



The College Honors Program provides enhanced learning opportunities in and outside of the classroom without adding additional curricular requirements.

Honors students experience camaraderie and conversation with fellow student and faculty scholars through compelling interdisciplinary courses, public lectures, films, theatre performances, concerts, field trips as well as special events and opportunities.



“Graduates of the Messiah College Honors Program have a strong sense of calling and vocation. Ultimately, this is what our program is about: providing young men and women with the very best undergraduate education in preparation for lives of service and leadership.”

— Dean Curry, Ph.D., Honors Program Director

Scholarships

If you are selected for the College Honors Program, you will receive one of Messiah College's premier scholarships as follows:

- Trustees' Scholarship (5 awards) – Full-tuition, replaces Provost Scholarship
- President's Scholarship (75 awards) – \$5,000 added to \$15,000 Provost's Scholarship
- Faculty Scholarship (30 awards) – \$1,000 added to \$15,000 Provost's Scholarship

You may also qualify for other institutional aid based upon your financial need analysis.

Selective admission

Admission to the College Honors Program is highly selective and occurs during the senior year of high school. To be considered for admission into the College Honors Program and the accompanying scholarships, you must:

- Complete and submit all parts of the standard Messiah College admissions application (application, transcript, standardized test scores) by January 15
- Have a 3.9 GPA or higher
- Score a 1360 SAT or a 29 ACT or higher

There is no separate application for the College Honors Program. Accepted students who meet the qualifications described above will be contacted by the Admissions Office and invited to interview during one of our Honors Scholarship Days held on campus.*

*Qualified students living in the 48 contiguous states are required to come to campus for the honors interview process. Partial travel grant assistance is available in some cases. International, MK and TCK students will have the option to interview via Skype or in-person with an international admissions representative.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the College Honors Program separate me from the rest of the campus community?

No. Unlike some other colleges and universities that have separate housing or other arrangements, our program is intentionally designed to keep you in contact and interacting with our entire campus community.

Will I have time to get involved in campus life?

Yes! The curricular requirements for honors are embedded within the general education requirements—there are no additional academic requirements. We want and encourage honors students to be involved in clubs, organizations, athletics, community service, spiritual life activities and the arts.

How difficult is the College Honors Program?

We acknowledge that there is rigor in the College Honors Program, but you will find the Messiah community ready to care for and support you. We have enough confidence in our selection and interview process that should you be offered admission into the College Honors Program, then we believe you can and will succeed.

Will I be able to pursue other enrichment opportunities outside of the Honors Program?

Yes! You will have full access to Messiah's nationally-recognized programs for study abroad, service, community engagement, internships and research. In many instances, these experiences will align well with College Honors Program requirements.

Is the College Honors Program designed for specific majors?

No. The College Honors Program is designed for students in all majors. In fact, nearly every major is represented among the program's current enrollment of nearly 400 students.



Messiah College College Honors Program

The Messiah College Honors Program

is designed for students who demonstrate high academic ability combined with leadership and involvement. It strives to equip students for lives of leadership, service and reconciliation by fostering an **active integration of academic rigor with a vibrant Christian worldview**.

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Curricular Requirements

As a student in the College Honors Program, you will take a total of four interdisciplinary courses that meet general education requirements. These courses are taught by several of Messiah's most-engaging faculty.

While the curricular requirements are intended to help immerse honors students in themes and issues that align with Messiah's mission, they also provide a framework to help you identify and actively pursue your passions, talents and interests.

First Year	Sophomore and Junior Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First Year Honors SeminarCreated and Called for Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Two interdisciplinary courses of your choosing

Senior Year

Select one of the following:

- Honors project
- Senior honors seminar
- Service learning project
- Scholarship in an academic department



Previous Honors Congress events include Dr. Gregory Alan Thornbury's lecture, "Kanye's Temple: The Hyper-Religiosity of Pop Culture"

Honors Congress

Every semester, the College Honors Program sponsors the Honors Congress, a series of cultural and academic events that are an integral part of the honors experience. These include an appealing array of presentations, lectures, films, fine arts events, field trips and other opportunities. You will have opportunities to meet and interact with recognized scholars, public intellectuals, authors, prominent artists and other nationally significant individuals.

Past Honors Congress speakers have also included Dr. Os Guinness, author and social critic; Ross Douthat, influential New York Times columnist; and Ruth Naomi Floyd, vocalist and composer.

Recognitions

- College Honors Program welcome reception for first-year honors students and parents
- Senior honors awards ceremony where seniors receive a special, proprietary College Honors Program medallion
- At graduation, recognition on diplomas and transcripts

Distinguished Messiah graduates have become

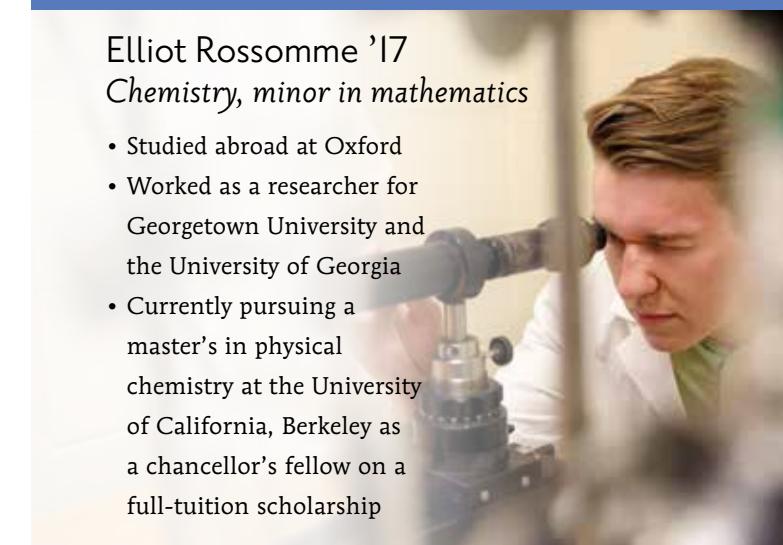
Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, Truman and Boren scholars.



College Honors Program Alumnus

Elliot Rossomme '17
Chemistry, minor in mathematics

- Studied abroad at Oxford
- Worked as a researcher for Georgetown University and the University of Georgia
- Currently pursuing a master's in physical chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley as a chancellor's fellow on a full-tuition scholarship



400
schools welcomed Messiah graduates into their organizations

If you plan to attend graduate school, the College Honors Program will prepare you extremely well for the graduate schools of your choice. Recent Messiah graduates have enrolled in these top-flight institutions:

- Boston University
- University of Oxford (U.K.)
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Penn State University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard Law School
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Johns Hopkins Medical School
- Michigan State University
- University of Colorado
- University of Florida
- University of Maryland
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- The Ohio State University
- Yale Medical School