
Department of Biblical and Religious Studies

School of the Humanities

Messiah College EpiCenter / International Programs

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.

*"The world is a great book,
of which they who never stir from home read only a page."*

Resources available in the EpiCenter include:

- Applications
- Brochures / Catalogs / Videos
- Course Listings
- International Student Identity Cards
- Fact Sheets
- Passport Photos

Information is provided about:

- Costs
- Deadlines
- Names of Program Advisors
- Passports
- Requirements
- Traveling/Studying Abroad

Australia Studies Centre

Adventure, academics and art! The Sidney-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, Perspectives on the World Christian Mission, and The Rise of Early Christianity (The book of Acts).

GoEd Africa

Based in Kampala, Uganda, and Kigali, Rwanda, the Go ED Program in Africa engages students with the reality of global poverty. Run by Food for the Hungry, the program fosters spiritual formation alongside academic courses and cross-cultural experience; students participate in one of FTH service projects.

- ✓ 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 and 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. Lithuania Christian College 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 Christian Church, Introduction to Theology, Mediation and Conflict Transformation, 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 the 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 Exegesis of the Epistle of the Galatians, Faith and Practice in the Ugandan Context, Literature of the Bible and Christian Classics, and Religions of Africa (course options vary).

University of Strasbourg

Located near the boarder 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 German 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.

To discover more opportunities, visit the EpiCenter Online: www.messiah.edu/studyabroad

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