

**SCHOOL REQUEST FOR
CHAPEL EXCEPTION FORM**

RATIONALE

Common chapels are the primary component of the chapel program at Messiah College and an essential element of our students' education. The common chapel experience exposes students to a variety of worship styles and delivers an intentional series of presentations designed to foster spiritual formation, mature students' character and faith, as well as complement and support the academic program of a Messiah College education.

Chapel is an integral part of Messiah College's academic mission. Common chapel is a vehicle for common learning; it supports both the College's Foundational Values (particularly significance of the community) and a number of the College-Wide Educational Objectives (e.g., 3b, c, e, 5a, b, d, e, 6a, d, g, 7a, g). Further, common chapel remains the single most universal experience on campus and is a requirement of all students.

POLICY

No academic programming may be scheduled during the Tuesday and Thursday chapels. The student should never be asked to choose between attending a common chapel and participating in an activity related to classroom, studio or laboratory work.

EXCEPTIONS

Students may be excused from common chapels for an off-campus class activity, just as they would be excused from other classes meeting during the scheduled trip. In the event that facilities limitations prohibit the scheduling of an activity other than during common chapel(s), the respective school dean must approve the exception. Personal scheduling conflicts are not sufficient reason for scheduling a curriculum-related activity during common chapel. Proposed exceptions must be submitted to College Ministries two weeks prior to the activity.

Submit this form if you have an extenuating circumstance that prohibits your student(s) from attending Tuesday or Thursday chapels throughout semester. College Ministries will contact you once your request has been reviewed and a decision has been made.

Today's Date: _____

Reason for Exception:

Student(s) Involved: (Include student ID#. If this affects an entire class, please attach class list including student IDs)

Date(s) for Exception:

Faculty Sponsor Name (print) Faculty Sponsor Signature Date

Department Chair Name (print) Department Chair Signature Date

School Dean Name (print) School Dean Signature Date

College Ministries (print) College Ministries Signature Date