

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS.

Join us for a virtual open house to explore our majors and academic programs, learn about campus culture, and see what makes Messiah feel like home.

Monday, October 12, 2020



9:00 a.m.

Why Messiah: A Current Student Panel with Vice President, John Chopka

Join us for a conversation with current Messiah University students as they tell their stories about why they chose Messiah. Hosted by Vice President for Enrollment Management, John Chopka.

10:10 a.m.

College Search 101

Designed for all students – those beginning the college search or those who have questions about the process! Get helpful, step-by-step tips from an admissions counselor and ask any questions about the application process.

The Transfer Experience

Thinking about transferring to Messiah University? Unsure about how your credits will transfer? Interested in learning about the options for transfer students like you? Join us as we explore the academic, financial, and social opportunities for students who transfer to Messiah University.

Department of Politics and International Relations

Calling all independent thinkers who have an interest in public life and a concern for social justice! As a politics and international relations major at Messiah University, you'll immerse yourself among students and faculty who are energized by some of the same things that energize you: political campaigns, elections, diplomacy, international affairs, public health, immigration, the environment and race relations.

Department of Modern Languages

The Department of Modern Languages is a multilingual community of Christian scholars dedicated to the intentional cultivation of language proficiency and cultural literacy. Modern Languages at Messiah University offers programs of study in the languages, literature, and culture of the respective countries that the languages represent. The program is designed to develop linguistic competence and critical skills as well as a profound appreciation of the culture and civilization of the world.

The Messiah University Department of Modern Languages provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Chinese
- French
- Spanish

Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology focuses on PEOPLE. Although distinct in many ways, sociology, anthropology and criminology all seek to understand and engage society and culture in meaningful ways. You'll engage in answering questions such as: Why do people do what they do? What does it mean to be human? Why is there so much injustice in the world? How can we make the world more humane and just? We will answer those questions by investigating social structure, culture, race, gender, social inequality and globalization.

The Athletic Experience

At Messiah, we believe athletic experiences are an important part of your academic, personal and spiritual growth. As a student athlete, Messiah Athletics serve as a central and exciting piece of our college community and provides a common bond for school spirit across campus. Join us to learn more about varsity athletics at Messiah University.

- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M/W)
- Cross Country (M,W)
- Field Hockey (W)
- Lacrosse (M/W)
- Soccer (M/W)
- Softball (W)
- Swimming (M/W)
- Tennis (M/W)
- Track & Field, indoor and outdoor (M/W)
- Volleyball (M/W)
- Wrestling (M)

Academic Support at Messiah

Messiah offers an array of academic support services that make it possible for you to access any additional help you might need or want outside of the classroom. Whether you need accommodations for a particular learning challenge or simply want someone to proofread a paper before you turn it in, there are qualified Messiah students and staff prepared to assist you.

Peace and Conflict Studies

Do you want to understand and resolve conflict in the world? Are you interested in being a mediator for peaceful outcomes between individuals and groups? A degree in peace and conflict studies may be right for you. As a peace and conflict major at Messiah University, you'll learn about the nature of conflict and the Christian foundations for

peacemaking and reconciliation. As you consider the relationship of justice to peacemaking, you'll also become actively involved in nonviolent conflict mediation and reconciliation through an internship or practicum.

11:15 a.m.

Explore U: Choose your major. Chart your future.

At Messiah, we're prepared to help you explore which of Messiah's 85+ majors are a great fit for your personal interests, abilities and professional goals. And we'll go on that journey with you as your Messiah experience helps shape your future career path! Find out how Explore U can benefit you as you search for the right major.

Accelerated and Early Assurance Programs in the Health Professions

Accelerated and early assurance programs (EAP) are an efficient way to pursue career goals in the fields of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Training at Messiah University. This session will help you consider the wide variety of paths available to prepare you for these professional programs. The process and qualifications standards for the accelerated and early assurance process will also be discussed.

Messiah University offers accelerated Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the following areas:

- Occupational Therapy Athletic Training

Messiah University offers an early assurance program (EAP) in the following area:

- Doctor of Physical Therapy

NOTE: You are also encouraged to attend the academic session that corresponds with your preferred field of study.

Department of Education

Do you enjoy working with students, supporting their development and sharing your passion for learning? Join us to learn more about Messiah University's long-standing commitment to high-quality teacher preparation.

