

Messiah at a Glance

Distinctions

- Messiah offers a high-quality, private, coed, undergraduate education that effectively integrates intellect, character, and faith for 2,850 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 by *U.S. News & World Report* as a top 10 “Best College” for comprehensive bachelor’s colleges in the North.
- Listed for more than 10 consecutive years on the Templeton Foundation’s “Honor Roll of Character-building Colleges.”
- Awarded a nationally competitive \$2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment to implement an innovative network of programming and curriculum exploring Christian Vocation: Service, Leadership and Reconciliation.
- Recognized by *USA Today* for exceptionally high rate of graduating student-athletes among NCAA Division III institutions—fifth in the country!
- Named by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of the top 20 undergraduate institutions sending students to study abroad.
- The Collaboratory for Experiential Learning, developed by the engineering department, sponsors unique, hands-on projects that create solutions to pressing world problems. Projects include the Genesis solar car, which won the top technical award in the 2001 American Solar Challenge.
- 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., 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.

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., the seventh president of Messiah College, has served in office 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.

Academic Structure

Messiah College launched a new academic structure in the fall of 2001, created to promote academic excellence and innovation. Departments were realigned into schools which are led by deans who collaborate with faculty, students, and the surrounding region to create visionary educational communities. They are: the School of the Arts; the School of Education and Social Sciences; the School of Health and Natural Sciences; the School of the Humanities; and the School of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business.

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, as well as concerts, recitals, plays, musicals, and art exhibits through its School of the Arts.

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 463 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 258,148; current periodicals 1,242; microforms 111,918; audiovisual materials 13,286. 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 flourishing College Honors Program. Messiah students are prepared to succeed in their careers, ministry, and graduate school. Recent alumni include a Rhodes Scholar and Fulbright Scholars from the School of the Humanities.

Majors

More Than 50 Majors

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

Preprofessional Programs

Pre-Dental; Pre-Law; Pre-Medical; Pre-Medical Technology; Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Seminary; 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, authors and experts in their chosen fields.

Full-Time	
Full-Time Faculty	158
Male/Female	105M/53F
Hold Terminal Degree	70%
Student/Faculty Ratio	13:1
Part-Time	
Part-Time Faculty	104

Student Profile

Enrollment	
Undergrad Head Count	2,858
Male/Female Ratio	39%M/61%F
Full-Time Students	98%
Living in On-Campus Housing	86%
Out-of-State Students	50%
States Represented	38
Minority Students	6%
International Students	2.1%
Foreign Countries Represented	25

First-Year Class Profile	
Total applied	2,231
Total accepted	1,742
Total enrolled	702

SAT Scores (middle 50%)	
Verbal	540-650
Math	540-650

ACT Scores (middle 50%)	
Composite	23-28

High School Class Rank	
Top 10%	35%
Top 25%	66%
Top 50%	90%

High School GPA	
Above 3.0	92%
2.0-2.99	8%
Average GPA	3.69

Retention

Retention & Graduation	
Percent of First-Year Students who:	
returned for 2nd year	85%
graduated within 4 years	65%
graduated within 6 years	72%

Note: Messiah does not track transfer-out students.

Academic Profile

Average Class Size	
Introductory Lecture	26
Laboratory	18
Regular Course	22

Largest Majors	
Elementary Education	9.1%
Engineering	6.0%
Nursing	5.7%
Psychology	4.7%
Biology	4.5%

Athletics

- Home of the Messiah College Falcons and home of the NCAA Division III 2000 national champion in men's soccer and individual champion in wrestling; and 2001 national runner-up in women's basketball and field hockey
- 20 intercollegiate athletic teams (NCAA Division III): 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

Percent Receiving Aid	
First-Year Students	96%
All Undergraduates	94%

Average Aid Package	
First-Year Students	\$14,012
All Undergraduates	\$13,125

Tuition & Costs

2001-2002 Academic Year	
Tuition	\$16,860
Required Fees	\$350
Room & Board	\$5,970
Total	\$23,180
Additional Costs*	\$2,410

*estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses

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