

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS 2025-2026

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

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A nationally ranked private Christian
university in the Northeastern U.S.A.

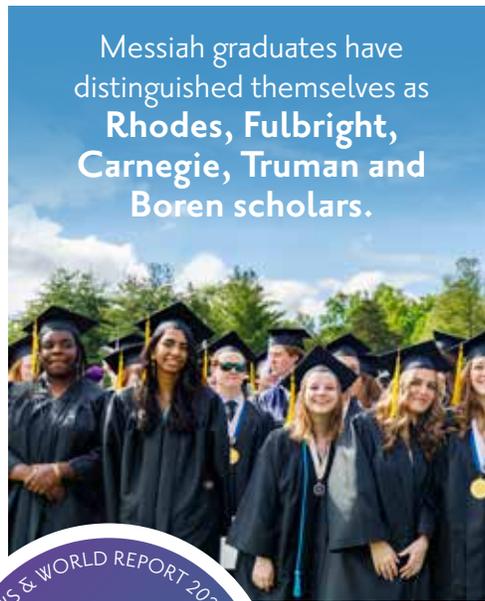


The academic distinction of a nationally ranked Christian university

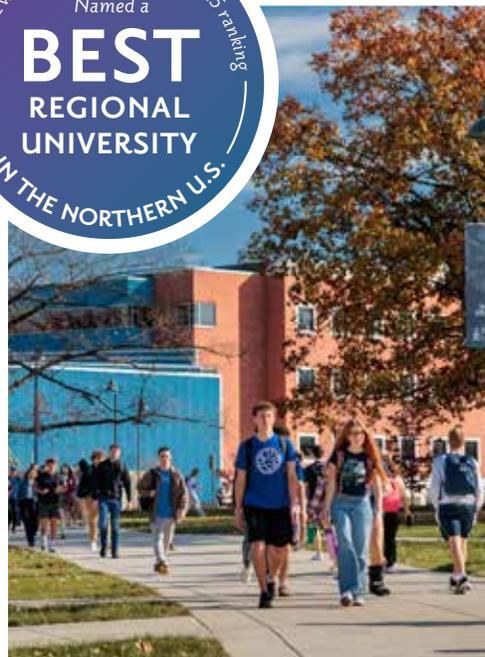
Messiah University is a **Christ-centered educational community** that is nationally recognized for its ability to bring together two important educational streams. We powerfully combine a **rich liberal arts experience**, rooted in disciplines such as history, English, language, theology and the arts—and **applied professional programs** in disciplines such as business, education, engineering and nursing.

Our 21st-century world needs ethical problem solvers like Messiah graduates who can think beyond established boundaries. Messiah's rigorous general education curriculum — integrated with courses in your major— equips you to gain expertise in your specific area of study while developing your ability to think critically, communicate effectively and sharpen your insight across multiple cultures and contexts.

To learn more about how a Messiah education makes our graduates competitive in the marketplace—including **job and grad school placement rates, average starting salaries, where our grads work, and alumni profiles, visit messiah.edu/careers.**



Messiah graduates have distinguished themselves as **Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, Truman and Boren scholars.**



Why Messiah?



Coming to Messiah University from Malaysia has taught me a lot about American culture, self-discipline and creativity. I have met many amazing friends, professors and Messiah staff. They have shown me the inner workings of Messiah University that I would not have known about if I had never met them.

—May Ratos '25

Student life

Messiah's campus is an active, busy place. You'll receive an outstanding education during your time at Messiah—but you'll also experience **fun, excitement and make lifelong friendships**. You'll quickly realize that there's always something to do and always someone to come alongside you to encourage, challenge and mentor you in your own Christian faith journey.

To learn more about how you can grow in your faith at Messiah, visit messiah.edu/faithandservice.



ALL OF THE WAYS

we support our international, MK and TCK students

- **ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN THE U.S.:** semester-long, one-credit course to facilitate students' transition to the U.S. while strengthening the connection to Messiah's international community
- **INTERNATIONAL AND MISSIONARY PEER ADVISORS (IMPA):** mentor program for new international, MK and TCK students by current international, MK and TCK students
- **INTERNATIONAL GALA:** annual event held each spring to celebrate the diversity of culture that our community of international students brings to Messiah
- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND MISSIONARY KIDS (ISA/MU KAPPA):** student-run group provides an ongoing network of encouragement and fun activities
- **PERSONALIZED F-I STUDENT VISA ADVISING:** assistance provided to students on an F-I visa to help navigate immigration and administrative issues
- **RAFIKI HOUSE:** a dedicated gathering space for international, MK and TCK students



To learn more about student life at Messiah, including campus activities, student clubs, dining options and video tours of our first-year residence halls, visit

messiah.edu/studentlife.

