

Important Philly Transition Announcement

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For as long as we've offered them, three of our majors – journalism, broadcasting, and film and media arts – required spending at least a semester at the Messiah Philadelphia Campus in conjunction with Temple University. Recently, the decision was made to close our Philly Campus at the end of the Spring 2014 semester. Although it's sad to come to the end of what was a wonderful partnership, we are happy to announce that we are developing and implementing plans which will make it possible for students to complete these majors entirely here at our Grantham Campus! Please read on for details.

New Curriculum: We have developed plans for new and exciting upper level courses here in Grantham that will replace those students would have taken at Temple. Once those courses are approved by our college's curriculum committee later this year, we will be set to begin offering them in the 2014-2015 academic year.

New Equipment: This past summer, we have already added 16 brand-new iMacs with dual monitors to our digital editing suite, along with updated and new software. A wonderful array of new cameras (HD and others), lighting, and other related equipment will also be arriving on campus across the course of the next few weeks. We will continue to maintain, upgrade, and add new equipment every year from here forward so that we stay on the cutting edge of the industry and our students continue gaining hands-on experience with the equipment and software they'll be expected to use on the job.

New Facilities: As our program grows, so does our need for additional space. Currently, our vice president for operations is working with us to identify appropriate spaces on campus to expand and renovate. Tentative plans include a new green screen room and control room, enlarged editing suite space, and increased storage with an equipment

check-out and return. As we finalize the location and plans, we'll be sure to share that. We are working towards having renovations complete before the start of the Fall 2014 semester.

New Faculty: We are very excited to report that we are now beginning national/international searches for TWO faculty hires, one in the journalism/broadcasting area and one in the



film and media arts/digital media area. These faculty will be settling in on campus late next summer to begin teaching in Fall 2014.

Current Student Options: The Messiah College Philadelphia Campus is still open this year, and many of our juniors and seniors are studying there right now. For the next academic year, 2014-2015, any current journalism, broadcasting, or film and media arts majors who have met the necessary pre-requisites will be able to spend a semester at Temple University to complete their degree requirements *if they so choose*. Current students will also have the choice to stay here and complete their requirements in Grantham. For those choosing a Temple semester, our School Dean and Provost have worked together with Temple officials to secure designated housing on Temple's campus. Specific details are still being worked out. Interested students in the three affected majors should contact their academic advisors as soon as possible to determine eligibility.

Enrichment Possibilities Beyond 2014-2015: Our 45-year relationship with Temple University has afforded wonderful opportunities for our students to stretch and grow – both academically and spiritually—in an urban setting and major media market. A possible future Temple enrichment experience is being considered among others as the College determines which of our external programs best support the College's mission. We'll share additional details as they become available.

LA Film Internship Program: As part of our emphasis on combining classroom learning and hands-on experience, all majors in our department are required to take an internship. Many of our film and media arts majors choose to complete

Temple's LA Film Internship program during summer months, usually immediately following their senior year (they still graduate on time, but take the remaining credits after graduating). This program is not related to our former partnership between MCPC and Temple, and our students' eligibility to apply for this program is not affected by the Philly Campus closure.



If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Communication Department Chair Nance McCown at nmccown@messiah.edu.