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Welcome to Hendrix College!

At Hendrix, we celebrate an enterprise we call engaged learning, which blends intellectual inquiry and practical application. Our students work closely with faculty members who are dedicated to teaching and mentoring students inside and outside of the classroom. Our close-knit culture of collaboration allows students to shape their learning experiences to reflect their personal interests and challenge themselves to stretch beyond what they thought possible.

The cornerstone of our commitment to engaged learning is *Your Hendrix Odyssey: Engaging in Active Learning*, an innovative curricular initiative that guarantees every Hendrix student will have at least three hands-on learning opportunities – from internships to international study – that connect the knowledge they gain in the classroom with the experience they gain through engaged learning. Graduates receive an Odyssey transcript detailing their engaged learning experiences. The Odyssey transcript has become a valuable credential for Hendrix students, whether their next move in life is continuing their education in graduate school or entering the workforce.

Your Hendrix Odyssey has been a tremendous catalyst, garnering significant national media attention and, most importantly, attracting talented students from across the country who seek to learn and grow in a demanding yet supportive environment.

I invite you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our students and faculty, and discover why Hendrix is a national leader in engaged liberal arts and sciences education.

J. Timothy Cloyd, Ph.D.
President ■

Academics

The academic program at Hendrix comprises diverse elements in a coherent whole, combining design with flexibility. Majors are offered in more than thirty disciplinary fields and include opportunities for interdisciplinary studies. Minors in more than thirty areas complement the majors and allow students opportunities to pursue additional academic interests. The college's curricular structures are intended to guide students in a coherent process of learning while encouraging all students to exercise responsibility in constructing individual programs of study.

Hendrix believes that you learn best when you can integrate what you learn in your courses with a variety of hands-on learning experiences. In over a century of educating bright, innovative students, Hendrix has perfected the art of seamlessly integrating a traditional liberal arts education with active learning experiences. It's a way of learning that reflects our motto: "unto the whole person."

Your Hendrix Odyssey: Engaging in Active Learning

The college recently introduced *Your Hendrix Odyssey: Engaging in Active Learning* – the ultimate expression of our unique approach to learning, which has helped put Hendrix in the national spotlight as a leader in a distinctive form of engaged liberal arts and sciences education. The Odyssey Program guarantees that every Hendrix student will participate in at least three hands-on learning opportunities chosen from six different categories: artistic creativity, global awareness, professional and leadership development, undergraduate research, service to the world, and special projects. Additionally, students receive a separate Odyssey transcript for these experiences – a record that proves to graduate school committees and prospective employers that Hendrix graduates have taken their learning to the next level through independent research, leadership, community service, internships, immersion in other cultures, creative projects, and other action-based endeavors outside the ►



classroom. Since the program's inception in 2005, students and faculty have engaged in more than 9,000 Odyssey experiences and been awarded more than \$1.8 million in Odyssey grants for projects that merited special funding.

Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate research at Hendrix is big, and the college maintains one of the nation's largest undergraduate research programs. No other college or university in the country sends a larger percentage of its students to the annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research to present the results of students' original research in the humanities, sciences, or social sciences. To encourage participation in undergraduate research, Hendrix recently initiated a Research

Travel Policy that funds up to \$1,000 of travel expenses for every student's first presentation of undergraduate research at any state, regional, or national meeting.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Students at Hendrix also love to study abroad! Nearly 40 percent of students annually participate in Hendrix programs in Austria, Belgium, China, Costa Rica, England, Italy, Rwanda, Spain, and Turkey, or choose one of more than 150 study abroad options offered by the International Student Exchange Program. Some programs focus on language acquisition. Others cater to specific interests or majors. Many others are interdisciplinary. All bring unique cross-cultural experiences that enrich the educational journey of Hendrix students who participate. ■



Health, Wellness, and Safety

Hendrix College provides on-campus health services to the student body. Services are provided by an Advanced Practice Nurse in collaboration with a local physician. The nurse provides basic medical assessment and treatment for minor illnesses, physician referral services, and many other student health services. Students who require services beyond the scope of the clinic will be referred to a local physician. This includes management of moderate to severe illnesses, radiology and advanced laboratory services.

Health Insurance Requirement

All students are required to have health insurance. Students have the opportunity to demonstrate adequate health coverage through a family employee plan or private insurer, or they must purchase the quality, low-cost plan offered by Hendrix. The annual cost of the college plan is \$500 and is posted to students' accounts annually.

