Educating students for a life of faith and service in the church and society.
Lured by the offer of free natural gas to operate its publishing house during the gas boom of the early 20th century, the Church of God (now known as the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana) relocated its operations to Anderson, Ind., in 1907. Within a decade, the church, emerging from the Wesleyan holiness movement in the late 19th century, made its first foray into higher education by establishing the Anderson Bible Training School in 1917. Founded by J.T. Wilson, the school primarily served the educational needs of the workers at the Gospel Trumpet company, the church’s publishing house.

The institution quickly grew, and by 1929 it added a liberal arts curriculum and changed its name to Anderson College and Theological Seminary. Blessed by remarkable leadership from its earliest days, the college attained regional accreditation in 1946 under the guidance of President John A. Morrison and Dean Russell Olt who together led the institution for 33 years.

Morrison and Olt imbued the Anderson College community with a spirit of innovation, service, and excellence. From its modest beginnings, the institution has grown into a dynamic comprehensive university with a liberal arts emphasis, broadly recognized as a leader in faith-based higher education and experiential learning. In 1950 the college created its first graduate unit, the School of Theology. Further expansion of graduate offerings came soon after the name of the institution was changed to Anderson University in 1987 to more accurately reflect the breadth of its program. Growth came first in the award-winning Falls School of Business with the offering of the M.B.A., eventually expanding to programs leading to a D.B.A. Since that time, the university also has developed graduate programs in music education and nursing, as well as offering more than 60 undergraduate majors in 17 academic departments — including the addition of programs in mechanical engineering and electrical engineering in the 2013-14 academic year. The university also has joined with the City of Anderson to extend its vision and resources to the local community by establishing the Flagship Enterprise Center, a business incubator and development center that is helping to revitalize the economy of the area.

The entire Anderson University experience is based on a commitment to core values of integrity, excellence, servant leadership, responsibility, and generosity. A wide range of opportunities beyond conventional academic programs have grown out of the commitment to those values through the leadership, imagination, and vision of the faculty and administration. The university has a strong

### Presidential history

During the university’s nearly 100-year history, it has been led by four presidents:

- **Dr. John A. Morrison**: 1923-1958
- **Dr. Robert H. Reardon**: 1958-1983
- **Dr. Robert A. Nicholson**: 1983-1990
- **Dr. James L. Edwards**: 1990-2015
- **John S. Pistole**: 2015-present

From left, AU presidents Robert A. Nicholson, John S. Pistole, and James L. Edwards.
reputation for its commitment to service, with members of the campus community annually committing over 20,000 hours of volunteer service to the community of Anderson and beyond.

One of the hallmark programs of the institution for a half century is its TRI-S Program — Study, Serve, Share. Each year approximately 25% of the student body is involved in a TRI-S experience, and during its existence, nearly 20,000 participants have served in locations all around the world. Since 1973, the Center for Public Service has enabled students with focused public service career goals to enrich their preparation with experiences beyond traditional classroom work, including internships, involvement in professional conferences, and research.

In keeping with the university’s rich heritage in musical performance, Orangehaus Records resides in AU’s School of Music, Theatre and Dance, and provides students with direct experiences in the recording industry. WQME, the institution’s wholly-owned commercial radio station, and Covenant Productions, a video production company recognized with numerous regional Emmy awards, provide vital real-life preparation for students in career fields such as journalism, broadcasting and film-making — all areas in which AU alumni have established outstanding records of accomplishment and professionalism.

A Commitment to Discovery and Academic Freedom

At its core, Anderson University has imagined itself to be an institution that rests on strong Christian commitments while fostering a learning environment that encourages the freedom to discover. These commitments are framed by the theological traditions of the Church of God. It is the historical embracing of these tenets of “free and open inquiry leading to discovery” that profoundly shaped an ethos unique among Christian colleges and universities.

Viewed from this perspective, Anderson University is deeply committed to the proposition that a Christian college is best positioned to engage the whole person: body, mind and spirit. It does this while acknowledging, in the words of President Morrison, that “truth, whether in religion or science, refuses to be sectarian.”

The university remains a place of firm Christian conviction and practice. The campus community gathers twice weekly for chapel-convocation experiences. Students participate in a range of activities founded on commitment to Christian principles ranging from TRI-S experiences to multiple opportunities provided through the Campus Ministries Office. There are multiple academic majors leading to full-time careers in Christian service. At the same time, this Christian commitment at Anderson does not lead to a sectarian spirit. Just as its founding church, the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), does not employ doctrinal tests in the form of adherence to creeds or specific statements of faith as a condition of fellowship, Anderson University does not employ such tests either for students or faculty as a condition of membership in the campus community. This refusal to be sectarian promotes genuine academic freedom and a culture that encourages vigorous pursuit of truth and values free and open inquiry leading to discovery.