The Messiah University Department of Education provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Education with Teaching Certification in Grades PreK-4
- Education with Teaching Certification in Grades 4-8
- Education with Dual Certification in Grades (Pre-k through 4th) and Special Education (Pre-K through 12th)
- Special Education N-12 with Teacher Certification PreK-12

NOTE: If you are interested in teaching in secondary school, please attend the academic department session that corresponds with your area of interest and consider attending the Teacher Education/Certification session.

Department of Theatre and Dance

In our department, you have the opportunity to explore historic and contemporary theatre practice within a vibrant liberal arts tradition or participate in dance as a significant form of human expression and communication.

The Messiah University Department of Theatre and Dance provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Dance
- Digital Media – Church Media
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre

Department of Engineering

Messiah is one of only a handful of Christian colleges in the country with an ABET accredited engineering program, and even among Christian colleges, we feel our approach is unique. As an engineering student at Messiah, you'll explore both the art and science of engineering in preparation for creative professional practice. You'll be challenged to think outside the box and develop tools that will impact and improve society.

The Messiah University Department of Engineering provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering (6 concentrations)
- Mechanical Engineering

Department of Art and Design

Our department is dedicated to the creation, interpretation and encouragement of art and design through the study of art education, art history and studio art. We develop our abilities to appreciate, comprehend and assess the myriad forms of artistic expression in the past, present and future. Messiah's Department of Art and Design will give you the opportunity to express your artistic creativity in various ways. You'll gain knowledge and skill in studio art, graphic design and other disciplines.

The Messiah University Department of Art and Design provides opportunities for student to study the following majors:

- Art Education (K-12)
- Art History
- Art, Studio
- Digital Media – Interactive Design
- Graphic Design

Department of Philosophy

Are you a questioning person? Do you enjoy thinking about the pros and cons, the whys and why-nots of just about everything? If you are, then earning a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in philosophy might be right for you. You'll immerse yourself in an environment of critical-thinking, questioning, reasoning, point/counter-point conversations and deep intellectual thought. You'll share your college experience with other inquisitive students, engaging one another in a careful, systematic investigation of fundamental issues of reality and human experience.

12:20 p.m.

Christian Spiritual Formation

Messiah University Ministries wants to help students grow in their faith, and we offer many opportunities for students to explore various facets of their faith and learn more about who God is. Our goal is that these opportunities lead students into deeper relationship with God and with other students and faculty/staff on campus. We work to foster spiritual formation, supporting individuals and campus organizations as needed and bringing together partnerships to support students in their spiritual development. Join us to learn about the many opportunities for spiritual growth at Messiah University.

Global Opportunities: Studying Abroad at Messiah

What may look like a quiet, suburban campus in central Pennsylvania is really six continents and 24 time zones. At Messiah, your college experience expands beyond our Mechanicsburg campus and reaches around the globe. You can choose to study or serve in one of 40+ different countries, strengthening the groundwork you've been laying at Messiah all along: how to hear differing perspectives and to weave new insights into a vision that is your own. We

provide holistic support as you explore safe, transformative semester-long and short-term experiences that encourage you to reflect, learn, and grow as you navigate the complexities of becoming a global citizen in a diverse world.

Pre-Health Professions Advising

Engage in an integrated academic pre-health program that successfully prepares you for medical school or a wide variety of allied health care professions. Future allied health care professionals and aspiring medical doctors seeking practical experiences will find an enriching environment in Messiah University's pre-health professions advising program.

This session is recommended for students with interests in the following health professions:

- Pre-Medicine (Allopathic and Osteopathic)
- Chiropractic Medicine
- Dentistry
- Forensic Science
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physician Assistant
- Physician Medicine
- Public Health
- Veterinary Medicine

Department of Business

In the Department of Business at Messiah University, you will learn how the various parts of an organization work together to accomplish a common mission. Like many business students, you may opt to participate in internships which turn work experiences into learning opportunities and make connections between classroom theory and the "real world." Ultimately, you will learn how to plan, manage and lead in ways that are consistent with your Christian faith in order to achieve organizational purpose that extends beyond profit.

The Messiah University Department of Business provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Economic Development
- Finance
- International Business
- Marketing

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry seeks to equip students with the knowledge and methodologies of chemistry and biochemistry to enable them to be informed Christian citizens as well as skilled and ethical practitioners of chemistry, biochemistry and chemical education. As a program approved by the American Chemical Society, our department offers rigorous courses across all sub-disciplines of chemistry, as well as laboratory and research experiences necessary for preparation as a scientific or health-care professional. Our department places special emphasis on the integration of the knowledge and methods of science with Christian faith.

