

## 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 34 states, 32 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, artists and experts in their chosen fields. Eighty-one 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, promote justice for the oppressed, reconcile adversaries and care for the earth.

### Study abroad

Nationally ranked for our study abroad program, Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all its students.

### 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 12 national team championships.



Chinese Studies

## Immerse yourself in a new culture.

Get to know the people and traditions of China firsthand. Develop proficiency in the Chinese language as you explore the country's history, art and culture. Studying abroad in China for a semester at one of the top universities will open your mind to many new possibilities and friendships as you live among Chinese students, who are also pursuing academic goals and career dreams. Develop the skills that are invaluable in today's global environment as you *broaden your world view*.

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## Chinese studies

A new major at Messiah as of 2011, the 45-credit hour Bachelor of Arts degree in Chinese studies is flexible enough to allow students to complete a second major or two minors in other areas of interest. The program offers a balance of courses in Chinese language as well as Chinese culture and history. An exciting semester of study abroad in Dalian, China, gives students the unique opportunity to take language courses taught in the native country while they also deepen their understanding of China through immersion in the country's culture.

## Highlights of the Chinese studies major at Messiah

- The major provides a broad preparation in the Chinese language and culture.
- Students study abroad for one semester at the Dalian University of Finance and Economics in Dalian, China.
- In addition to classroom instruction, students participate in several weekend excursions and a study tour to such places as Beijing and Chengdu. Introductory and intermediate level courses focus on grammar, conversation, reading, writing and culture. Advanced level courses include continued acquisition of Chinese language skills and extensive cultural content.

## Concentrations and minors

- Chinese Studies – 21 credits that may be completed at Messiah's main campus or with a semester in Dalian, China

## Facilities and resources overview

- The Beatriz Howe Language Laboratory in Boyer Hall is a state-of-the-art language lab that offers students the ability to improve their listening comprehension, speaking and pronunciation skills in Chinese.
- The modern language department maintains an extensive collection of language software.
- During the required semester in Dalian, China, students live in university residence halls where they have many opportunities to interact and socialize with Chinese students.

## Department faculty highlights

- Professors lead cross-cultural courses, conduct research and present papers nationally and internationally.
- Faculty members have studied, worked and taught in various regions of the world.
- All department faculty are dedicated Christian scholars committed to providing personal attention and transformational teaching.

## Careers for Chinese studies majors

- Careers as educators, government workers and business owners
- Related job opportunities in fields such as international business, law, tourism, journalism and missions

## Internships and graduate degrees

- Students will be prepared and may choose to further their studies in graduate school, seeking advanced degrees in Chinese, business, international studies and other fields.
- Chinese studies students who study at the Philadelphia campus may arrange internships with various Philadelphia-based companies.
- Opportunities for internships with local businesses in Dalian, China, exist during the semester abroad.

China opened its doors three decades ago. It has one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, making Chinese an increasingly sought language in the 21st century.