

“I’ve waited ten years for this!”

That was the response of one minister to the news that Messenger College was placing the degree program on the internet. Now, ministers and others who want a quality ministry and Bible based degree from a recognized and accredited Pentecostal College can get it.

While studies may begin with any of the scheduled terms, enrollment may be completed before the scheduled enrollment dates. This is according to federal regulations related to availability of Pell Grants and insured educational loans. Students must have achieved full enrollment and acceptance before being eligible for any Federal Title IV benefits.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

While new students may be accepted on a provisional basis to begin studies, only those who have completed the Messenger College admissions process and have been accepted by the College may have their credits placed on an official transcript and utilized toward academic recognition. It is important that any new student initiate this process as early as possible to be sure enrollment is completed.

For the External Studies program, the applicant must furnish the following:

- Application Form
- Three references, one from pastor (or district leader for pastors) and two from employers or professional acquaintances.
- An official transcript from the applicant’s high school and any post-high school studies. These must be mailed directly to Messenger College from the source institution.
- A non-refundable \$35 application fee.

TYPE OF PROGRAMS

Upon approval the new student will be sent an official letter of acceptance.

Initially, Messenger College is providing studies leading to the following:

- One-year Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Two-year Diploma in Christian Ministry
- Two-year Associate of Arts Degree
- Four-year Bachelor of Arts Degree

The degrees may be attained with a concentration in the following areas:

- Pastoral Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Biblical Exposition
- Christian Education
- Inter-Cultural Ministry

WHO SHOULD BE IN THIS PROGRAM?

The courses leading to the certificate and degrees are scheduled to be added on a regular basis with all resources planned for completion on or before Fall 2010.

Messenger College offers a complete residency program for young people just entering college or wishing to complete a degree begun at another institution. The External Studies programs are designed for those who are actively involved in church leadership or who for professional or family reasons are unable to do residency studies. This includes ministers, Bible teachers, serious Christian laymen and some who have completed degrees in other fields but wish to add the dimension of concentrated studies in theology and ministry.

2007-2008 SCHEDULE

Summer 2008

Begin Term May 26, 2008

Fall 2008:

Begin Term 1 August 18, 2008
Begin Term 2 October 20, 2008

Spring 2009

Begin Term 1 January 12, 2009
Begin Term 2 March 16, 2009

Summer 2009

Begin Term May 25, 2009

Fall 2009

Begin Term 1 August 17, 2009
Begin Term 2 October 19, 2009

Spring 2010

Begin Term 1 January 11, 2010
Begin Term 2 March 15, 2010

Summer 2010

Begin Term May 24, 2010

Each term lasts for eight weeks. Students are expected to complete the courses within the enrollment period.

FINANCIAL AID

Students will be limited to a maximum enrollment of seven credit hours per term unless special permission is granted to exceed that limit. It is vital that students schedule an adequate amount of time to complete these studies and that courses be completed on a timely basis.

Any course may be taken in any semester but some courses will have prerequisites that should be observed. Freshmen should usually avoid courses above the 1000 number group unless approved by the counselor. As a rule of thumb, higher numbered courses would expect more advanced writing requirements and skills.

FINANCIAL

Messenger College tuition for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$190 per credit hour. First time enrollees will be charged a \$35 non-refundable enrollment fee. The following fees are based on a semester:

Technical Fee	\$ 75
Registration	25

Additional Fees as Required:

Late Registration	\$ 25
Schedule Adjustment Fee	15
Reinstatement Fee	50

At time of graduation, the following fees will apply:

A.A. Degree	\$ 100
B.A. Degree	100

External Studies graduates are entitled to participate in the annual Commencement exercise at the end of each academic year.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

We have found that students can save substantial sums by ordering textbooks from their best available sources, including internet. This often includes the availability of used books. We are placing a form on our website that will list all textbooks or materials you will need to purchase for the classes in which you are enrolling. You may access these and find your best sources for books.

ENROLLING

Students may be accepted to do studies while the enrollment process is completed if approved by the Department of External Studies. Before access is granted to studies all fees and costs must be paid or financial arrangements approved by the Business Office. Students may use Visa, MasterCard or Discover for payment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Messenger College has available a limited amount of financial aid. However, students should carefully consider the financial costs and time needed to successfully enroll and complete courses in this program.

Students in the MessengerOnline program will be assigned to a faculty member of the College who will supervise the courses and issue the grades to be posted on the official transcript.

Churches are encouraged to furnish financial help for pastors and full-time ministry personnel for these studies. Districts are encouraged to help underwrite the costs for full-time district leaders.

EXPERIENTIAL CREDIT

Messenger College recognizes the value and validity of learning experiences gained outside the formal classroom. However, granting of such credit must follow reasonable and accepted guidelines to protect the authenticity of degrees awarded. Application for this may be made by students who have prior credits from accredited colleges or who have successfully completed one or more courses in Messenger College.

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