Campus Safety Efforts

We are fortunate that the campus and the surrounding area are quite safe. Hendrix takes the safety of its students, faculty, and staff seriously and considers issues of security of the utmost importance. Some things that help ensure that the Hendrix campus remains a safe environment:

- ▶ The Department of Public Safety includes a director and seven officers who patrol the campus 24/7. These officers are professionals who are well-prepared to handle emergency situations. The Conway Police Department, the Conway Fire Department, and the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office also stand ready to respond to emergency situations at Hendrix.
- ▶ The college's emergency response plan, which is reviewed and updated annually, provides detailed information about responding to an emergency situation on campus as well as meeting the need for counseling and support services in the aftermath of tragedy.
- ▶ The Residence Life staff explains emergency procedures to campus residents during mandatory meetings every fall. An outline of emergency policies and procedures is posted in every building.
- ▶ The college maintains an emergency alert system, H-Alert, that sends email and text messages to those who have signed up for the service during emergency situations. ■

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Housing and Dining

Residence Life

Hendrix is a residential college and is committed to developing a strong campus community. Because the college believes so strongly in the extraordinary advantages of students living and learning in small residential units, it requires that all students live in campus-owned housing. Students may apply for a residency requirement exemption; however, approvals are limited and not guaranteed. Currently, most students – approximately 85 percent – live in college-owned housing on campus. There are six traditional residence halls, five residence houses, three theme houses, and five apartment complexes. Coed and single sex residence options are available.



Ample on-campus housing is provided as a part of the educational program of the college in the belief that a residential community provides a more effective context for the type of education to which Hendrix is devoted. It is in this residential environment where students share with and learn from one another, and this exchange of ideas and information is an important aspect of the educational process. Here students meet new

people, gain new ideas, and develop long-lasting friendships. Students are encouraged to participate fully in the Hendrix campus living experience through involvement in residence hall activities, staff- and student-sponsored programs, hall governments, and daily informal interactions with fellow residents.

Dining Services

It's easy to see why Hendrix's dining hall, which is located in the Student Life and Technology Center, annually wins national awards! Dining Services – owned and operated by Hendrix and not a part of a huge corporation – strives to make students feel at home when dining at Hendrix. Professional chefs and sous chefs enjoy trying “recipes from home” that are suggested by students, and the beloved cafeteria ladies take pride in learning each of the nearly 1,500 students' names. Dining Services also organizes at least one theme day a month. The staff decorates the dining hall and serves foods that match any theme, including: Halloween Day, Jimmy Buffett Day, Luau Day, Rock and Roll Day, and Outback Day.

At Hendrix, no one complains about the food. The dining hall features a home-style line of service that includes a variety of hot entrees as well as vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. It also features a grill station where students may pick up “fast food” items such as hamburgers and fries. Cuisine from around the globe is served at the World's Fare station, and the dining hall also features deli, salad, wok, pizza, vegetable, soup, and dessert bars.

The dining hall is open every day for every meal with the exception of Saturday dinner. The Burrow, a small café also located in the Student Life and Technology Center, is open every day until midnight and provides students with another on-campus dining choice. ■

Campus Resources, Organizations, and Activities

Student Life and Technology Center

The majority of student life takes place in the \$26 million Student Life and Technology Center. Opened in January 2010, this campus “living room” draws all members of the Hendrix community together day and night. A distinguishing feature of the LEED Gold-certified facility is the Educational Technology Center, which is jam-packed with the latest teaching, learning, and social technology. The dynamic facility also houses the Odyssey Program, student organizations and student media, a religious life center, dining hall, game room, post office, café, and inviting spaces for study groups, get-togethers, concerts, and performances.

Student Activities

Hendrix students are participants, not spectators. They like to be involved, and they like to know that what they do makes a difference. Hendrix students enrich their education through involvement in the college's many academic, political, religious, and special interest clubs, organizations, and activities. There are more than 70 student clubs and organizations on campus, and students start new ones every year. Students were responsible for founding Hendrix chapters of Hillel and Professional Business Leaders and for adding a dance ensemble to the college's performing groups. Most recently, students have started a Writing Club, Knitting Circle, and Beekeeping Society. Additionally, they are voting members of almost every campus committee, which give them an important voice in college governance.



