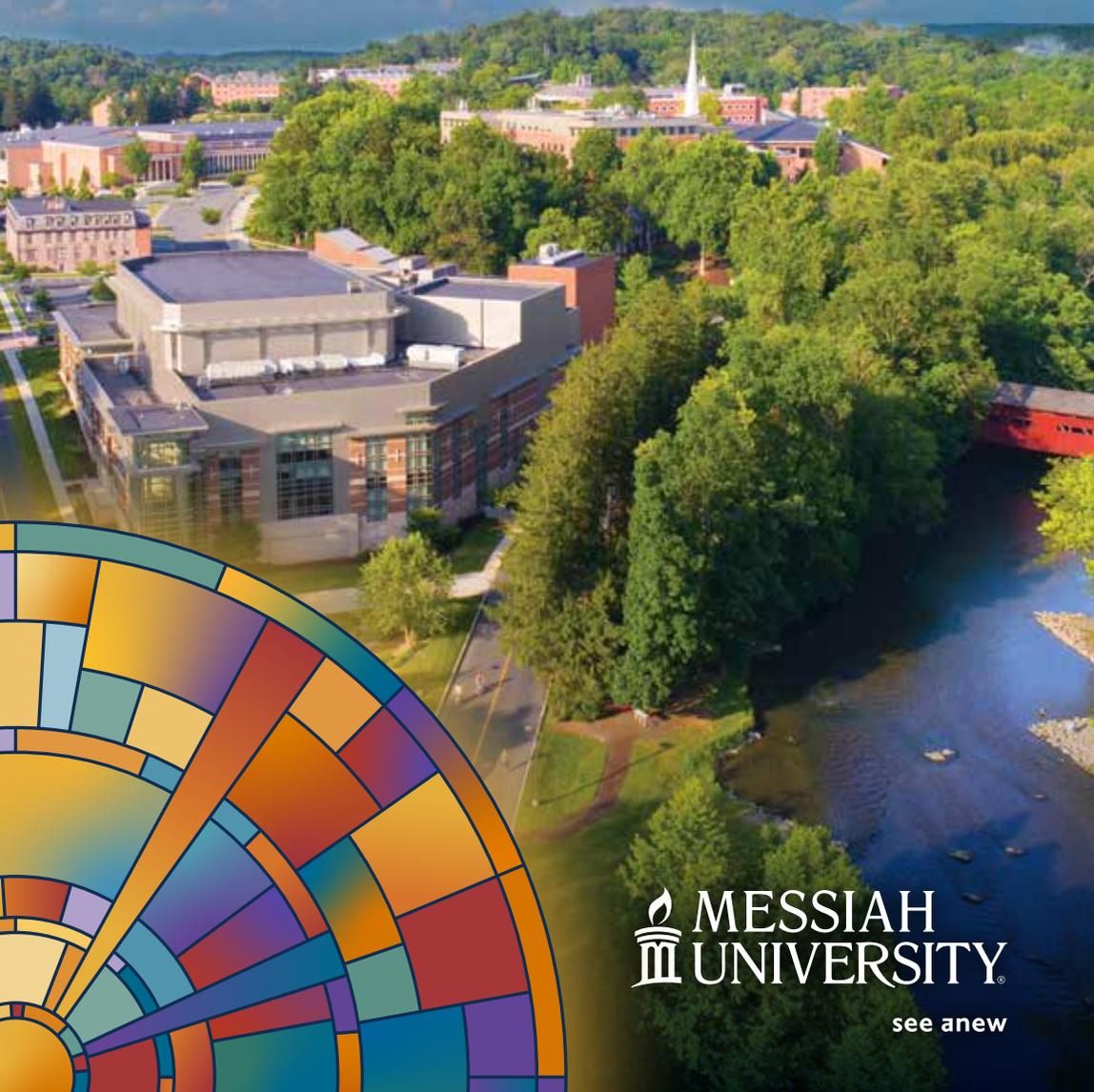


TRANSFER

RESOURCE GUIDE



 MESSIAH
UNIVERSITY®

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Who are we?

We are a nationally ranked, private Christian university with a student body of more than 3,320 undergraduate and graduate students located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Just 12 miles from the state capital of Harrisburg, our location in central Pennsylvania provides easy access to urban centers such as Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Messiah consistently ranks among the top 25 “Best Regional Universities” in the northeastern U.S., according to U.S. News & World Report, and is recognized as one of the best universities in the Northeast by the Princeton Review. To view more Messiah recognitions and rankings, visit messiah.edu/recognitions.