70+

STUDENT CLUBS
AND ORGANIZATIONS

Types of student clubs



Academic



Student media



Cultural



Performance and
fine arts



Faith and service



Special interest



Student activities



Club sports



Student government

Check out a full list of student clubs at:

messiah.edu/clubs

Where are we?

Messiah's scenic 385-acre suburban campus is located in **Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania**, near the state capital city of Harrisburg, providing easy access to urban centers such as Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.—with many other regional things to do and points of interest nearby.

only **20** minutes from Harrisburg's train station, bus station and international airport

Road trip?

-  **HERSHEY**
30 minutes
-  **GETTYSBURG**
30 minutes
-  **LANCASTER**
1 hour
-  **BALTIMORE, MD**
1.5 hours
-  **PHILADELPHIA**
2 hours
-  **WASHINGTON, D.C.**
2.5 hours
-  **NEW YORK CITY**
3 hours



Want to see more of our beautiful campus? Explore our virtual tour!

tour.messiah.edu



Flip through our *Live Like a Local* guide to see more!



How much does it cost to attend Messiah University? Less than you may think!

All international students will be reviewed for merit and need-based scholarships using their application documents.



 
\$42,540 + \$6,790
basic tuition **housing**
(double occupancy)

  
\$1,040 + \$5,975 + \$3,426
basic fees **food** **health insurance, books and supplies**
(minimum amount Student Government Association and student service fees) (maximum cost) (maximum cost)

\$59,771 - **\$28,400** = **\$31,371**
total tuition, fees, housing and food **average first-year student aid 2025-2026** **average total cost**

\$59,771 - **\$23,400** = **\$36,371**
total tuition, fees, housing and food **average transfer student aid 2025-2026** **average total cost**

The above example is a simplified cost presentation and is for example purposes only. Actual individual costs will vary depending on a number of factors, including type of room, meal plan, cost of books and other miscellaneous fees.

Scholarships

Messiah University offers a variety of competitive scholarships that recognize the achievements of incoming students. Academic scholarships at Messiah acknowledge students who have performed well academically. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to full tuition and remain with you throughout your time at Messiah, as long as you continue to meet the ongoing eligibility requirements for each scholarship, such as a minimum GPA or other criteria.

See which **scholarships** you qualify for at messiah.edu/finaid.



80+ majors

To search a **full list** of our **majors, plus minors** and **concentrations**, visit messiah.edu/majors.



Accounting
Actuarial Science
Applied Health Science
Art, Studio
Biblical and Religious Studies
Biochemistry
Biochemistry (ACS-certified)
Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Biopsychology
Broadcasting and Journalism
Business Administration
Business Information Systems
Chemistry
Chemistry (ACS-certified)
Chinese Studies
Christian Ministries
and Leadership
Civil Engineering
Communication
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Cybersecurity
Dance
Data Science
Digital Media
Economic Development
Economics
Educational Studies
Electrical Engineering
Engineering
English
Environmental Science
Film and Media Arts
Finance

Graphic Design
History
Human Development and
Family Science
Human Development and
Family Science with Child Life
International Business
Marketing
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Molecular Biology
Music
Music (Music and Worship)
Music Performance
Musical Theatre
Nursing
Nutrition and Dietetics
Peace and Conflict Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Politics and
International Relations
Psychology
Public History
Public Relations
Robotics Engineering
Social Work
Sociology and Anthropology
Software Development
Spanish
Sport Management
Sustainability Studies
Theatre
Youth Ministries

Majors leading to teaching certification

Art Education (PreK-12)
Biology with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Chemistry with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Chinese Studies with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Computer Science with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Dance Education with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Education with Dual Teaching Certification (grades PreK-4) and Special Education (PreK-12)
Education with Teaching Certification in Grades 4-8
Education with Teaching Certification in Grades PreK-4
English with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Family and Consumer Sciences Education (PreK-12)
Health and Physical Education with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
History with Secondary Social Studies Teaching Certification (7-12)
Mathematics with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Music Education with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Physics with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Spanish with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Special Education (N-12) with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)