Anderson University’s mission is “to educate for a life of faith and service in the church and society.” In 2007 the board of trustees affirmed the institution’s commitment to being a teaching-learning community of the highest order, engaged in the pursuit of truth from a Christian faith perspective. AU intends to graduate men and women who are competent, caring, generous individuals of character and potential. To that end, the university offers programs that will enable each member of the university to become stronger in body, mind, and spirit; to experience what it means to love God and neighbor; and to adopt Christ-like servant ways in all of life.
College provides a unique opportunity for young adults to be immersed into a population of their peers — living together, learning together, nurturing their faith together, and stepping beyond their boundaries together. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) plans intramural tournaments and social activities from laser tag in the library to Lil’ Sibs Weekend. CAB also oversees the student-run coffee shop on campus, Mocha Joe’s, where students gather to hear poetry or music by fellow students, to catch up with each other, or to study with classmates over a cup of coffee.

Twice a week the entire campus comes together for chapel in Reardon Auditorium. In addition to hearing the faith journeys of faculty and staff on campus, speakers are sought from across the nation to share with students. Each year, Anderson University hosts Spiritual Emphasis Week and Impact Your World Week for students, faculty, staff, and members of the Anderson Community.

Anderson University has six residence halls and four apartment complexes on campus. The Kardatzke Wellness Center features not only facilities for the Kinesiology department and campus athletics but also a weight room, natatorium, walking track, and fitness equipment for the entire campus community to use. Every week, the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance hosts a variety of concerts featuring student, faculty, and guest artists in the new York Performance Hall and Galleries, while student theatre productions (including operas) are held in Byrum Hall for the entire Anderson community.

Students also join together in interest clubs, academic clubs and honor societies, sports clubs, and collegiate athletic teams, and perform community service through campus ministries.
As a Church of God academic institution, Anderson University is committed to the goals and ideals of liberal education as understood through a Christian faith perspective. The requirements for undergraduate degrees have been established with these commitments in view. The university’s conception of liberally educated people involves the freeing and empowering of the total person — his or her spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, and physical resources.

Anderson University offers more than 60 undergraduate majors, the newest and fastest growing being engineering. Degrees are awarded in Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Music. The university also offers graduate programs in business, nursing, and music education. The Anderson University School of Theology offers master’s degrees in divinity, theological studies, Christian ministry, and intercultural studies, as well as a Doctor of Ministry degree.
The mission of Anderson University is to prepare graduates for lives of service in the church and society. That preparation begins within the first week freshmen are on campus. As part of new student orientation, these students connect with the Anderson community by participating in a local service project for a day.

Nearly every student group on campus has a community service component, from athletic teams to students in the Honors Program. Campus Ministries also connects students with a variety of local service opportunities, such as a local homeless shelter, elementary and middle school students who need tutoring, and nursing homes, to name a few. Campus Ministries also organizes day-long work projects in the community.

Many of the university’s students serve overseas through AU’s international missions program, Tri-S (Study, Serve, Share). Tri-S is a unique international and cross-cultural program that, by integrating service and learning, fosters spiritual, academic, and personal growth. Since Tri-S was created in 1964, nearly 20,000 students have traveled around the globe. Students face complex and difficult situations as they deal with the reality of hunger, poverty and social injustice in our world. They are confronted with the challenge of crossing cultural boundaries to understand the world-view of others.
AU Facts & Stats

GENERAL INFO

2325 TOTAL STUDENTS | 1907 UNDERGRADUATES

* AU has been consistently ranked as one of America’s best colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, and Forbes.

MALE TO FEMALE RATIO

4 TO 6

* 40% male & 60% female - Undergraduates

MALE

FEMALE

STUDENT BODY REPRESENTATION

36 STATES | 20 COUNTRIES | 52 DENOMINATIONS

14% MULTICULTURAL & INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATION

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

19 STUDENTS

STUDENT TO PROFESSOR RATIO

12 TO 1

* 135 full-time faculty; 83% of tenure/tenure-track faculty hold doctorates or other terminal degrees.

ATHLETICS

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

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Coming Soon
Lacrosse M, W -FALL 2017
Swimming M, W -FALL 2016

*All stats are based on fall 2014 numbers.
**AU Facts & Stats**

**FRESHMAN PROFILE**

- **400** first-time students
- **73%** retention rate for freshmen
- 54% in top 25% of class
- 25% in top 10% of class
- **1076** average SAT
- **23** average ACT
- **3.4** average GPA

**TOP AREAS OF STUDY**

- Business, Management, Marketing
- Education
- Health Professions and Behavioral Science
- Visual and Performing Arts

**FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2015-2016**

- $15,000/yr: Edwards Scholarship
- $14,000/yr: Nicholson Scholarship
- $13,000/yr: Reardon Scholarship
- $8,000/yr: Morrison Award
- $5,000/yr: Raven Award

Scholarships are awarded based upon a combination of test scores and high school GPA. All scholarships are 4-year renewable based upon GPA.

**AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID PER YEAR**

$27,700

* Aid is based on financial need and includes scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time work-study employment.

**JOB PLACEMENT AFTER GRADUATION**

- 81% Full-time or part-time employment in related field
- 14% Continuing education

* Based on 96% response rate

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2014**

100%

Student participation in community engagement projects

**MAJORS AND ACTIVITIES**

- 60+ majors
- 130+ campus activities

* Stats are based on fall 2014 numbers unless otherwise stated.