# Undergraduate Admissions Policies

Students who desire higher education to develop their intellect, character, and Christian faith are invited to apply for admission to Messiah University. Information may be requested from the Admissions Office and is also available online at <a href="https://www.messiah.edu">www.messiah.edu</a>.

The Undergraduate Admissions Office reviews degree-seeking students for fall and spring semesters, as well as students applying for high school dual enrollment and part-time non-degree study.

Admissions staff evaluate applications on the basis of each student's preparation for college-level courses, the relative strength of the academic program, the application personal statement and the program of study desired. The Admissions staff seeks to admit those applicants who are most likely to benefit from and contribute to the Messiah University community. Once all requested application documents are received, admission decisions are processed on a rolling or continuous basis (beginning in late August/early September).

The Undergraduate Admissions Office also identifies candidates for the University Honors Program, the Martin Scholars Program and the R.H. Flowers Program. Deadlines for consideration are available at <a href="https://www.messiah.edu/merit">www.messiah.edu/merit</a>.

Students seeking admission to Messiah University to earn a bachelor's degree are considered degree-seeking applicants.

### High School Students (U.S. Otizens)

Students completing a course of study at a public or private high school and seeking entrance as a first-year student should complete the following steps:

- Complete and submit the online application for Messiah University admission.
   Applications are available at <a href="https://www.messiah.edu/apply">www.messiah.edu/apply</a> and will include an opportunity to complete a personal statement. The application fee is \$50. The application fee is waived for all who apply on or before Nov. 15.
- Submit a high school transcript. Transcripts can be submitted electronically by guidance counselors via The Common Application, other approved partners such as Naviance, Parchment or SCOIR, or via the U.S. Postal Service.
- Submit standardized test scores from SAT, ACT or CLT (optional). Students planning to submit standardized test scores for should send official scores for the SAT, ACT and/or Classic Learning Test (CLT) sent to Messiah. Messiah's SAT code is 2411 and the ACT code is 3630.

Applicants must graduate from an accredited senior high school or the equivalent prior to matriculation. Course units from grades nine through twelve should include the following:

4 units English 3 units in mathematics

- 3 units in natural science
- 3 units in social studies
- 2 units in foreign language (recommended)

The academic requirements for admission listed above is recommended. Many students who apply exceed the recommendations as listed.

#### Homeschooled Students

Messiah University welcomes applications from homeschooled students. The academic requirements for admission are the same as those listed in the previous section. Along with a completed application and application fee, it is important that a comprehensive transcript of the

## Responding to the Offer of Admission

To accept the offer of admission, submit a \$200 enrollment deposit to reserve a space in the student body. The fee (\$200) will be applied to the first semester account. The University's policy regarding deposits follows and is in accordance with the principles of good practice of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors. A student should pay a deposit when confident of his/her dec

for transfer credits, personal enrichment, professional development credits, Act 48, continuing education or licensing requirements, etc. Students must submit an application for part-time, non-degree study, available at <a href="https://www.messiah.edu/apply">www.messiah.edu/apply</a>. Students may take up to 11 credits as a non-degree seeking student. Any student changing from non-degree seeking to degree seeking must apply and fulfill the admission requirements for degree-seeking students.

## **Additional Policies**

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