“Being surrounded by classmates and professors that have the same beliefs as me has helped me grow stronger in my own faith and what it looks like to live out a Christian life professionally. I’ve also had the chance to use Bloomberg in the finance lab, which translates well to my internship and future career.”

—Andrew Fretz '25, transfer student





How will my credits transfer?

We can typically accept courses for transfer credit that meet the following criteria:

- The course was taken at a regionally accredited school.
- The course is a 100-level course or higher.
- The grade received in the class was a C or higher.

Transfer credit overview

Transfer credits can be applied toward major requirements, general education requirements and elective credits. You must complete your last 30 credits at Messiah University. Keep in mind that it is more important to consider how many major and general education requirements you have met than how many credits you have completed. If you have AP, CLEP or dual enrollment credits from high school you want to transfer, this information must be sent directly from the testing agency or the credit-granting institution.

The Registrar's Office will complete an official credit evaluation after you have been offered admission. To see a list of courses that have been evaluated in the past, check out our transfer course equivalency databases at messiah.edu/transferdatabase or messiah.edu/transfERNOW.

The databases are updated every time a new course is approved for transfer credit, so it is a great place to get started.

How do I fit into campus life?



Making you feel at home

Transfer students are an important part of our campus community. No matter when you come to Messiah, you can easily make lifelong connections here. Through our comprehensive transfer orientation program, you'll have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with campus and meet fellow new and transfer students. During your first semester at Messiah, you'll live with other transfer students (making it easier to meet new friends), join exclusive social events for transfer students and be part of a transfer student orientation group.* On-campus apartments and special interest housing are also available for upper-class students after your first semester.



We love commuter students!

If you will be commuting to campus, you will have access to all campus services and activities. Designed with the unique needs of commuter students in mind, Messiah's commuter lounge provides a kitchenette, couches, lockers, a TV and free coffee/tea. It's a great place to spend some time between classes. Our library and Café Diem coffee shop, along with Larsen Student Union and the Yellow Breeches Creek, are a few more places you can study or socialize. We can picture you here already!

375 acres in suburban central Pennsylvania



**Messiah University guarantees housing for transfer students (under the age of 23).*

To learn more about the **commuter lounge**, visit messiah.edu/commuters.



How much does it cost to attend Messiah University?



*Plan for \$3,000-4,000 in personal expenses such as books, supplies, travel, etc.

Less than you might think!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$54,630 \\
 \text{total tuition, fees,} \\
 \text{housing and food}
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 \$33,405 \\
 \text{average first-year} \\
 \text{student aid 2023-2024} \\
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 \text{other alternative loans)}
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 \begin{array}{r}
 \mathbf{\$21,225} \\
 \text{average total cost} \\
 \text{(not including supplies, travel} \\
 \text{or personal expenses)}
 \end{array}$$

The above example is a simplified cost presentation and is for example purposes only. Actual individual costs will vary depending on a number of factors, including type of room, meal plan, cost of books and other miscellaneous fees.

SCHOLARSHIP	ELIGIBILITY	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Messiah University Scholarship	Awarded to qualified transfer students based on application materials	\$10,000/year Renewable up to eight semesters
Provost's Scholarship	Merit scholarship based on cumulative college GPA of all post-high school transfer credits	3.0-3.49 — \$13,000/year 3.5-3.74 — \$14,000/year 3.75+ — \$15,000/year Renewable up to eight semesters provided student maintains 3.0 GPA
Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of membership required • May be combined with the Messiah University or Provost's Scholarship 	\$1,000/year Renewable up to eight semesters

*Scholarship amounts as of the 2024-2025 academic year

Messiah is a military-friendly Yellow Ribbon school

Messiah is proud to be a Yellow Ribbon school! Eligible students include 100% Chapter 33 recipients. A limited number of students are accepted at one time, so please check with our School Certifying Official (SCO) to verify your eligibility.

Please visit our website for a **full listing of scholarship and financial aid opportunities** at messiah.edu/finaid.



How can I apply?

Use the checklist below to get started and refer to messiah.edu/transfer for additional information.

