

Music

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- Music Education



Our Program

At Messiah College, you'll find studying music is more than notes and rhythms. As you develop into an outstanding musician, you'll be equipped to successfully enter a specialized career in music. You'll also be contributing to the Messiah College community and the worship experience of the church, learning to integrate your faith with the practice and teaching of music.

During your years of study, you'll gain the technical and expressive skills you need to perform at an advanced level on your chosen instrument. And you'll find plenty of opportunities to perform in both solo and ensemble settings. You'll also learn skills for conducting and directing rehearsals, musical analysis, composition, and musical research. All of these practical skills, of course, are backed by sound theoretical and historical studies.



Our Faculty

All of our department faculty are highly qualified and technically proficient in a wide range of instruments.

Performers in their own right, our professors bring a wealth of experience to their teaching. And they are also caring, committed Christians who want to see their students grow and mature academically, spiritually, and personally. They will work with you to develop all of your skills, as performers, teachers, and ministers through music.

Our Facilities

Music majors spend lots of time in Climenhaga Fine Arts Center, home to the music department.

The 400-seat Miller Auditorium, the 150-seat Poorman Recital Hall, a large instrumental rehearsal hall, and ample practice room space enhance your musical studies and performances. Our extensive technological facilities include a recording studio, a MIDI synthesizer lab, and a computer and electric piano lab. And our students have access to a large pipe organ, several grand pianos (including a nine-foot Steinway D in Poorman Recital Hall), a French double harpsichord, and about 150 band and orchestra instruments.

Majors and Minors

As a music major, you'll choose from several degree options.

If teaching is for you, the B.S. in music education will give you basic performing skills in keyboard, voice, and approximately fifteen musical instruments, preparing you to teach children in grades K-12. You'll also learn how to use recent technology

(including computers) to teach, design music curriculum, evaluate student progress, encourage and inspire students, and communicate the value of the arts to parents and the community. Two six-week student teaching experiences in local school districts cap off your studies.

The B.A. in music offers four concentration choices. A performance concentration enables you to develop your performance skills through more practice and lesson time. You'll also learn to teach your chosen instrument—often



through actual lessons with beginning students—and study the history of music for your instrument. By concentrating in church music, you'll study church music history

and administration and likely be involved in chapel music as well as local church worship experiences.

The composition concentration allows you to study both composition and a performance area, culminating in a recital of your own compositions. You'll also study electronic music.

And commercial music gives you exposure to the technology of MIDI and studio recording, as well as the skills of jazz and pop improvisation for your instrument. Field experiences and practicums with local churches or other organizations are encouraged in many of the concentrations.

Students may also earn a minor in music, concentrating either in general music (which covers basic musicianship and performance) or church music (which provides instruction in the specific needs of the church musician).

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Our Performance

As a music major at Messiah College, you'll have lots of options for getting involved in performance.

And with ten large ensembles and a number of smaller groups to choose from, you're sure to find your musical niche.

LARGER ENSEMBLES

- Concert Choir (45 members, performs mainly sacred choral music, presents two Christmas concerts and a spring tour)
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble (16 members, concentrates in jazz and popular music, performs both on and off campus)
- Messiah College Choral Arts Society (a College–community choir of about 150 voices, performs major choral works each spring)
- Women's Ensemble (60-member ladies' choir, meets during the fall and performs in two Christmas concerts)
- Symphonic Winds (large instrumental ensemble, performs a variety of music in three annual concerts)
- College Orchestra (chamber orchestra, performs once each semester)
- Handbell Choir (11-member group, performs in area churches and the Christmas concerts)
- Jazz Band (18-member "Big Band" ensemble, performs on campus)
- Brass Choir (15-member brass ensemble, performs on campus and in local churches)
- Percussion Ensemble (10-member ensemble, performs two annual concerts on campus and in local churches)

SMALLER ENSEMBLES

- Ringers Bell Choir
- Flute Choir
- Recorder Consort
- Brass Quintet

- String Quartet
- Guitar Ensemble (3 to 6 performances, performs on and off campus)

Department of Music ensembles have released several recordings in recent years. These include two recent recordings by the Concert Choir (*To Thee We Sing and Look to This Day*). Symphonic Winds has also released two nationally marketed CDs (*Crosswinds* and *At the Strongholds*).

Our Graduates

Our graduates are well equipped to enter a variety of musical careers, exhibiting both creativity and leadership.

The B.S. in music education prepares you for the specific career of teaching vocal and instrumental music in grades K–12. The B.A. in music often leads to a career in church music, private music teaching, performance, or other music-related careers, including recording. A number of our grads pursue advanced degrees at respected graduate schools across the country.



About Messiah

A Messiah College education will challenge your intellect, mold your character, and press you to examine your faith.

A private, four-year Christian college, Messiah College offers you a world of opportunities.

You'll share your college experience with other inquisitive students, learning together from professors who are deeply involved in teaching and the emerging scholarship of their fields.

Your college endeavors may include everything from debating in the classroom to researching with the latest lab equipment, from pushing yourself on the athletic field to lifting your voice with a music ensemble, from caving during an Outdoors Club trip to soaring in the skies with our Flying Club, from sharing in your residence hall to serving in nearby towns, cities, and around the world.

And when you graduate, you'll join our nearly 15,000 alumni who are changing the world in every field imaginable. Our alumni are shaping policy in Washington, D.C., reporting on world events, practicing accounting with top firms, and completing graduate degrees at places like Oxford, Yale, Duke, and Harvard. They're working in inner cities and serving with ministries both in the United States and abroad.

Founded in 1909, Messiah College enrolls 2,900 full-time students who are pursuing degrees in more than 50 majors and pre-professional programs. Our main campus is located in Grantham, Pennsylvania, just ten miles southwest of Harrisburg, the state capital. We're also just a few hours from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

Messiah College is a place for wonder, growth, achievement, and opportunity. But don't just take our word for it. Come see for yourself!

Messiah College does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.



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A viewbook An application Financial aid information Campus visit information

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My average high school grades are: A A- B+ B B- C+ C (circle one)

My academic interest(s) is/are _____

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