

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.



Economics

Probe the forces that impact human welfare.

As a student of economics, you will develop sharpened analytical and quantitative skills needed to understand the market and non-market forces that shape the behavior of society. Gain a deep appreciation for the roles that values, social institutions and human activity have on the physical environment and public policy. Within this framework, you'll be encouraged to consider how Christian faith informs your perspectives and influences your choices as a steward of the resources in God's creation. Consider how expertise in economics will help you *make a difference*.

Economics

Messiah College offers both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs in economics. The Bachelor of Arts program emphasizes economics within a broader program of liberal arts studies. The Bachelor of Science program will appeal to students who are seeking a more business-focused program; it includes all of the core requirements for the traditional business administration major such as management, accounting and marketing.

Highlights of the economics major at Messiah

- Students have the option of pursuing either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree in economics to fulfill their personal goals and aspirations.
- Students not only learn the mechanics of economic analysis, but they also learn how Christian faith shapes the way they view the economic process.
- Students gain an understanding of the domestic business environment, the changes large and small businesses must make to remain viable and the complexity of the global economy.

Minors and associated concentrations

Minors

- accounting
- business administration
- human resource management
- leadership
- economics

Facilities and resources overview

- Students may take advantage of the 10-week International Business Institute during the summer. As participants in this leading global business program among Christian colleges and universities, students tour western Europe, India and China while interacting with various business and government leaders.
- While many students opt to complete degree requirements at the Grantham campus, some choose to spend a semester or two at Messiah College's Philadelphia Campus at Temple University, which offers an attractive opportunity for students to experience a vibrant urban business environment.

Department faculty highlights

- Faculty members have worked or taught in Brazil, Costa Rica, Ghana, Liberia, Namibia, the Netherlands, Singapore, Ukraine and other countries, enabling them to infuse an international and cross-cultural perspective into their courses.
- All business faculty members, including several adjunct teachers, are highly-qualified experts in their fields.
- All full-time faculty are dedicated Christian scholars.

Careers for economics majors

- professional positions in the banking and finance industries or other businesses
- economics-related positions in government, education and industry
- vocations in the ministry or community service

Internships and graduate degrees

- Students often choose to pursue graduate degrees in law, finance, business administration and other fields.
- Paid and unpaid internships are available through our nationally-acclaimed internship center.

“The discipline of economics is often seen as the liberal arts component of any business major, but it also stands alone as an independent major.”

—Messiah alumnus