Identity & Mission

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The College is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church. 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 College offers a high-quality, private, coed, undergraduate education that effectively integrates intellect, character, and Christian faith for more than 2,854 students in a residential setting.

Campus Locations:

Main Campus—Scenic 485-acre suburban campus located in Grantham, Pa., 12 miles southwest of the state capital, Harrisburg—providing easy access to urban centers such as Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

Philadelphia Campus—In 1968, Messiah College launched a satellite campus in inner-city Philadelphia, affiliated with Temple University—the first partnership of its kind between a private Christian college and a state-affiliated university.

President

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as the eighth president of Messiah College in December of 2004.

History

Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. In 1972, ownership by the Church was replaced by a covenantal relationship in which legal responsibility for the College was placed with a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

Academic Structure

Messiah College’s academic program is structured into five interdisciplinary schools: the School of the Arts; the School of Education and Social Sciences; the School of Health and Natural Sciences; the School of the Humanities; and the School of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business. Each school is led by its own dean who collaborates with faculty, students, and regional partners to create visionary educational communities.

Facilities

Academic Facilities—Boyer Hall, Kline Hall of Science, Frey Hall, Jordan Science Center, The Oakes Museum, The Boyer Center, Climenhaga Fine Arts Center, and Sollenberger Sports Center.

Computer Facilities—Includes 547 computers in various academic and residence hall labs, all of which are connected to a campuswide network. Individual residence hall rooms have been equipped for a campus network/Internet connection for personal computers.

Murray Library—Paper volumes 293,357; current periodicals 1,052; microforms 119,128; audiovisual materials 19,183. The library also houses a computer lab, media center, video production center, and film studio.

Residential Facilities—The College offers eight traditional on-campus residence halls and four apartment-style residences on campus, each well equipped and controlled by a security access system. Community housing for students is also available in Harrisburg.

Larsen Student Union—A new student-centered facility providing learning and leisure space for the Messiah community.
**Academic Programs**

The College awards both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in the majors listed below, in addition to more than 50 minors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, and a flourishing College Honors Program.

**Majors**

More Than 60 Majors
Accounting; Adventure Education; Art Education; Art History; Arts Management; Athletic Training; Bible; Biochemistry; Biology; Biopsychology; Broadcasting; Business Administration; Business Information Systems; Chemistry; Christian Ministries; Communication; Computer Science; Criminal Justice; E-Marketing; Early Childhood Education; Economics; Elementary Education; Engineering; English; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Science; Environmental Studies; French; German; Health and Physical Education; History; Human Development and Family Science; Human Resource Management; Humanities; International Business; Journalism; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Music Education; Nursing; Nutrition and Dietetics; Philosophy; Physics; Politics; Psychology; Religion; Social Work; Sociology; Spanish; Spanish Business; Sport and Exercise Science; Studio Art; Theatre

Teacher Certification Programs
Art Education; Biology; Biology and Environmental Education; Chemistry; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Elementary and Special Education; English; English Second Language; Environmental Science; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; French; German; Health and Physical Education; Mathematics; Music Education; Social Studies; Spanish

Preprofessional Programs
Pre-Allied Health; Pre-Dental; Pre-Law; Pre-Medical; Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Veterinary

**Spiritual Formation**

Messiah weaves opportunities for spiritual growth throughout students’ college experience—including chapel and worship services, discipleship groups, ministry outreach teams, community service, mission trips, and a variety of other special programs.

**Service Learning**

The Agapé Center for Service and Learning develops, administers, resources, and coordinates programs of service learning, community service, and mission locally and abroad. Last year, Messiah’s student body volunteered more than 60,000 hours of community service.

**Faculty Profile**

Messiah College selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars, authors, and experts in their chosen fields.

**Full-Time**

**Full-Time Faculty**

- Male/Female: 112M/61F
- Hold Terminal Degree: 76%

**Part-Time**

**Part-Time Faculty**

- 111

**Student/Faculty Ratio**

- 14:1

**Academic Profile**

**Enrollment by School**

| School of the Arts | 8.1%
| School of Education and Social Sciences | 20.0%
| School of Health and Natural Sciences | 23.3%
| School of the Humanities | 23.8%
| School of Mathematics, Engineering and Business | 19.0%
| Undeclared (no school) | 5.9%

**Athletics**

- Recognized by USA Today for an exceptionally high rate of graduating student-athletes among NCAA Division III institutions—fifth in the country!
- 20 intercollegiate athletic teams (NCAA Division III): baseball (M), basketball (M/W), cross country (M/W), field hockey (W), golf (M), lacrosse (M/W), soccer (M/W), softball (W), tennis (M/W), indoor track and field (M/W), outdoor track and field (M/W), volleyball (W), wrestling (M)

**Financial Aid**

Percent Receiving Aid
First-Year Students: 99%
All Undergraduates: 97%

Average Aid Package
First-Year Students: $17,832
All Undergraduates: $17,728

**Tuition & Costs**

2006–2007 Academic Year

| Tuition | $22,600
| Required Fees | $690
| Room & Board | $7,060
| Total | $30,350
| Additional Costs* | $2,720

*estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses

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