

**THE
MACLELLAN
SCHOLARS
PROGRAM**



COVENANT
COLLEGE

IN ALL THINGS CHRIST PREEMINENT

CULTIVATING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Covenant College seeks to prepare young men and women for Christian leadership in a variety of walks of life. While all Covenant programs aim to provide an education that will enable students to discern and excel in what God has called them to, the college also offers an experience to about a dozen students in each entering class uniquely focused on Christian leadership. This is the Maclellan Scholars Program. Maclellan Scholars are chosen for both their promise as Christian leaders and their academic record.

The Maclellan Scholars Program was founded in 1988 through a generous grant from the Maclellan Foundation in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The program works to develop skills and gifts among a select group of Covenant College students that have demonstrated leadership potential. Through a rigorous course of study, and a variety of individual and group projects and activities, the Maclellan Scholars Program helps students wrestle with major issues of our time and culture, subject these issues to an intellectually rigorous and biblically informed analysis, and develop thoughtful, faithful responses. In the end, we hope that Maclellan Scholars will be well prepared to assume positions of leadership as they serve the Church and work out their callings in the broader society.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

In order to remain in the program, Maclellan Scholars must complete each part of the MSP curriculum as it is offered, participate in an internship and an approved period of intercultural study, maintain fulltime student status, and maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 (B). The Maclellan Scholars Program does not formally evaluate participation in co-curricular activities but does expect that Scholars will, according to their individual interests and abilities, participate in student government, student publications and clubs, athletic programs, outreach programs, or other community activities, and to eventually provide leadership in these activities. The program also expects that Scholars will exemplify Christian character in all of their activities while enrolled at Covenant College.

Scholars agree to not only to abide by the Covenant College rules of conduct as listed in the Student Handbook, but to also take an active role in supporting those rules. Maclellan Scholars should exhibit a high degree of personal integrity as befits those who are called to serve others through leadership.

MSP COURSES

The Maclellan Scholars Program provides a sequence of courses designed to enhance students' understanding of and capacity for Christian leadership. These courses are required of Scholars in the freshman, sophomore, and junior years. **Students must complete these courses satisfactorily to continue as Maclellan Scholars.**

Scholars should take these courses with their entering class, but this sequence of courses may be modified for Scholars undertaking off-campus study during the sophomore or junior year. Modifications must be approved by the directors of the Maclellan Scholars Program.

MSP 143. Character of Leadership

Character of Leadership is a study of important characteristics of effective leaders, both in theory and in the lives of great leaders throughout history. **Required of freshman** Maclellan Scholars. Fall semester, three units.

Res Publica Lectures

Freshman Scholars are required to enroll for credit in the special one-unit intensive course (usually taught over three days), typically offered in the spring semester, taught by a visiting lecturer. Scholars should take this requirement into account when planning spring course loads. Unlike other Mac courses, the Res Publica Lecture class may be taken for zero units to avoid an overload. Pass/fail.

MSP 253. Maclellan Scholars Seminar

Required of sophomore Maclellan Scholars. The Maclellan Scholars Seminar explores the factors that influence living and leading in the modern world. This course considers the ways in which leaders are products of their specific places, responsible to other individuals, understood within community dynamics, and culturally bound. Spring semester, two units. Prerequisite: MSP 143.

MSP REQUIREMENTS

Internship

Students are required to complete an internship for academic credit before the start of their senior year. Internships will be determined in consultation with academic advisors in students' major fields, the directors of the Maclellan Scholars Program, and the staff of the Center for Career and Calling. Internships may already be required as part of certain college majors, though not all majors require an internship.

Intercultural Study

Students are required to pursue an academic intercultural study at any time between the end of the freshman year and the beginning of the senior year (the beginning of junior year, if in a dual degree program). The Maclellan Scholars Program provides up to \$2,000 per Scholar to support intercultural study. Applications are due in November for Spring programs and in March for Summer, May and Fall programs. Each scholar will submit a guided written reflection upon return to Covenant.

The intercultural study preferably will be a semester of study in another cultural context, but may be a summer study abroad, an international, major-related, credit-bearing internship, or an off-campus Covenant May term. The minimum time length is three weeks, and academic credit should be taken for a letter grade, if possible. Programs that are non-credit-bearing or under three weeks are unlikely to be approved. Additional policies are available in the MSP folder.

GPA

Eligibility for continuing as a Maclellan Scholar depends on maintaining at least a 3.0 grade-point average each year and meeting the college's other requirements for receiving a scholarship. Eligibility is reviewed at the end of each academic year. The GPA is not rounded off: a 2.99, for example, is not raised to 3.0. When necessary, Scholars may take summer courses approved by the Registrar to establish a 3.0 average by the beginning of the following academic year. Students who fail to maintain the required GPA will not be readmitted to the program.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1. The stipend for Maclellan Scholars is 100% of tuition for a regular full-time load of twelve to eighteen units per semester at Covenant College. The sum is awarded each year and paid semester by semester. The majority of programs have sufficient elective hours that Scholars can enroll in at least sixteen hours per semester to complete their degree program and the required MSP courses in eight semesters. If the Scholar is maintaining at least sixteen hour schedules and is still required to take more than eighteen hours in a term, the Scholar may petition the Dean of Records to be allowed to register for additional hours without incurring additional tuition expenses. Adding classes required for a minor, second major, or as a result of changing majors late in the program will not qualify for an offset of tuition.
2. Maclellan Scholarships are awarded without regard to need. Scholars whose demonstrated financial need exceeds full tuition charges are eligible for other forms of financial aid available to Covenant students if they file the required applications with the Financial Aid Office by the annual deadline.

3. Maclellan Scholars may generally use 50% of their scholarship for a semester of college-sponsored off-campus study programs as long as they are earning credit toward graduation. If study abroad is required for the Scholar's major (Foreign language or International Studies), 100% of their scholarship may be used. Scholars desiring to participate in such programs must receive approval from the Director of Financial Aid and the Directors of the Maclellan Scholars Program. The college may impose some limits on this privilege.
4. A Scholar must enroll at Covenant for the semester following the intercultural study. A Scholar who does not return to Covenant will be obligated to repay any funds provided by the Program for intercultural study unless formally released by the Program from this obligation.
5. Scholars in a dual-degree program with another institution will receive the Maclellan Scholarship while they are enrolled at Covenant but not when they enroll at the other institution (ordinarily after three years at Covenant).
6. In cases where financial or medical circumstances prevent a Scholar from continuing at the college, that Scholar may be allowed to reenter the program and receive the scholarship when his or her circumstances permit. A student in this situation should consult with the directors of the program and of student financial planning as soon as the circumstances become apparent, **before** leaving Covenant except in the case of an emergency.
7. Scholars who fail to meet the specified requirements of the program or who are dismissed from the college for disciplinary reasons will not be readmitted to the program.