The College
Since its founding in 1837, Muskingum has been a community of people learning from and with each other. Its mission is to offer high-quality academic programs in the liberal arts and sciences that educate the whole person intellectually, spiritually, socially, and physically. Muskingum’s programs foster critical thinking, positive action, ethical sensitivity, and spiritual growth so that students may lead vocationally productive, personally satisfying, and socially responsible lives. Muskingum College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and receives periodic reauthorization from the Ohio Board of Regents.

The College’s proud heritage reaches back to the first half of the nineteenth century, when settlers were traveling westward over the newly completed National Road. During its first half-century, Muskingum adhered to the educational patterns of the classical college of the period. In 1877, Muskingum became associated with the Synod of Ohio of the United Presbyterian Church. Today, approximately 1,700 undergraduate students are enrolled at Muskingum; 90 percent of these students live on campus, representing twenty-eight states and fifteen other countries.

One of Muskingum’s longest traditions is its affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. The Center for Church Life—a joint venture of Muskingum College, the Presbyterian Church Bicentennial Fund, and the Presbytery of Muskingum Valley—provides programs and services to support the ministries and missions of local congregations. On campus, the Office of the College Minister has created a multidimensional, unified campus ministry that allows students to worship and celebrate their faith.

While worship is important at Muskingum, students participate in other activities as well. More than ninety campus groups operate at the College, including varsity athletics, honor societies, music and religious organizations, and FM radio and cable TV stations. The residence halls are another center of student activity; living options range from traditional residence halls and sorority/fraternity houses to special program houses and College-owned apartments. Each residence hall provides lounges, computer labs, and television, kitchen, and laundry facilities.

Location
The village of New Concord, one of the many attractions along National Road, is a 1-hour drive from Columbus and a 2-hour drive from Pittsburgh and Cleveland. New Concord is surrounded by venues for boating, golfing, trail hiking, skiing, hiking, camping, and rock climbing, all of which can be enjoyed in the town’s temperate climate. New Concord is perhaps best known for its most famous resident—former astronaut and senator (and Muskingum alumnus) John Glenn, whose childhood home has become a museum.

Majors and Degrees
Bachelor’s degrees are offered in the following areas: accounting, anthropology, art, biology, business, chemistry, Christian education, computer science, earth science, economics, early childhood education, English, French, geology, German, health education, history, mathematics, middle childhood education, music, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, psychology, religion, and philosophy, sociology, Spanish, special education, speech communication, and theater. Interdisciplinary majors include American studies, child and family studies, conservation science, criminal justice, environmental science, humanities, international affairs, international business, journalism, molecular biology, neuroscience, and public affairs. Students may also design their own interdisciplinary program. Preprofessional programs are available in Christian ministry, dentistry, engineering, law, medical technology, medicine, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine. Teacher licensure programs are available in the following areas: adolescent/young adult, art, early childhood, foreign language (French, German, or Spanish), middle childhood, music, physical education, and special education. A nursing major is anticipated for fall 2008.

Academic Programs
Undergraduate programs combine solid classroom curricula with a level of field work and independent study that is rarely encountered in an undergraduate setting. The bachelor’s degree requires completion of at least 124 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0. The curriculum includes Liberal Arts Essentials, a series of courses that ensure the breadth that is inherent in a liberal arts education. This core requires 21–24 hours in core courses, including one English course, two writing courses, one speech course, one mathematics course, one art and humanities course, and one physical education course. Another 35–37 hours are completed in area requirements such as religious understanding, moral inquiry, Western civilization, foreign languages, social sciences, global studies, and other subjects. Students are also required to complete 15 credits in their major area of study, 12 of which must be completed at the College. Credit by examination allows students to earn credit for a course by passing a proficiency examination. A student earns credit for the course by scoring a C or better on the exam.

Off-Campus Programs
Selected students may spend one semester at American University in Washington, D.C., studying the American governmental system in action. Assignments may include the State Department, lobbying groups, or Capitol Hill. Students majoring in art may be able to spend their junior year studying at one of seventeen Art Institutes locations. Commercial art programs are available in the areas of fashion merchandising, industrial design technology, interior design, photography/multimedia, and visual communications. United Nations Semester is a program under which Muskingum students may apply for one semester of study at Drew University, during which time they take two courses involving on-site study at the United Nations headquarters in New York. International study provides the opportunity for sophomores, juniors, and seniors to study for one or two semesters at an international university in Asia, Canada, Europe, Latin America, or Puerto Rico.

