

Messiah overview

Messiah College is a nationally ranked private Christian college with a socially, denominationally and politically diverse student body of approximately 2,800 undergraduate students from more than 37 states, 30 countries and a variety of Christian faith traditions.

Academic majors

Messiah awards degrees in more than 55 undergraduate majors, offers six pre-professional programs and has a growing number of graduate programs.

Setting

Our scenic 471-acre campus is located in suburban Grantham, Pa., just 12 miles from the state capital of Harrisburg.

Faculty

Messiah selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars, authors and experts in their chosen fields. Eighty-two percent hold terminal degrees. Our low student/faculty ratio of 13:1 ensures students receive personalized attention.

Community engagement

Our nationally recognized service learning initiatives extend the classroom into the real world. We teach students to engage their Christian faith, to build community, to serve as agents for peace and reconciliation and to champion the rights of the poor and the dispossessed.

Study abroad

Nationally ranked for our study abroad program, Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all its students. Last year, more than 500 students earned academic credit in more than 40 different countries.

Campus life

Eighty-eight percent of students live on campus in traditional halls, apartments and special-interest housing. More than 60 clubs and organizations offer countless opportunities for students to get involved.

Spiritual formation

Messiah weaves opportunities for spiritual growth throughout students' college experience, including chapel and worship services, discipleship groups, ministry outreach teams, community service, mission trips and a variety of other special programs.

A spirit of inquiry, gracious hospitality and Christian conviction allows students to examine and deepen their faith.

Internships

Our nationally recognized internship program helps students land internships locally, nationally or internationally in a variety of fields and often creates exciting post-graduation career opportunities.

Athletics

Characterized by outstanding facilities, competitive scheduling and a team culture rooted in a deeply Christian ethic, Messiah's 22 intercollegiate NCAA Division III athletic teams exemplify excellence, competing strongly at the conference level and frequently in national championships. Since 2000, the Messiah Falcons have earned 11 national team championships.



Accounting

Master the complexities of fiscal reporting and analysis

Analyze what it means to be a principled financial records preparer, auditor or inspector. Hone your analytical and critical thinking skills in our distinctive accounting program. We also incorporate an intense focus on writing so you not only will be able to work proficiently with financial data, but also can play a key role in strengthening your organization's overall communications. Prepare for the CPA exam and integrate your Christian values to *model ethical accounting practices*.

Accounting

The accounting major is carefully crafted to prepare students for the certified public accountant (CPA) exam and for successful careers in the public, corporate, non-profit and tax accounting fields. A rigorous and balanced curriculum that includes a writing sequence ensures graduates can communicate effectively as well as perform the complex tasks associated with preparing and analyzing financial and tax reports.

Highlights of the accounting major at Messiah

- Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) program, Messiah accounting students get hands-on experience as they prepare tax returns for low-income and elderly individuals.
- Among the more than 70 schools in Pennsylvania that offer accounting programs, Messiah graduates have consistently ranked in the top 10 percent in total parts passed on their first attempt at the CPA exam.
- This major offers a distinctive program that intentionally incorporates teaching effective writing skills in the upper-level accounting course sequence.
- The faculty work with students to complete the 150 hour requirement for the CPA license during their four years.

Minors and associated concentrations

Minors

- business information systems
- economics
- human resource management
- leadership

Facilities and resources overview

- Many students sharpen their investment and strategy skills by joining the Investment Club or Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).
- Many students are involved in student government and other service opportunities to strengthen their leadership skills.
- The Messiah College Philadelphia Campus provides an excellent opportunity for students to enrich their vocational preparation.

Department faculty highlights

- Professors are accomplished business scholars and have real world corporate, public accounting and tax experience.
- All department faculty are dedicated Christian scholars committed to providing personal attention and transformational teaching.

Careers for accounting majors

- careers as certified public accountants in accounting firms or other businesses
- related job opportunities such as: fraud examiners, government investigators or risk management executives; careers in financial, corporate, personal, auditing or tax accounting
- The Career Center and accounting faculty hold an annual “accounting night” that brings more than 20 public accounting firms to campus to network with students about employment and internship possibilities.

Internships and graduate degrees

- A number of Messiah students choose to further their studies in graduate school, seeking advanced degrees in business administration, economics, international finance and related fields.
- Some students also sit for other certifications such as the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) exams.
- Through the Career Development Office and Internship Office, students may obtain internships and cooperative education experiences in businesses in surrounding communities.

“Our professors not only taught technical theories but also taught application. I learned how to be an accountant. I don’t know of any local accounting firm that does not look at Messiah for premier accounting talent.”

—Messiah alumna