

Messiah at a Glance

Distinctions

- Named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top five “Best Colleges” for comprehensive bachelor’s colleges in the North.
- Ninety-eight percent of past-year graduates surveyed are employed full time, attending graduate school, or in voluntary service within six months after graduation.
- Ranked ninth in the nation among baccalaureate schools for number of students studying abroad, according to annual Open Doors survey reported in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Internationally recognized scholarship of School of the Humanities faculty, students, and alumni, including a Rhodes Scholar, Marshall Scholar, Truman Scholar, and several Fulbright Fellowships and awards.
- Home of the NCAA Division III 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002, and 2000 national champion in men’s soccer; 2005 national champion in women’s soccer; 2001 national runner-up in women’s basketball; and 2006, 2005, 2002, and 2001 national runner-up in field hockey.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic, and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and promote learning through symposia, lectures, film series, conferences, and partnerships with school districts and literacy outreach programs.
- Students and educators in the Collaboratory for Strategic and Applied Partnerships and Research partner with regional and international organizations to conduct quantitative analysis and technology and business projects that serve disadvantaged communities and care for the earth.
- The School of the Arts features performance and exhibition opportunities for students, extensive connections with arts organizations locally and internationally, and artists/faculty who perform and exhibit internationally, such as jazz artist-in-residence Tim Warfield and ensemble-in-residence Mendelssohn Piano Trio.
- The Harrisburg Institute integrates Messiah’s community involvement in the capital region through an intentional engagement with the city. The Institute includes a student residential facility and research and consultation work.
- The Early Learning Center is among 7% of lab schools/child-care centers in Pennsylvania accredited by the National Association of Education of Young Children.
- The Ernest L. Boyer Center, is a research and resource center existing to facilitate renewal in schools and communities by conducting research in critical education and socio-cultural issues.
- The Oakes Museum features Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs, and fossils.

Identity and 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 2,800 students in a residential setting.

Campus Locations:

Main Campus — Scenic 471-acre suburban campus located in Grantham, Pennsylvania, 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 the eighth president of Messiah College in December 2004.

History

Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. In 1972, ownership by the Church was replaced by a covenant 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 regional partners to create visionary educational communities.

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 provide classroom and lab space.

Computer Facilities — Messiah’s facilities include 571 computers in various academic and residence hall labs, all of which are connected to a campuswide network and extensive software library. Individual residence hall rooms are equipped for both wired and wireless access for personal computers.

Murray Library — Paper volumes 297,257; current periodicals 1,026; microforms 119,622; audiovisual materials 20,519. The library also houses a computer lab, media center, video production center, and film studio.

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. Community housing for students is also available in Harrisburg.

Larsen Student Union — A student-centered facility provides 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 60 minors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, and a flourishing College Honors Program.

Majors

More than 55 Majors

Accounting; Adventure Education; Art Education; Art History; Arts Management; Athletic Training; Biblical and Religious Studies; Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Biology; Biopsychology; Broadcasting; Business Administration; Business Information Systems; Chemistry; Christian Ministries; Communication; Computer Science; Criminal Justice; E-Marketing; Early Childhood Education; Economics; Elementary Education; Engineering; English; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Science; Environmental Studies; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; French; German; Health and Exercise Science; Health and Physical Education; History; Human Development and Family Science; Human Resource Management; Humanities; International Business; Journalism; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Music Education; Nursing; Nutrition and Dietetics; Nutrition Science; Philosophy; Physics; Politics; Psychology; Social Work; Sociology; Spanish; Spanish Business; Sport Management; Studio Art; Theatre

Preprofessional Programs

Pre-Allied Health; Pre-Medical; Pre-Physical Therapy

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.

External Programs

Messiah strives to make **International Programs** accessible to all students as seen by last year's 429 students who earned academic credit studying abroad in more than 30 different countries.

The **Agapé Center for Service and Learning** develops, administers, resources, and coordinates programs of academic service-learning, community service, and mission locally and abroad. Last year Messiah students volunteered 58,893 hours through more than 100 partner organizations.

The **Internship Center** celebrated a banner year with an all-time high of 154 students completing internships. Shorter professional development experiences in workplace settings were provided as an alternative to traditional internships.

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 172
Male/Female 108M/64F
Hold Terminal Degree 78.5%

Part-Time

Part-Time Faculty 116
Student/Faculty Ratio 13:1

Student Profile

Enrollment

Undergrad Head Count 2,837
Male/Female Ratio 37%M/63%F

Full-Time Students

Full-Time Students 98%
Living in On-Campus Housing 86%
Out-of-State Students 43%
States Represented 37
Students of Color 6.5%
International Students 1.8%
Foreign Countries Represented 23

First-Year Class Profile

Total applied 2,508
Total accepted 1,959
Total enrolled 723

SAT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Verbal	520-640	575
Math	520-640	573
Composite	1040-1250	1148

ACT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Composite	22-27	25

High School Class Rank

Top 10% 32%
Top 25% 67%
Top 50% 90%

High School GPA

Above 3.0 94%
Average GPA 3.71

Retention and Graduation at Messiah College

Percent of First-Year Students who:
returned for 2nd year 86%
graduated within 4 years 71%
graduated within 6 years 73%

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 8.4%
School of Education and Social Sciences . . . 20.2%
School of Health and Natural Sciences . . . 24.5%
School of the Humanities 22.1%
School of Mathematics,
Engineering, and Business 19.8%
Undeclared (no school) 5.0%

Athletics

- 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 and field (M/W), volleyball (W), wrestling (M). Swimming (M/W) coming in 2008.

- Messiah's men's and women's overall athletic programs received the 2006-2007 Sportsmanship Award from their peers in the Commonwealth Conference.

Financial Aid

Percent Receiving Aid

First-Year Students 99%
All Undergraduates 97%

Average Aid Package

First-Year Students \$19,433
All Undergraduates \$18,411

Tuition and Costs

2007-2008 Academic Year

Tuition \$23,710
Required Fees \$710
Room and Board \$7,340
Total \$31,760
Additional Costs* \$2,845
**estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses*

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