Absence of Greeks

There is no Greek system on the Hendrix campus. The student-run Social Committee (SoCo) is fanatically devoted to improving the social life of each and every Hendrix student. They plan a variety of events, including foam dance parties, coffeehouses, concerts, comedians and comedy troupes, slam poetry nights, and free bowling and skating nights. They also plan major annual events such as Faux Rush Week, SoCo 54, and the Hendrix Formal. Each of the residence halls also hosts annual parties, including Toga, Ghost Roast, and a spring Luau. Events are free and open to all Hendrix students.

Volunteer and Service Opportunities

Hendrix students are also very committed to volunteer service. The student-run Volunteer Action Center maintains a list of more than 70 local volunteer opportunities and hosts Service Saturdays every week. In addition to the Volunteer Action Center, Campus Kitty is another student-run group that involves the entire campus in a week-long series of charity fundraising events every spring. Campus Kitty Week is one of the most popular times of the year at Hendrix, and it truly involves the entire Hendrix community. Started in 1949 with a goal of raising \$800, last year's Campus Kitty raised more than \$30,000 for a variety of local charities.

Athletics and Recreation

Nearly a fourth of all students participate in intercollegiate athletics while at Hendrix through membership in one of the college's 19 men's and women's NCAA Division III teams. Additionally, more than 75 percent of Hendrix students participate in intramural programs, club sports, outdoor recreation, or fitness ▶



and wellness programs. The Wellness and Athletics Center serves as the hub for these activities. The 100,000-square-foot facility includes an aquatics center with a retractable roof, competition and recreation gymnasiums, a climbing wall, a fitness center, and space for dance and aerobics. Adjacent to the center are lighted soccer, baseball, and softball fields, an eight-lane track with an artificial turf playing field in the center, and a sand volleyball court.

Diversity

Hendrix is committed to the principle that diversity in the student body enhances the intellectual experience and understanding of the entire community. In that regard, the Office of Multicultural and International Student Services provides students with opportunities to engage in cross-cultural reflection through a variety of programming that promotes an appreciation of diversity.

Personal and Spiritual Growth

Finally, Hendrix understands that spiritual growth, theological exploration, and the growing expression of one's religious faith are central components of the college experience. While Hendrix is related to the United Methodist Church, the college community offers people of all beliefs the opportunity to explore and grow in the disciplines of their respective religious traditions. Hendrix offers students and faculty a broad range of opportunities for religious study and practice through programming administered by the Religious Life Council, a student group advised by the Chaplain.

Additionally, the Miller Center for Vocation, Ethics, and Calling guides students as they reflect about their calling in the world and consider their life's work. The program funds retreats, internships, volunteer service projects, mission trips abroad, and many more initiatives that integrate faith and knowledge. ■

Financial Aid

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Hendrix offers a full complement of achievement-based and need-based scholarships, grants, and low-interest loans from federal, state, and institutional sources. We also have a variety of payment plans that make budgeting easier for students and their families.

The Office of Financial Aid strives to establish partnerships with families. We understand that each family offers a unique financial situation, and we will work with you individually to help you find the resources to fund a Hendrix education. Hendrix is proud to be recognized as a "Best Buy" and "Best Value" by publications such as Fiske Guide, The Princeton Review, and other college guides. We think you will find that we will offer numerous resources and various options for college funding. You can get started today by following this simple process:

1. Apply for admission
2. Apply for extracurricular scholarships
3. Complete FAFSA by Feb. 15, 2012 to be eligible for the FAFSA early filers grant (Hendrix FAFSA code = 001099)
4. Receive financial aid award letter
5. Submit Enrollment Agreement and Housing Application and \$350 enrollment deposit no later than May 1, 2012
6. Arrange financing options

Who is eligible for scholarships at Hendrix?

To be eligible for academic scholarship consideration, students should have a minimum 3.0 GPA on college preparatory subjects and a "super score" of 25 on the ACT or 1140 on the SAT. Hendrix academic scholarships range from \$4,000 per year to full tuition, room, board, and fees.

The following criteria are considered in the awarding of academic scholarships: academic performance in college preparatory classes; standardized test scores; leadership abilities; extracurricular and co-curricular activities; and recommendations.

Priority consideration for academic scholarships is given to those students who apply for admission prior to November 15 of their senior year. Odyssey Honors Awards are awarded based on a student's accomplishments and activities during high school. Hendrix also offers Performing and Fine Arts Scholarships in art, music, and theatre arts and dance; Miller Center Service Scholarships; Leadership Scholarships; and UMYF Scholarships for selected participants who are leaders in the United Methodist Church.

