



Messiah University Distinctives

2020-2021

Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. 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 University is a nationally ranked, private Christian university with a student body of 3,370 undergraduate and graduate students located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg.



Program. Messiah also offers three-year degree options, allowing motivated students to graduate one or two semesters early.

View a full list of our academic programs at messiah.edu/majors.

HISTORY

Messiah University was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. Now, the University's faith base includes students and employees from a breadth of 60+ denominations and Christian faith traditions.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Messiah University offers bachelor's degrees that include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service learning, internships, accelerated advanced degree programs in applied health and a flourishing University Honors

• **Colleges of Distinction** has recognized Messiah's business, education, engineering and nursing programs based on their merits of accreditation, breadth of program and track record for success.

• All of Messiah's majors require **experiential learning** (internships, leadership, service learning, off-campus study or research) as a graduation requirement.

Visit messiah.edu/ELI to learn more.

• Messiah students engage **faculty-mentored research** across all of our undergraduate majors.

Visit messiah.edu/UGresearch to learn more.

80+
undergraduate
majors

AND PRE-HEALTH
ADVISING OPTIONS

"Best Regional College in the Northeast"

— PRINCETON REVIEW GUIDE, 2021

Named to "America's Top Colleges" List

— FORBES, 2019



MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

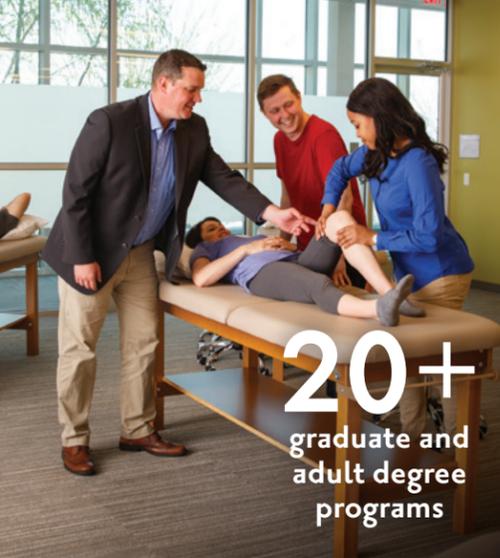
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TOP 20 "Best Value University" in the North

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2021

Visit messiah.edu/recognitions to learn more.



20+ graduate and adult degree programs

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Messiah University offers 20+ graduate and adult degree programs and 35+ graduate-level certificates in a mix of traditional and online courses, including master's and doctoral degrees in nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Visit messiah.edu/gradprograms and messiah.edu/adult-degree to learn more.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Messiah weaves opportunities for spiritual growth throughout students' college experience—including chapel and worship services, discipleship and small groups, ministry outreach teams, community service and missions trips.

To learn more about spiritual growth opportunities at Messiah, visit messiah.edu/faithandservice.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS

Messiah University's faculty hold degrees from internationally recognized graduate schools, including Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Oxford University, Vanderbilt University and the University of Pennsylvania. They actively contribute research, scholarly writing and artistic works that inform their academic disciplines and the national conversation on faith in the academy and broader culture, and are often sought by regional and national media for their expertise.

195 full-time faculty
147 part-time faculty
55% male | 45% female

86% hold terminal degree



13:1 student/faculty ratio

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

2,614 undergraduate students representing 39 states and 27 countries

- Male | Female students 40% | 60%
- Full-time students 2,424
- Out-of-state students 35%
- Students from domestic underrepresented racial, ethnic and cultural populations 15.4%
- International students 3.1%

78% of undergraduate students live on campus

UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

- Average aid package: \$28,120 for first-year students
- \$24,607 all undergraduates

*Estimated for 2020-21 academic year (averages do not include federal PLUS loans or private/alternative loans)



UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION AND GRADUATION

- Returned for second year 86.5%
- Graduated within four years 74.3%
- Graduated within six years 78.6%

*Messiah does not track students who transfer from Messiah University and graduate from another institution.

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

- 756 graduate students representing 43 states and 5 countries
- Male | Female students 29% | 71%

100%

of the undergrad class of 2019 survey respondents indicated they were employed or in graduate/professional programs within 6-9 months after graduation.

*BASED ON SURVEY RESPONSES AND OTHER VERIFIABLE SOURCES



OUTSTANDING CAREER PREPARATION

- Messiah students connect with potential employers through Into the City, a unique, immersive career development and networking program in major U.S. cities.
- Messiah is recognized as a 2020-21 College of Distinction for Career Development for its resources in helping students reach their career goals.

To learn more, visit messiah.edu/careers

400 eager employers and some of the nation's best graduate schools welcomed Messiah graduates into their organizations.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Messiah University is an important contributor to its local and statewide economies—annually generating an overall economic impact of \$310 million, supporting roughly 2,100 jobs. Messiah is directly and indirectly responsible for a diverse array of economic activity, employment and tax revenues, serving as a major hub of economic activity in the state.



Messiah students choose from 60+ off-campus programs in 40+ countries



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Messiah students and employees are deeply involved with serving their local communities. Messiah has been nationally recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its commitment to service learning, community service and civic engagement.

- Messiah's mission as a Christian university contributes to the common good of church and society.



Visit messiah.edu/commongood to learn more.

79% of Messiah employees volunteer or serve in their communities.

- In 2018-19, an estimated 99 percent of the student body participated in some form of community service through the Agapé Center for Service and Learning.
- Messiah's extensive sustainability efforts earned recognition as a Princeton Review Guide 2019 "Green College," a Sierra Club "Cool School"

and an Arbor Foundation "Tree Campus USA." Other on-campus initiatives include a community garden and apiary, campus-wide composting program, one of the nation's largest solar thermal systems and reforestation programs through Messiah Press.

The energy savings from Messiah's 100+ campus solar panels equals planting 3,600 trees per year.



- The Collaboratory for Strategic Research and Applied Partnerships enables students to apply their academic knowledge and Christian faith through hands-on projects that meet community needs around the world.

- The Center for Public Humanities engages academic, civic and cultural communities in contemporary issues and promotes learning through scholarship programs, lectures, film series and partnerships with school districts and literacy outreach programs.

- The School of the Arts contributes to the cultural life of the region through affiliations with accomplished artists-in-residence and with visiting artists and art organizations internationally and locally, such as the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.

THE CALVIN AND JANET HIGH CENTER HOSTS

100+ public cultural events each year.



- Messiah's Oakes Museum of Natural History provides guided tours, field trips and special events to allow visitors to experience the museum's collections of African and North American animals, birds, eggs and nests; Native American artifacts; rocks and minerals; and seashells.



The Oakes Museum of Natural History hosts

21,000+ visitors each year.



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Messiah University sets standards for excellence in NCAA Division III college programs while developing the Christian character of its athletes.

- Messiah University is the first school in NCAA history to win both men's and women's soccer national championships in the same year—not only once but four times (2012, 2009, 2008, 2005)!

NCAA Division III Athletics 22 TEAMS

- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M/W)
- Cross country (M/W)
- Field hockey (W)
- Indoor track and field (M/W)
- Lacrosse (M/W)
- Outdoor track and field (M/W)
- Soccer (M/W)
- Softball (W)
- Swimming (M/W)
- Tennis (M/W)
- Volleyball (M/W)
- Wrestling (M)

163 Conference Team Championships

339 NCAA Division III All-Americans

20 National Players of the Year



ATHLETIC MASCOT



SCHOOL COLORS

BLUE **WHITE**

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SHARPENING INTELLECT DEEPENING CHRISTIAN FAITH INSPIRING ACTION