IDENTITY AND MISSION

Messiah College is a Christian college 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

Messiah College is a nationally ranked, private Christian college with a student body of 3,305 undergraduate and graduate students located in Mechanicsburg, Pa., just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg.

HISTORY

Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. Now, the College’s faith base is broadly evangelical and includes students and employees from a variety of denominations and Christian faith traditions.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- In a Career and Professional Development Center post-graduation survey, 97 percent of the class of 2015 respondents indicated they were employed or in graduate/professional programs within six to nine months after graduation.
- Messiah is a Princeton Review Guide “Best Regional College” in the Northeast.
- Messiah is recognized as a “Pennsylvania College of Distinction” and a national “Christian College of Distinction.”
- As part of the Experiential Learning Initiative (ELI), Messiah requires all students to complete at least one experiential “hands-on” learning experience such as internships/practica, service learning, leadership or off-campus study or research. Students develop a deliverable—such as a résumé, e-portfolio, website or LinkedIn profile to share with graduate schools or employers.
- Messiah is ranked as the #1 Best Christian College and University in the North for 2017 by Christian Universities Online.
- Messiah graduates have distinguished themselves as Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, Truman and Boren scholars.
- Messiah is ranked as the #3 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs” in the U.S.
- Messiah College accounting graduates excel on the national CPA exam. Messiah’s pass rate for first-time test takers of the CPA (76 percent) ranks 3rd out of more than 70 accounting programs in Pennsylvania—a rate that significantly exceeds the national and state average (55 percent).
 Messiah was named #5 in the Top 10 Christian College Music Programs for 2017, #6 for Best Christian College for Visual Arts and #6 in the Top 10 Psychology Degree Programs by Christian Universities Online.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AND PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Messiah College offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees that include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, allied programs in partnership with other institutions and a flourishing College Honors Program.

80+ MAJORS AND PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS:
For a complete listing, visit messiah.edu/majors.

THREE-YEAR DEGREE OPTIONS: Some majors allow motivated students to graduate one or two semesters early. More information is available at messiah.edu/admissions/three_years.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Messiah College offers quality graduate programs in a hybrid format of traditional and online courses. For a full list, visit messiah.edu/gradprograms.

• Messiah was named in the Top 50 Best Christian Graduate Schools for 2017 by Christian Universities Online.

• BestCounselingDegrees.net ranks Messiah College as #3 in the U.S. for its master’s in counseling with a clinical mental health track and #4 in the U.S. for its master’s in counseling with a track in marriage and family therapy.

• BestColleges.com currently ranks Messiah’s M.Ed. program # 8 out of 25 on its list of “Top online Master of Education programs in the country.”

PRESIDENT

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., has served as the eighth president of Messiah College since 2004. Dr. Phipps serves in leadership roles on a variety of boards, including the board of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS

• Messiah College’s faculty hold degrees from nationally and internationally recognized graduate schools, including Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Oxford University, Vanderbilt University and the University of Pennsylvania.

• Our faculty members 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.


FACULTY PROFILE

FULL-TIME FACULTY: 189 (58% male/42% female)

HOLD TERMINAL DEGREE: 81%

PART-TIME FACULTY: 172

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 13:1

STUDENT PROFILE

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT: 2,788 undergraduate students representing 38 states and 29 countries among all undergraduate colleges that send students to study abroad, according to the Institute of International Education

SOURCE: 2015 OPEN DOORS REPORT, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
39% male/61% female students

2,648 full-time students

2,317 living in on-campus housing

37% out-of-state students

12.8% students from underrepresented racial, ethnic and cultural populations

4.6% international students

**UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID:**

*Estimated for 2016–2017 academic year (averages do not include federal PLUS loans or private/alternative loans)*

**UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION AND GRADUATION:**

85.4% returned for 2nd year

73.9% graduated within 4 years

76.3% graduated within 6 years

**Note:** Messiah does not track students who transfer from Messiah College and graduate from another institution.

**GRADUATE ENROLLMENT:**

517 graduate students representing 33 states

**CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION**

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. For more information, visit messiah.edu/ministries.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Messiah College has earned the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching’s prestigious Community Engagement Classification for curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships.
- Messiah’s commitment to service-learning and civic engagement earned recognition on the national President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.
- The Agapé Center for Service and Learning cultivates experiences with community partners to prepare individuals for lifelong service. More than 98% of the class of 2015 participated in some form of community service through the Agapé Center during their time at Messiah.
- Messiah’s extensive sustainability efforts include initiatives such as a student-run community garden and apiary, campus-wide composting program, one of the nation’s largest solar thermal systems, biodiesel production and regular collegewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions.

**More than 485 colleges, universities and businesses use our materials or model their internship programs after Messiah’s.**

- To help students connect with potential employers, the Career and Professional Development Center hosts Into the City, a unique, intensive two-day career development and networking program in major U.S. cities.
- The Collaboratory for Strategic Research and Applied Partnerships enables students to apply academic knowledge and live out their Christian faith through imaginative, hands-on problem solving that meets the needs of clients around the world.
- Through the SALT House in downtown Harrisburg, Messiah provides access to Christian higher education in an urban setting where students can live, learn and serve in the city.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and to promote learning through scholarship programs, lectures, film series, conferences and partnerships with school districts and literacy outreach programs.
Community Engagement (continued)

- The School of the Arts fosters extensive connections with visiting artists and arts organizations internationally and locally, such as the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. Messiah also contributes to the cultural life of the region through affiliations with its accomplished artists-in-residence: jazz musician Tim Warfield, the Susquehanna Chorale and the Mendelssohn Piano Trio.

- The Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts features a premier 800-seat performance and lecture hall for the region.

- Messiah’s Oakes Museum of Natural History provides guided tours, field trips, special events and public hours, enabling 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. Last year, the museum had more than 21,000 visitors.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Messiah College sets standards for excellence in NCAA Division III college programs while developing the Christian character of its athletes. Our athletes turn in All-American performances and have been featured in USA Today, Sports Illustrated, ESPN.com, nytimes.com, NCAA.com and on national network television.


- The Falcons had nine student-athletes earn College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-American honors in 2015-16, the most-ever for Messiah in a single academic year. Senior pitcher Courtney Allen highlighted the group by being named Academic All-American of the year for NCAA Division III Softball.

- In 2015-16, the Falcons placed 29th in the Learfield Sports Director’s Cup standings, which ranks all Division III athletics programs by achievements in men’s and women’s sports. Messiah’s placement was the best among Pennsylvania colleges and universities for the 16th-straight year.

SOURCES: MESSIAH COLLEGE OFFICES OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS, INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS. FOR ADDITIONAL MESSIAH STATISTICS AND INFORMATION, VISIT MESSIAH.EDU/OFFICES/RESEARCH.

MESSIAH STATISTICS AND FACTS

- 25 NCAA Division III National Champions
- 122 Conference Team Championships
- 275 NCAA Division III All-Americans
- 16 NCAA Division III National Players of the Year

SOURCE: MESSIAH COLLEGE DIVISION OF ATHLETICS AND NCAA.COM

NCAA Division III sports

- baseball (M)
- basketball (M/W)
- cross country (M/W)
- field hockey (W)
- golf (M)
- indoor track and field (M/W)
- lacrosse (M/W)
- outdoor track and field (M/W)
- soccer (M/W)
- softball (W)
- tennis (M/W)
- wrestling (M)
- swimming (M/W)
- volleyball (W)