

HOPE IS WORKING FOR CHANGE

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CLASS OF 2013
COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR
PEACEMAKER

WHY GOSHEN:

I'm a Fulbright Scholar, so my college was chosen for me. When I heard that I'd be going to Goshen, I was very happy to learn there is a soccer team – it was the first thing I checked! Since I arrived, I've met people from all over the world. As a Muslim, I've enjoyed being in a Christian community; it's been good for me to learn about the Christian faith. We think about our differences, but I believe we have more similarities than differences. It's been a very positive experience.

AFTER GRADUATION:

I will earn my master's, either in linguistics or political science. I will go back home to Mauritania. I hope one day to be the president of my country – to be able to make change there. I want to improve the situation of people in my country to make it better.

I'M HOPEFUL:

For a world where people don't manipulate religion to meet their own needs. That's when religions start clashing with each other. Every religion has a core message of peace. If we can keep religion pure, as it is supposed to be, it can always play a role in making peace.



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PEACE 2.0  SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVES

CALLING ALL BELIEVERS SEEKERS DEEP-THINKERS DEFENDERS UPHOLDERS FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS AND OTHER PEACE-MINDED PEOPLE

GOSHEN TO GO

HISTORY
Goshen was founded in 1894 with a mission to educate young people while serving the church and the world. Today it's a nationally recognized, private Christian college and the number one destination for forward-thinking peacemakers.

AFFILIATION
Goshen College is affiliated with the historically peaceful Mennonite Church USA. Currently more than 40 different Christian denominations and several world religions are represented on campus. Our doors are open to all.

LOCATION
The crossroads of America, in Northern Indiana. Goshen is about an hour from South Bend and Fort Wayne, and within easy reach (three hours or less) of Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Indianapolis.

CAMPUS
135 acres with 19 major buildings, including a world-class, \$24-million Music Center and a 1,189-acre natural sanctuary (the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center). The extended campus also includes a marine biology lab located on Long Key in Layton, Florida.

STUDENTS
Approximately 1,000 peace-minded people from more than 37 states and 38 countries. Ten percent are students of color. Eight percent are international students. 100 percent have a genuine passion for building community.

ACADEMICS
35 majors and 35 minors, as well as rigorous pre-professional and certificate programs. Student-to-faculty ratio is 10:1 and 85 percent of classes have fewer than 25 students. Our students also earn high graduate school acceptance rates.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY
Goshen is home to one of the top-ranked study abroad programs in the country, and one of the few that emphasizes service and complete cultural immersion. Approximately 85 percent of students study abroad before graduating. More than half of Goshen faculty members have lived or worked abroad.

AFFORDABILITY
Around 99 percent of full-time Goshen College students receive some form of financial aid, with the average package of scholarships, grants and loans totaling \$19,400.

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

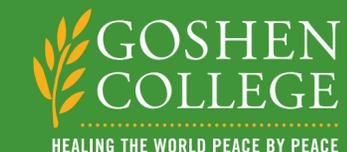
Advocates
American Sign Language Club
Art Club
Black Student Union (BSU)
Campus Activities Council (CAC)
Campus Ministries
Eco-Pax (environmental club)
GC Players
Goshen College Nursing Students Association (GCNSA)

Goshen Student Women's Association (GSWA)

International Student Club (ISC)
Juggling Club
Latino Student Union (LSU)
Mid Eastern Club
Midweek Faith
Pax (peace and justice club)
Pre-Med Club
Social Work Action Association (SWAA)
Society for Medieval Reenactment

Student Senate
Voices-n-Harmony Gospel Choir

For a complete listing of majors, minors, pre-professional programs and certificate programs go to goshen.edu



AT GOSHEN,
MAKING PEACE
ISN'T JUST
ABOUT
PROTESTING,
OR BEING
A DO-GOODER.

IT'S AN ACTIVE EXPRESSION OF OUR LIVING CHRISTIAN FAITH.

What would Jesus do? We may not know the full answer to that question, but we know some things. We know he would be merciful. We know he would be selfless and seek a peaceful resolution to every conflict. We know he would **answer hate with love.**

At Goshen College, we seek to do the same. Our faith is at **the heart of everything we do.** It inspires us to have hope, to believe that we can make a positive impact in the world. And as a Mennonite college, we have a long history of making peace as a way of exemplifying the life of Christ.

