

Messiah at a Glance

Distinctions

- Named by *U.S. News & World Report* as a top 10 “Best College” for comprehensive bachelor’s colleges in the North.
- Ninety-seven percent of past-year graduates are employed full time, attending graduate school, or in voluntary service within six months after graduation.
- 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.
- The Harrisburg Initiative integrates Messiah’s community involvement in the capital region into an intentional engagement of the city. It includes a student residential facility and the research, consultation, and service work of Messiah programs and centers.
- The Oakes Museum 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 a research and resource center sponsoring national programs focused on the renewal of elementary schools, character education, partnerships between academic institutions, and new forms of educational privatization in the United States and China.
- Internationally recognized scholarship of School of the Humanities faculty and alumni, including a Rhodes Scholar, Marshall Scholar, Truman Scholar, and several Fulbright Fellowships and awards.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic, and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and learning through symposia, lectures, film series, conferences, and partnerships with other institutions.
- The Collaboratory for Strategic Partnerships and Applied Research works with regional and international organizations to use applied research, quantitative analysis, technology, and entrepreneurial projects to address critical problems in the world.

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.

Overview

Messiah College offers a high-quality, private, coed, undergraduate education that effectively integrates intellect, character, and Christian faith for more than 2,900 students in a residential setting.

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

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as interim president of Messiah College on July 1, 2004.

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 Structure

Messiah College’s academic program is structured into five interdisciplinary schools: 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. Each school is led by its own dean who collaborates with faculty, students, and the surrounding region to create visionary educational communities.

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

Facilities

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

Computer Facilities—Includes 481 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 290,838; current periodicals 1,212; microforms 117,923; audiovisual materials 17,920. The library also houses a computer lab, media center, and video production center.

Residential Facilities—The College offers eight traditional on-campus residence halls and four apartment-style residences on campus, each well equipped and controlled by a security access system.

Larsen Student Union—A new student-centered facility providing learning and leisure space for the Messiah community.

Academic Programs

The College awards both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in 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.

Majors

More Than 50 Majors

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

Teacher Certification Programs

Art Education; Biology; Biology and Environmental Education; Chemistry; Citizenship Education (Social Studies); Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Elementary and Special Education; English; Environmental Science; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; French; German; Health & Physical Science Education; Mathematics; Music Education; Spanish

Preprofessional Programs

Pre-Allied Health; Pre-Dental; Pre-Law; Pre-Medical; 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. Last year, Messiah's student body volunteered more than 90,000 hours of community service.

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	170
Male/Female	110M/60F
Hold Terminal Degree	74%
Student/Faculty Ratio	13:1

Part-Time

Part-Time Faculty	140
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Student Profile

Enrollment

Undergrad Head Count	2,917
Male/Female Ratio	37%M/63%F

Full-Time Students

Full-Time Students	98%
Living in On-Campus Housing	89%
Out-of-State Students	48%
States Represented	39 (40w/DC)
Minority Students	7.2%
International Students	2.5%
Foreign Countries Represented	29

First-Year Class Profile

Total applied	2,050
Total accepted	1,705
Total enrolled	690

SAT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Verbal	540–660	.602
Math	540–650	.589
Composite	1110–1290	.1190

ACT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Composite	23–28	.26

High School Class Rank

Top 10%	39%
Top 25%	69%
Top 50%	92%

High School GPA

Above 3.0	94%
2.0–2.99	6%
Average GPA	3.73

Retention & Graduation at Messiah

Percent of First-Year Students who:	
returned for 2nd year	88%
graduated within 4 years	69%
graduated within 6 years	77%

Note: Messiah does not track students who transfer from Messiah College and graduate from another institution.

Academic Profile

Enrollment by School

School of the Arts	8.1%
School of Education and Social Sciences	20.3%
School of Health and Natural Sciences	21.7%
School of the Humanities	23.8%
School of Mathematics, Engineering and Business	20.5%
Undeclared (no school)	5.6%

Athletics

- Recognized by *USA Today* in 2001 for exceptionally high rate of graduating student-athletes among NCAA Division III institutions—fifth in the country!
- Home of the Messiah College Falcons and home of the NCAA Division III 2000, 2002, and 2004 national champions in men's soccer; 2000 individual champion in wrestling; 2002 individual champion in men's track and field; 2001 national runner-up in women's basketball and field hockey; and 2002 national runner-up in women's soccer 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 and field (M/W), outdoor track & field (M/W), volleyball (W), wrestling (M)

Financial Aid

Percent Receiving Aid

First-Year Students	97%
All Undergraduates	95%

Average Aid Package

First-Year Students	\$15,843
All Undergraduates	\$16,073

Tuition & Costs

2004–2005 Academic Year

Tuition	\$20,120
Required Fees	\$670
Room & Board	\$6,560
Total	\$27,350
Additional Costs*	\$2,510

*estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses



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