

# Messiah University

# Distinctives

## 2024–2025

**M**essiah 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

Founded in 1909, Messiah University is a nationally ranked, private Christian university with a student body of more than 3,392 undergraduate and graduate students located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg.



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

Visit [messiah.edu/UGresearch](https://messiah.edu/UGresearch) to learn more.

### 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 business and applied health and a flourishing University Honors 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](https://messiah.edu/majors).

- 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](https://messiah.edu/ELI) to learn more.

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Messiah University offers 20+ graduate programs and 14+ graduate-level certificates in a mix of traditional and online courses, including master's and doctoral degrees in counseling, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Visit [messiah.edu/gradprograms](https://messiah.edu/gradprograms) to learn more.

### RECOGNITIONS

**"Best Regional College in the Northeast"**  
— PRINCETON REVIEW GUIDE, 2025

Named to **"America's Top Colleges" List**  
— FORBES, 2023

Named a **"Best Undergraduate Computer Science Program"** (2024) and a **"Best Undergraduate Engineering Program"** (2024, 2025)  
— U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

Messiah graduates are **Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, Truman and Boren distinguished scholars**.



Visit [messiah.edu/recognitions](https://messiah.edu/recognitions) to learn more.







**20+**  
graduate programs

## CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Originally founded by the Brethren in Christ Church, Messiah University's faith base now includes students and employees from a breadth of 60+ church denominations and Christian faith traditions. 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 mission trips.

To learn more about spiritual growth opportunities at Messiah, visit [messiah.edu/faithandservice](https://messiah.edu/faithandservice).

## DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS

Messiah University's faculty hold degrees from internationally recognized graduate schools. 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.



## GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

- 774 graduate students representing 40 states and 4 countries
- Male | Female students 26% | 74%

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

2,618 undergraduate students representing 39 states and 23 countries

- Male | Female students 42% | 58%
- Full-time students 2,212
- Out-of-state students 34%
- Students from domestic underrepresented racial, ethnic and cultural populations 21%
- International students 2.1%

**85%** of undergraduate students live on campus

## UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION AND GRADUATION

- Returned for second year 89%
- Graduated within four years 72.2%
- Graduated within six years 75%



**179**  
full-time faculty  
53% male | 47% female

**88%**  
hold terminal degree



**12:1** student/faculty ratio

**99%**

of the undergrad Class of 2023 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 2024-25 College of Distinction for Career Development for its resources in helping students reach their career goals.

To learn more, visit [messiah.edu/careers](https://messiah.edu/careers)

**400** eager employers and some of the nation's best graduate schools welcome Messiah graduates into their organizations each year.

## 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.**



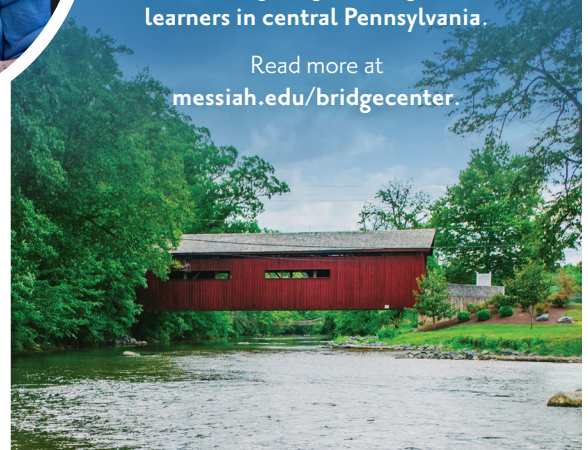


**The Bridge Center for Continuing Education** delivers workforce development, continuing education, and reskilling and upskilling programming for adult learners in central Pennsylvania.

Read more at  
[messiah.edu/bridgecenter](https://messiah.edu/bridgecenter)

The **Messiah University Cyber Center** provides hands-on learning for future cyber defense professionals.

Messiah's Cyber Security Education Program is designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (NCAE-CD).



## 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](https://messiah.edu/commongood) to learn more.

- Messiah's extensive sustainability efforts earned recognition as a **Princeton Review Guide 2024 "Green College,"** a **Sierra Club "Cool School,"** an **Arbor Foundation "Tree Campus USA"** and an **AASHE STARS-rated school.** Other on-campus initiatives include a community garden and apiary; a campus-wide composting program; one of the nation's largest solar thermal systems; an EV charging center; and reforestation programs through Messiah Press.



- 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.

Messiah collects **over 16,000 pounds of compost each year** to use in the **Community Garden** and around campus.



Visit [messiah.edu/sustainability](https://messiah.edu/sustainability) to learn more.

- The School of Arts, Culture and Society** 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.
- 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 CALVIN AND JANET HIGH CENTER HOSTS

**100+**  
public cultural  
events each year.



The Oakes Museum of Natural History hosts

**18,000+**  
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 and 2005)!

**188** Conference Team Championships

**387** NCAA Division III All-Americans

**23** National Players of the Year



Learn more about our intercollegiate esports team at [messiah.edu/esports](http://messiah.edu/esports).

## 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)

ATHLETIC MASCOT



SCHOOL COLORS

**BLUE** **WHITE**

[gomessiah.com](http://gomessiah.com)



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SHARPENING INTELLECT

DEEPENING CHRISTIAN FAITH

INSPIRING ACTION