The Honors Program exemplifies Messiah University’s commitment to academic excellence and fostering an intellectually rigorous Christian worldview. The Honors Program is designed for students who demonstrate high scholarly ability early in their academic career.

Admission to the program is highly selective, and students chosen for the Honors Program receive either full tuition (Trustees’) or partial tuition (President’s or Faculty) scholarships.

Current enrollment: 440 Honors students representing both academic schools and nearly all 80+ majors

Honors students representing
31 average ACT score for honors students
1394 average SAT score for honors students
100% of honors students receive merit scholarship aid

Curriculum requirements
First year
• First-year seminar (honors section)
  • Created and Called for Community (honors section)

Sophomore or junior year
• Interdisciplinary course (honors section)

Senior year
Select one of the following:
• Senior honors project
• Senior honors seminar

Book of the year for 2022-23
Read “Augustine’s Confessions” alongside other students and faculty. The first Western Christian autobiography retains its power today for readers interested in reflecting on sin, redemption and the pursuit of true happiness.

Recent speakers:
• Greg Moore, Google vice president
• Hans Boersma, theologian
• Ian Hutchinson, MIT physicist
• Dana Gioia, National Endowment of the Arts chair

Other special opportunities:
• Engage nationally recognized authors, scholars and artists
• Attend on- and off-campus cultural events and field trips

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