Accelerated programs

Athletic Training (B.S./MSAT) – 5 years
Business Administration (Bachelor's/MBA) – 5 years
Healthcare Leadership (Bachelor's/M.A.) – 5 years
Occupational Therapy (B.S./MOT) – 5 years
Politics and International Relations (B.A. at Messiah/M.S. in public policy and management at Carnegie Mellon University) – 5 years
Strategic Leadership (Bachelor's/M.A.) – 5 years

Early assurance programs

Occupational Therapy (Bachelor's/MOT)
Physical Therapy (Bachelor's/DPT)

Seamless pathway programs

Nutrition and Dietetics (B.S./MSDI) – 5 years
Social Work (BSW/MSW: Advanced Standing) – 5 years

Pre-health professions advising

Pre-Audiology	Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Chiropractic	Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Dentistry	Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Medical (D.O.)	Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Medical (M.D.)	Pre-Public Health
Pre-Occupational Therapy	Pre-Veterinary
Pre-Optometry	

Students interested in health careers receive specialized advising to develop a course of study that ensures they meet all undergraduate prerequisites necessary for graduate school admittance. Visit messiah.edu/pre-health



Apply

Messiah University operates on “rolling admission,” which means you typically receive an official admission decision within two weeks after submitting the following items:

1. Online application and personal statement
You can apply via Messiah's website, messiah.edu/apply.
2. High school/college transcript(s) and national exam results (if applicable)
3. Official test scores (e.g. SAT, ACT, CLT, TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson PTE or Duolingo English Test)
4. Affidavit of Support with corresponding reliable financial documentation

To view the full international application process and requirements, scan here



Tests to take

Not sure what tests you should take? Here is what we recommend:

- If you attend an English-language high school or want to be considered for our highest merit scholarship awards, take the SAT, ACT or CLT.
- If you attend a school with non-English instruction, submit your TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English Test scores (80 minimum TOEFL, 6.5 minimum IELTS, 53 minimum Pearson PTE, 105 minimum Duolingo English Test).
- If you take national or international exams at your school, you must submit your results (IGCSE, O levels, WASSCE, etc.).



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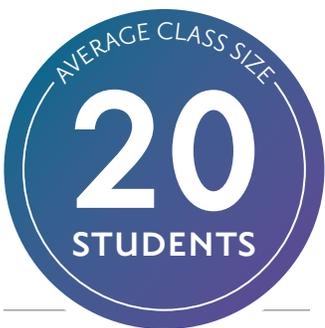
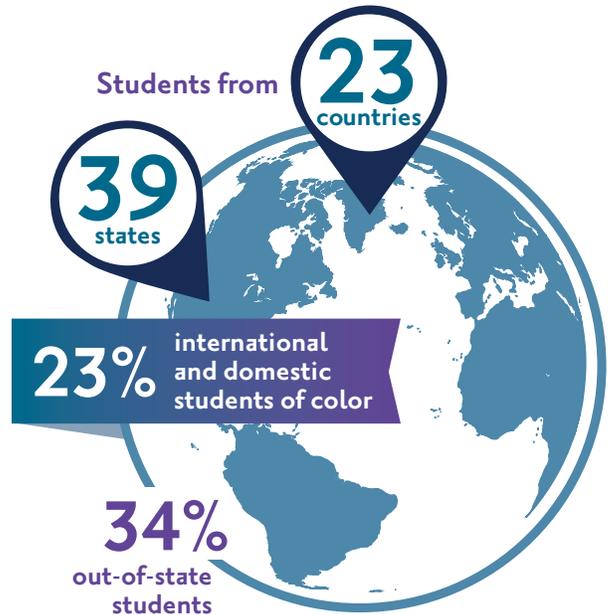
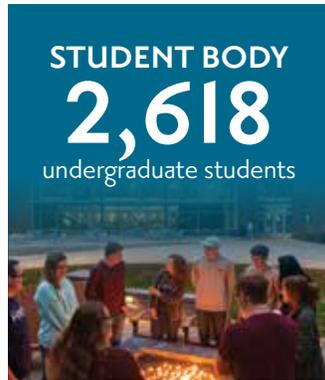
Messiah at a glance



22 NCAA Division III sports



Messiah also offers club sports teams, rec sports leagues and an esports team.



12:1 student to faculty ratio

Messiah students choose from **60+** off-campus study and service locations in **40** countries

OVER **400** internships available per year at **90** employer sites

Connect with Messiah on social media!



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