Academic Facilities
The library contains 215,000 volumes, 574 print journals, and an extensive microfilm collection, plus access to more than 16,500 online journals, 17,000 electronic books, 1,200 electronic videos, and 110 research databases. The library is a member of
the OPAL and OhioLINK consortia, thus giving students and faculty and staff members borrowing privileges at eighty-four academic libraries throughout the state. Brown Chapel serves as church, chapel, and auditorium for the College. Its main auditorium seats nearly 500, and the basement contains a lounge area, music practice rooms, and a small chapel. The John Glenn Physical Education Building houses two gymnasiums, a swimming pool, recreation and intramural equipment, and coaches' offices, while the Physical Education and Recreation Center holds a 2,800-seat gymnasium, four handball/ racquetball courts, a baseball/softball hitting area, a weight room, and an athletic training room.

**Costs**

In the 2007–08 academic year, tuition was $8750 per semester. Other costs per semester included a student activity fee of $110 and a technology fee of $125. Students living on campus can expect to pay $5500 per semester for room and board, as well as $50 for telephone service and $50 for laundry services. Books and supplies, transportation, and other miscellaneous costs vary according to the student's specific needs.

**Financial Aid**

A small number of entering students receive the John Glenn Scholarship, a full-tuition award, while other students may receive academic scholarships ranging from $1000 to $12,000 per year. These awards are renewable with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Other scholarships are available in the performing arts. These awards range from $500 to $2000 per year and are renewable with a satisfactory GPA. The College also offers Awards of Circumstance to students who meet the eligibility requirements. These awards range from $500 to $5000 per year. The limit on non-need assistance is $13,500 for recipients of Presidential Scholarships and $12,000 for all other students. Students may also be eligible for federal and state grants, including Federal Pell Grants of up to $4050, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants of up to $2000 per year, Ohio College Opportunity Grants of up to $4992 per year, and Federal PLUS loans of up to $2000 annually.

Federal Stafford Student Loans are available to all students who are enrolled at least half-time at a 6.8 percent interest rate. Federal Perkins Loans are available at an interest rate of 5 percent and are repayable after completion of studies. Federal PLUS loans are loans to parents of dependent students. The interest rate is 8.5 percent, and repayment begins within sixty days of disbursement. The College has a limited amount of funding available to be used as loan assistance to students. Repayment with 8 percent interest begins upon the student's departure from Muskingum. Students may also borrow from other lenders. Campus job opportunities are available to students under the Federal Work-Study Program or the Muskingum Work Program. Most students are paid minimum wage and work 5–10 hours per week; students are limited to a total of 20 hours per week for all jobs combined.

**Faculty**

Of the more than 100 faculty members at the College, more than 90 percent hold a doctorate or the highest degree in their fields; 25 percent of them are full professors, while another 70 percent are associate and assistant professors. A student-faculty ratio of 16:1 allows for greater classroom participation.

**Student Government**

The Student Senate includes members elected from classes, social clubs, and residence areas. The Executive Board includes a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, all of whom are elected each spring, and four independent representatives. In addition, the sophomore, junior, and senior classes each elect a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Student Senate meetings are held biweekly and are open to all members of the College community.

**Admission Requirements**

Prospective students must submit an application form, a Secondary School Report Form that has been completed and signed by a guidance counselor, official high school transcripts, official ACT or SAT scores, and, optionally, letters of recommendation, a personal written statement, and a recent photo. The admission decision is based on an evaluation of the student's overall background, including extracurricular activities, community service, and volunteerism. However, students who have completed a college-preparatory curriculum with a C+ average or better and scored 18 or higher on the ACT (860 or higher on the SAT) may be qualified for admission. The college-preparatory curriculum includes 4 years of English, 3 years of college-prep math, and at least 2 years each of laboratory science, social sciences, and foreign language.

**Application and Information**

Admission is made on a rolling basis, so prospective students may apply any time after the end of their senior year. After all application materials are received, the Admission Committee notifies the applicant of their decision within a few weeks. Interested students may request applications from:

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Muskingum College
163 Stormont Street
New Concord, Ohio 43762
Phone: 740-826-8137
800-752-6082 (toll-free)
Fax: 740-826-8100
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