Through all of our academic programs and co-curricular activities, our students and faculty are working at **making peace in all its forms** – with God, ourselves and the world.

At Goshen, you'll join a student body of more than 40 different Christian denominations and several world religions. Like Christ, we welcome all who hope to serve the cause of peace. **Together, we can make a difference.**

Goshen is a nationally recognized, private Christian college affiliated with Mennonite Church USA, a historic peace church. Mennonites have long been involved in international conflict resolution, helping encourage dialogue among opposing groups in places such as East Africa and Central America.

SEEK. BELIEVE. REFLECT.

Goshen offers a range of worship services, including:

CHAPEL is a lively, engaging worship experience that encourages spiritual growth and discipleship. The focus of chapel is generally a guest speaker who discusses aspects of his or her faith development. This could be Goshen's own president, a current student or a noted person of faith.

WORSHIP NIGHT brings students together midweek for a time of contemporary singing and prayer led by students and worship leaders from local congregations.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE is a candlelight service including song, prayer, Scriptures and silence. These services are patterned after the worship of the Taizé community in France and offer a chance for meditation and reflection.

CONVERSATION CAFÉS are opportunities for students to get together in a relaxed, informal setting to discuss all matters of faith.

CATHOLIC MASS is held once a month and usually led by a priest from a downtown Goshen church. Roughly five percent of our students are Roman Catholic.

HYMN SINGS are among our most popular chapel services. During hymn sings, the entire Goshen community gathers to sing in four-part harmony. Some hymns are sung a capella, some with accompaniment.

Student groups geared toward fellowship and devotion include **Worship Team, Ministry Leaders, Campus Ministry Team, Voices-n-Harmony Gospel Choir and Parables (a traveling worship team that uses music and drama to lead praise services in churches, camps and Christian schools).**



The entire Goshen community lives the spirit of servant leadership. Students, faculty and staff are all committed to serving others (at home and abroad), and members of our administration regularly travel around the world in support of peace and justice issues.

At Goshen College, our Christian faith informs every aspect of campus life. You may find that the big moments in your own spiritual journey don't happen during formal worship, but instead over a meal with friends, during a semester abroad, in the middle of an intense classroom discussion or during coffee with friends at Java Junction, the campus coffee shop.

LIVE YOUR FAITH.

Personal growth and spiritual development are enriched through programs such as:

STUDY-SERVICE TERM. Founded in 1968, SST is now a model for study abroad programs nationwide. SST is a 13-week program that combines academic study, cultural exchange and service, all in countries with cultures markedly different from our own. It's a great opportunity to not only expand your perspective, but also gain a better understanding of how you can use your God-given gifts to improve the lives of others.

INQUIRY PROGRAMS: CAMPING, MINISTRY, SERVICE. These summer programs are designed to help you explore potential vocational callings. Participating students spend three months in congregational ministry, service/mission work or outdoor ministry.

SMALL-GROUP BIBLE STUDY. Friendly, welcoming group settings offer students opportunities to share in prayer and Scripture study.

MINISTRY LEADERS. Ministry Leaders serve the residence halls and student apartments by encouraging a community of spiritual care, hospitality and dialogue. They are responsible for nurturing the spiritual lives of students and promoting on-campus and off-campus opportunities for spiritual development.

CELEBRATE SERVICE DAY. Our annual all-campus service celebration. Classes are canceled while students and faculty roll up their shirt sleeves and work side-by-side in the local community. In the past, students have used this time to package food for a local food pantry, clean up area parks and introduce elementary school children to the joys of orchestral instruments.



For students struggling with personal issues, pastoral care provides compassionate counseling in the form of individual sessions with Goshen campus ministers.



Majors and minors in Bible and Religion or Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies add an academic element to spiritual life by engaging students in a broader study of peace-related issues (from the classic concerns of war and peace to such contemporary issues as creation care or ethnic and religious conflict).

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIVING YOUR FAITH AT GOSHEN,

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