are encouraged to complete the one-semester Urban Semester Program at the Philadelphia campus during their junior or senior year.

Philipps University

Messiah students can strengthen their language skills by spending a semester or a year studying at the oldest Protestant university in the world. Students live with German families or may be permitted to live in Schloss castle.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ Four semesters of college-level German are required
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

This program offers a number of courses in religion and philosophy.

Uganda Studies Program

Students will explore African culture, live in dorms with East African students, and participate in service projects in orphanages and medical clinics. During the semester students will travel to historic sites, parks and cities within the country.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.75 GPA

The Intercultural Ministry and Missions emphasis is an ideal option for students who wish to live, serve, or minister cross culturally. Courses include, Faith and Action in the Ugandan Context, African Christian Theology, and African Traditional Religions (course options vary).

Scholars' Semester in Oxford

Taste a slice of British life and experience the unique Oxford educational system by participating in the Scholars' Semester in Oxford. Academically strong students participate in one-on-one tutorials with Oxford professors, as well as take part in a variety of field trips.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 3.5 GPA

A variety of tutorials are available including, Religions in the Greek and Roman World, Development of Doctrine in the Early Church, Augustine, The Gospels and Jesus, and Old Testament Archaeology.

University of Strasbourg

Located near the border of Germany, the beautiful city of Strasbourg, France is the home to the University of Strasbourg where Messiah students experience French language and culture.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ Four semesters of college-level French are required
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

The University of Strasbourg has a Department of Protestantism and Department of Catholicism. It is the only public university in France that teaches religion courses.

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