Application

Apply online at messiah.edu/apply starting July 1.

College transcript(s)

Request your transcript(s) from any and all institutions attended post-high school graduation.

Final high school transcript

This is required if you have fewer than 24 post-high school credits completed.

Application fee: \$50

Your fee is waived if your application is received before Nov. 15.

“I have loved being able to learn about the things I am passionate about and surround myself with such an amazing community. I feel like I am supported in every way imaginable and people genuinely care about me.”

—Madison Blasser '25, transfer student





How can I visit campus?

Maximize your time on campus with a custom visit. Connect one-on-one with a transfer counselor and faculty, explore campus with a current student and enjoy a complimentary meal in our award-winning dining hall!

Go to messiah.edu/visit to register!

Who do I contact for questions about ... ?

TOPIC	OFFICE	EMAIL
Accommodations	<i>Office of Academic Accessibility</i>	oa@messiah.edu
Admissions	<i>Office of Undergraduate Admissions</i>	transfer@messiah.edu
Career/graduate school opportunities	<i>Career and Professional Development Center</i>	career@messiah.edu
Transfer credits	<i>Registrar's Office</i>	registrar@messiah.edu
Housing	<i>Department of Residence Life and Housing</i>	housing@messiah.edu
Military benefits	<i>Student Financial Services</i>	studentfinsvcs@messiah.edu
Parking	<i>Box Office</i>	studentparking@messiah.edu
Tutoring/academic support	<i>Writing Center academic support</i>	writingcenter@messiah.edu

What programs of study are offered?

80+ majors offered at Messiah University



Accounting
Actuarial Science
Applied Health Science
Art, Studio
Biblical and Religious Studies
Biochemistry
Biochemistry (ACS-certified)
Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Biopsychology
Broadcasting and Journalism
Business Administration
Business Information Systems
Chemistry
Chemistry (ACS-certified)
Chinese Studies
Christian Ministries and Leadership
Civil Engineering
Communication
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Cybersecurity
Dance
Data Science
Digital Media
Economic Development
Economics
Educational Studies
Electrical Engineering
Engineering
English
Environmental Science
Film and Media Arts
Finance
Graphic Design
History
Human Development and Family Science
Human Development and Family Science with Child Life
International Business
Marketing
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Molecular Biology
Music
Music (Music and Worship)
Music Performance
Musical Theatre
Nursing
Nutrition and Dietetics
Peace and Conflict Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Politics and International Relations
Psychology

Public History
Public Relations
Robotics Engineering
Social Work
Sociology and Anthropology
Software Development
Spanish
Sport Management
Sustainability Studies
Theatre
Youth Ministries

Majors leading to teaching certification

AArt Education (PreK-12)
Biology with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Chemistry with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Chinese Studies with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Computer Science with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Education with Dual Teaching Certification (grades PreK-4) and Special Education (PreK-12)
Education with Teaching Certification in Grades 4-8
Education with Teaching Certification in Grades PreK-4
English with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Family and Consumer Sciences Education (PreK-12)
Health and Physical Education with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
History with Secondary Social Studies Teaching Certification (7-12)
Mathematics with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Music Education with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Physics with Secondary Teaching Certification (7-12)
Spanish with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)
Special Education (N-12) with Teaching Certification (PreK-12)

Accelerated and early assurance programs

Athletic Training (B.S./MSAT) - 5-year accelerated
Business Administration (Bachelor's/MBA) - 5-year accelerated

Occupational Therapy (B.S./MOT) - 5-year accelerated
Politics and International Relations (B.A. at Messiah/M.S. in public policy and management at Carnegie Mellon University) - 5-year accelerated
Occupational Therapy - early assurance program (Bachelor's/MOT)
Physical Therapy - early assurance program (Bachelor's/DPT)

Seamless pathway programs

Nutrition and Dietetics (B.S./MSDI) - 5 years
Social Work (BSW/MSW: Advanced Standing) - 5 years

Pre-health professions advising

Pre-Audiology
Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Medical (D.O.)
Pre-Medical (M.D.)
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Public Health
Pre-Veterinary

Students interested in health careers receive specialized advising to develop a course of study that ensures they meet all undergraduate prerequisites necessary for graduate school admittance.
Visit messiah.edu/pre-health



To search a full list of our majors, plus minors and concentrations, visit messiah.edu/majors.