



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.



“The Messiah College Honors Program helps bright, curious students who wish to further hone their gifts and talents within a community that is both rigorous and supportive.

For 20 years now, graduates

have been making their mark in the world by contributing to the growth of knowledge and the well-being of others, all to the honor and glory of God.”

— Dr. James B. LaGrand, 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’s Scholarship
- President’s Scholarship (about 75 awards) – \$5,000 added to \$15,000 Provost’s Scholarship
- Faculty Scholarship (about 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 Jan. 15
- Have a 3.9 GPA (or higher)
- Score a 1360 on the SAT, 30 on the ACT, or 91 on the CLT (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, the arts and other enriching activities.

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 College'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.

<p>First Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-Year Seminar (Fall) • Created and Called for Community (Spring) 	<p>Sophomore and Junior Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two interdisciplinary courses of your choosing
<p>Senior Year</p> <p>Select one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors project • Senior honors seminar • Service learning project • Scholarly project within 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

- During the fall welcome week, new first-year CHP students and their parents attend the welcome week reception.
- Before graduation, senior CHP students and family members attend the Senior Honors Awards Ceremony, at which students will receive a special, proprietary College Honors Program Medallion.
- At commencement, graduating CHP students receive recognition on their 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



eager employers and some of the nation's best grad 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
- Carnegie Mellon 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
- The Ohio State University
- University of Oxford (U.K.)
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- Princeton University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Thomas Jefferson Medical College
- University of Aberdeen (Scotland)
- University of California - Berkeley
- University of Colorado
- University of Florida
- University of Maryland
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale Medical School