Are there other forms of financial aid?

Yes. Hendrix strongly encourages students to apply for need-based financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. Hendrix will review the FAFSA information the government ▶

How much does Hendrix cost?

Expenses for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Tuition: \$33,930
Room, board, and other fees: \$10,014
TOTAL: \$43,944*

*Costs are higher with single occupancy or suite options. This figure assumes the unlimited board plan. A 15-meal-per-week plan is available for \$406 less.



Admission Process

At Hendrix, you'll find yourself in frequent discussions with people whose views differ from yours, but your ideas will always be respected. We believe it's important to challenge conventional wisdom and our own assumptions. If you disagree, if you think some things just shouldn't be questioned, you might not be happy at Hendrix. But if you feel most alive when you're trying to get to the bottom of things, if you're the kind of person who loses track of time hashing over new (or age-old) ideas, and if you want to make a difference in the world, then you'll be as happy to find us as we are to find you. Hendrix is a truly egalitarian community, where you are accepted wholeheartedly for who you are and what you are. Whatever your background, politics, and career goals, we think you'll feel at home at Hendrix!

returns to the college and will then construct a financial aid package. Every member of the 2011 entering class received financial assistance, and the

average award – including federal, state, institutional, and private funds – was \$27,622. The priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA is February 15. ■

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How to Apply

Hendrix is an exclusive user of the Common Application. This service allows you to fill out one application and send it to as many of the more than 400 participating colleges and universities at once. The easiest – and free – way to apply to Hendrix is to create a Common Application account at www.commonapp.org and submit the online application.

Students may also download a printable Common Application and mail it directly to Hendrix once completed. Unlike the online application, mailed-in applications do require a \$40 nonrefundable application fee. This fee is waived if you mail the completed application by November 15 or bring it with you to a campus visit.

All applicants should complete the Common Application as well as the Common Application Supplement for Hendrix. You may complete this supplement online via the Common Application, or you may download the supplement and mail it directly to Hendrix. Other requirements are listed below.

Application Checklist

Hendrix does require that you submit additional documents along with your

application. Most of these forms are available on the Common Application website at www.commonapp.org and may be submitted electronically. You may also find links to printable application forms in PDF format online at www.hendrix.edu/apply.

- ▶ Completed Common Application with essay
- ▶ Common Application Supplement for Hendrix
- ▶ Official high school transcript
- ▶ Official ACT or SAT test scores (Hendrix's ACT code is 0128; the SAT code is 6273)
- ▶ Secondary School Report (completed by your high school guidance counselor)
- ▶ Recommendation letter(s) – optional
- ▶ Résumé – optional
- ▶ Dean of Student Affairs Recommendation Form (for transfer students only)
- ▶ Declaration of Financial Resources (for international students only)
- ▶ \$40 application fee (if required) ▶



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Application Deadlines

- ▶ Early Action I: November 15, 2011 (notifications mailed December 15, 2011)
- ▶ Early Action II: February 1, 2012 (notifications mailed March 1, 2012)
- ▶ Applications submitted after February 1, 2012, will be reviewed as they're received to fill any positions that remain in the freshman class.

Acceptance Criteria

Admission decisions at Hendrix are based upon academic competence and preparation, dedication to learning, and motivation to participate fully in the Hendrix community. The college seeks students who possess varied interests and talents and who represent many social, economic, and geographic backgrounds. Hendrix expects students to demonstrate their seriousness of purpose by participating in a college preparatory curriculum throughout high school. Particular attention is given to the level of challenge in an applicant's previous course of study and to trends in performance. The Admission Committee also gives close consideration to an applicant's leadership abilities, special talents, and record of involvement in school, church, and community. ■

2011-12 Academic Calendar

August	23	First day of classes
September	5	Labor Day (no classes)
October	13-14	Fall Break
November	23-25	Thanksgiving Break
December	5 6 7-9 12-14	Last day of classes Reading Day Final Exams Final Exams
January	Dec 15-Jan 15 15 18	Winter Break Residence halls open First day of classes
March	17-25	Spring Break
April	26 30	Honors Day Last day of classes
May	1 2-4 7-9 11 12	Reading Day Final exams Final exams Baccalaureate Commencement

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