

# Messiah at a Glance

## Distinctions

- Messiah offers a high-quality, private, coed, undergraduate education that effectively integrates intellect, character and faith for 2,800 students in a residential setting.
- 99% of past-year graduates are employed full time, attending graduate school or in voluntary service within six months after graduation.
- Named one of *U.S. News & World Report's* top 10 "Best Colleges" for regional liberal arts colleges in the North.
- Listed for more than ten consecutive years on the Templeton Foundation's "Honor Roll of Character-building Colleges."
- Listed as one of 300 U.S. colleges in *The New York Times' Best Buys in College Education*.
- A flourishing College Honors Program whose students recently included a Rhodes Scholar and a Fulbright Foreign Scholar.
- Named by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of the top 20 undergraduate institutions sending students to study abroad.
- Engineering department's "Genesis" solar car finished in the top 10 in Sunrayce 99, the nation's premier collegiate solar racing event.
- The Oakes Museum of Natural History, featuring Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs and fossils.
- The Boyer Center, promoting the vision of the late Ernest L. Boyer, Sr. The Center is involved in a national program of character education, renewal of elementary schools and international exchanges with China.
- Last year, Messiah's student body volunteered more than 70,000 hours of community service, including Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity.

## Identity & Mission

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The College is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

## Campus Locations

**Main Campus** — Scenic 400-acre suburban campus located in Grantham, Pa., 12 miles southwest of the state capital, Harrisburg — providing easy access to urban centers such as Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

**Philadelphia Campus** — In 1968, Messiah College launched a satellite campus in inner-city Philadelphia, affiliated with Temple University — the first partnership of its kind between a private Christian college and a state-affiliated university.

## President

Rodney J. Sawatsky, Ph.D., has served as Messiah College's seventh president since 1994.

## History

Originally named the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. In 1972, ownership by the Church was replaced by a covenantal relationship in which legal responsibility for the College was placed with a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

## Academic Calendar

The College operates on a two-semester academic year; the second semester includes a three-week January Term in which students typically concentrate on one course or take a cross-cultural class.

## Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools; Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology; American Dietetic Association; National League for Nursing; National Athletic Trainers Association; National Association of Schools of Music; Council on Social Work Education; Pennsylvania Department of Education

## Economic & Cultural Impact

Messiah College annually injects \$46.1 million into the greater Harrisburg regional economy. The College also hosts a busy schedule of regional and national conferences, concerts, recitals, plays, musicals and art exhibits.

## Facilities

**Academic Facilities** — Kline Hall of Science, Frey Hall, Jordan Science Center, Oakes Museum of Natural History, The Boyer Center, Climenhaga Fine Arts Center, and Sollenberger Sports Center

**Computer Facilities** — Includes 479 computers in various academic and residence hall labs, all of which are connected to a campuswide network. Individual residence hall rooms have been equipped for a campus network/Internet connection for personal computers.

**Murray Library** — Paper volumes 247,627; current periodicals 1,260; microforms 105,623; audiovisual materials 12,930. The library also houses a computer lab, media center and video production center.

**Residential Facilities** — The College offers eight traditional residence halls and four apartment-style residences on campus, each well equipped, controlled by a security access system and individually wired for personal network/Internet connections.

## Academic Programs

The College awards both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees. The academic program includes the majors listed below, in addition to more than 50 minors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, and a College Honors Program.

## Majors

### More Than 50 Majors

Accounting; Studio Art; Art Education; Art History; Athletic Training; Bible; Biochemistry; Biology; Broadcasting, Telecommunications & Mass Media; Business Administration; Business Information Systems; Chemistry; Christian Ministries; Civil Engineering; Communication; Computer Science; Early Childhood Education; Economics; Elementary Education; Engineering; English; Environmental Science; Family Studies; French; German; Health & Physical Education; History; Humanities; Human Resource Management; International Business; Journalism; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Music Education; Nursing; Nutrition & Dietetics; Philosophy; Physics; Political Science; Psychology; Recreation; Religion; Social Work; Sociology; Spanish; Spanish Business; Sport & Exercise Science; Theatre; Therapeutic Recreation; Teacher Certification Programs (Biology, Chemistry, English, Environmental Education, French, German, Mathematics, Social Studies, Spanish, Special Education)

### Preprofessional Programs

Pre-Dental; Pre-Law; Pre-Medical, Pre-Medical Technology; Pre-Seminary; Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Veterinary

## Spiritual Growth

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.

## Faculty Profile

Messiah College selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars and experts in their chosen fields.

<b>Full-Time</b>	
<b>Full-Time Faculty</b>	144
Male/Female	95M/49F
Hold Terminal Degree	76%
Student/Faculty Ratio	14:1

<b>Part-Time</b>	
<b>Part-Time Faculty</b>	98

## Student Profile

<b>Enrollment</b>	
<b>Undergrad Head Count</b>	2,797
Male/Female Ratio	39%M/61%F

<b>Full-Time Students</b>	98%
Living in on-campus Housing	89%
Out-of-State Students	51%
States Represented	38
Minority Students	5%
International Students	1.8%
Foreign Countries Represented	25

<b>Freshman Class Profile</b>	
<b>Total applied</b>	2,279
<b>Total accepted</b>	1,777
<b>Total enrolled</b>	741

<b>SAT Scores (middle 50%)</b>	
Verbal	530-630
Math	530-630

<b>ACT Scores (middle 50%)</b>	
Composite	23-28

<b>High School Class Rank</b>	
Top 10%	35%
Top 25%	64%
Top 50%	92%

<b>High School GPA</b>	
Above 3.0	92%
2.0-2.99	8%
Average GPA	3.66

## Retention

<b>Retention &amp; Graduation</b>	
Percent of Freshmen who:	
returned for 2nd year	85%
graduated within 4 years	67%
graduated within 6 years	73%

*Note: Messiah does not track transfer-out students.*

## Academic Profile

<b>Average Class Size</b>	
Introductory Lecture	26
Laboratory	18
Regular Course	23

<b>Largest Majors</b>	
Elementary Education	8.7%
Engineering	5.9%
Nursing	5.7%
Biology	5.6%
Psychology	4.4%

## Athletics

- Home of the Messiah College Falcons
- Member of NCAA Division III
- 20 Intercollegiate Athletic Teams: Baseball (M), Basketball (M/W), Cross Country (M/W), Field Hockey (W), Golf (M), Lacrosse (M/W), Soccer (M/W), Softball (W), Tennis (M/W), Indoor Track & Field (M/W), Outdoor Track & Field (M/W), Volleyball (W), Wrestling (M)

## Financial Aid

<b>Percent Receiving Aid</b>	
Freshmen	97%
All Undergraduates	93%

<b>Average Aid Package</b>	
Freshmen	\$12,555
All Undergraduates	\$12,800

## Tuition & Costs

<b>2000-2001 Academic Year</b>	
Tuition	\$15,830
Required Fees	\$300
Room & Board	\$5,770
Total	\$21,900
Additional Costs*	\$2,350

*\*books, travel, and personal expenses*

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