The Messiah University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Biochemistry
- Chemistry

- Chemistry with Secondary Teaching Certification

Department of History

In the tradition of the Christian liberal arts, the history program provides a wide range of course offerings and experiences. We emphasize the cultivation of a breadth of historical learning along with specific skills: critical thinking, high-quality writing, methods of research, and public and digital projects. The department also offers many enrichment opportunities, such as working with professors on research, internships with museums and governmental agencies, study abroad around the world, teaching in local schools, public history and archaeological training.

Department of Social Work

Social work students often connect with each other through one common theme: passion for social justice and enhancing the well-being of others. The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree at Messiah University is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). As a graduate, you qualify for advanced standing status in an accredited Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program, meaning you can go on to earn your MSW in just one year.

Multicultural Programs and Scholarships

The purpose of Multicultural Programs at Messiah University is to meet the unique needs of domestic underrepresented students by providing holistic support through mentoring, diversity education and exploration, as well as safe and transformative learning environments for all members of the college community.

As a demonstration of our commitment to being an educational community that truly represents Kingdom values related to reconciliation, Messiah University also offers two multicultural scholarships: the Lloyd and Lois Martin Multicultural Scholarship as well as the Rachel Helen Flowers Multicultural Scholarship. Join us to learn about Messiah's commitment to diversity, Multicultural Programs, clubs and organizations and scholarship opportunities.

Opportunities in the Performing Arts

The richness of the arts community at Messiah is enhanced by talented students who audition and participate from majors outside the School of the Arts. We encourage students of all majors to join us to learn about the many opportunities you have to be part of our arts community.

1:25 p.m.

Internships and Career Preparation

The Career & Professional Development Center (CPDC) team is committed to encouraging students to consider how they will live out the values of their faith in the diverse workplaces they will inevitably pursue. Learn about all the many services we provide to encourage you in your pursuit of meaningful work.

Department of Human Development and Family Science

In the Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) at Messiah University, you'll learn how to strengthen individuals and families by focusing on relationships, human development and families through courses such as interpersonal and marital relationships, parenting, human sexuality, and family dynamics and intervention.

The Messiah University Department of Human Development and Family Science provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Human Development and Family Science

Department of Biblical and Religious Studies

The programs offered by the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies provide students with the means for maturing academically and spiritually as individuals and as future Christian leaders. We foster spiritual and theological reflection

that enables individuals to develop and deepen Christian commitment, interpret matters of faith intelligently, and minister to others with wisdom and compassion.

The Messiah University Department of Biblical and Religious Studies provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Biblical and Religious Studies
- Christian Ministries

Digital Media

Kick your creative energy and storytelling talents into high gear by pursuing a digital media degree at Messiah University. Digital media is an emerging field, and the multimedia communication skills you'll develop through our core courses will prepare you to meet the growing demand for digital media specialists in a wide variety of fields.

We offer four very different and practical digital media concentrations within this interdepartmental major: interactive design, digital video and story, mobile applications and game design and church media. Our core courses for this major will prepare you to meet the growing demand for digital media specialists in a wide variety of fields.

Department of Biological Sciences

Whether you are interested in biomolecules or ecosystems or everything in between, the Department of Biological Sciences at Messiah University offers you the opportunity to tailor your study of biology to pursue your interests and calling in a distinctly Christian context.

The Messiah University Department of Biological Sciences provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Biology
- Biology with Secondary Teaching Certification
- Biopsychology
- Environmental science
- Molecular Biology
- Sustainability Studies – Conservation and Agriculture

Sustainability Studies

Messiah's interdepartmental Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in sustainability studies is built upon a holistic approach that emphasizes the social, ecological and economic aspects of sustainable human communities. From the cultivation of the Grantham Community Garden to internship opportunities with organizations such as Mennonite Central Committee and ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) that can take you around the world, you won't just learn about sustainability, you'll live it.

Department of Nursing

As a Messiah nursing student, you will learn many facets of nursing that include the importance of personhood, the significance of community, and meaningfulness of service to others. The nursing curriculum is grounded in the arts and applied sciences which facilitates your ability to practice nursing with compassionate Christian caring, academic and clinical excellence, and service to others with cultural humility.

Our CCNE-accredited Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree program, designed to meet the rapidly changing healthcare environment, will prepare you to become a successful registered nurse (RN). The BSN program will help you develop a broad base of scientific knowledge, excellent communication skills, critical thinking and value-based decision-making capabilities.

Department of Communication

Your studies in the Messiah University Department of Communication will equip you for life! Hands-on experiences mixed with sound principles and theories will give you the skills and knowledge to strengthen interpersonal relationships and prepare for a wide range of careers. You'll be stretched academically and personally, all within the framework of Christian faith.

The Messiah University Department of Communication provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Broadcasting and Media Production
- Communication
- Digital Media – Digital Video and Story
- Film and Media Arts
- Journalism
- Public Relations

2:30 p.m.

Department of Music

If you are seeking a thriving musical environment in which to grow as a performer, artist and teacher, then Messiah University is right for you. The Department of Music offers you a wide variety of opportunities to pursue your passion and develop the skills needed to be a contributing, active professional. Rigorous musical training set within the context of the broader Christian Liberal Arts education allows for meaningful personal, spiritual and musical growth. Studies in the Department of Music complement rigorous professional training with a broad liberal arts education necessary for students to function effectively as teaching and performing musicians.

The Messiah University Department of Music provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Music
- Music (Music and Worship)
- Music Education
- Music Performance

Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science

A lifestyle which includes healthy choices reflects good stewardship of God's creation. Our diverse group of faculty help students do this by applying scientific evidence in the areas of health, nutrition, and exercise as students develop their unique God-given gifts. Students will be prepared for a variety of growing careers to help individuals and communities improve their health.

The Messiah University Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Athletic Training
- Applied Health Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Sport Management
- Occupational Therapy

Department of Psychology

Delve into the study of the human mind and behavior to explore psychology at Messiah University. This multi-faceted program with challenging courses such as History and Systems, Psychological Testing, and Experimental Psychology will help you gain valuable work experience through internships as a case manager, crisis worker, therapeutic staff support, residential counselor, psychiatric assistant or youth worker. Apply for the accelerated option that allows you to earn your B.S. in psychology and your Master of Occupational Therapy in five years. Or, prepare to become a counselor by adding the clinical concentration to your B.A. degree. You can also take advantage of the major's flexibility by adding a minor, double major or semester abroad. In either degree program, you will focus on areas of study like clinical psychology (assessment and treatment of mental illness), child development, counseling skills, behavioral science, animal behavior, cognition, addiction, substance abuse, community and social psychology.

Department of English

Swamped with images, information, sounds and new technology daily, the English major at Messiah University prepares you to analyze, interpret, understand and change the world around you. We are guided by the understanding that language significantly shapes our identity, deepens our interactions with others, and enables us to change the world. A combination of creative writing, literature and critical thinking form a comprehensive education that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Department of Computing, Mathematics, and Physics

We solve problems. What kinds of problems do you want to solve? If thinking creatively and critically to solve complex problems excites you, we have many exciting opportunities for you to explore. Join the community of students, faculty, and alumni at Messiah University, and learn problem-solving skills that make a difference.

The Messiah University Department of Computing, Mathematics, and Physics provides opportunities for students to study the following majors:

- Actuarial Science
- Computer and Information Systems
- Computer Science with Teaching Certification
- Cybersecurity
- Digital Media – Mobile Application and Game Design
- Mathematics
- Mathematics with Secondary Teaching Certification
- Physics
- Physics with Secondary Teaching Certification

Teacher Education/Certification

Interested in becoming a teacher through one of our many teacher certification options? We'll share the mission of the program, explain entry requirements, describe field experiences and student teaching opportunities, and address how to get certified to teach in PA and other states. Join us to learn more about Messiah's Teacher Education Program.

NOTE: You are also encouraged to attend the Department of Education session if you're interested in primary and middle grades or special education, or if you would prefer to teach secondary students, also attend the department of your area of academic interest.

Financial Aid: Investing in Your Future

Financing an education is a big part of the college search. We will dive into topics such as filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the timeline for financial aid awards, and lots of details about scholarships, grants and loans from both Messiah and outside sources. Feel free to bring your questions!

3:30 p.m.

Livestream campus tour

Join a current student to take a livestream tour of our beautiful campus. Tours are approximately 60 minutes.

