

2018-19

# FAST FACTS

# Bethel

COLLEGE



## FOUNDED IN

# 1887



## NORTH NEWTON, KANSAS

(Adjacent to Newton, Kansas, pop. 19,000)

TYPE: **4-year liberal arts** | CHURCH AFFILIATION: **first Mennonite college, USA (independent corporation and board)**

Teacher education program completers who passed the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) professional knowledge component: **98%, 2013-18**

Biology and natural sciences graduates who successfully pursue Ph.D. and/or M.D. degrees (since 1987): **APPROXIMATELY 50%**

**1 OUT OF EVERY 17 GRADUATES** earns a doctoral degree, ranking Bethel first in the state and 92nd in the nation in percentage of bachelor's degree earners who go on to earn a Ph.D.

### VISION

At Bethel College, we welcome with open hearts, stimulate personal and spiritual discovery, transform through the power of community and inspire the leaders of tomorrow.

### MISSION

Bethel College is an independent institution of higher education. The mission of the college is to prepare students through active learning and rigorous instruction imbued with the spirit of liberal arts, to become critical thinkers and engaged global citizens.

### VALUES

Discipleship, Scholarship, Service, Integrity, Community, Peace & Social Justice, Diversity

RETURN ON INVESTMENT: **#1 Kansas small college with highest earning graduates**

**Only Kansas college** in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best National Liberal Arts Colleges 2018

**Only Kansas college** among the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges in *Washington Monthly's* annual college guide 2018

**One of six colleges** or universities that have sent students to the American Forensic Association's National Individual Events Tournament every year since its beginning in 1978

**ONE OF FOUR** private liberal arts institutions in Kansas to be recognized as part of the most recent President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

**TEMPLETON CHARACTER BUILDING COLLEGE**

One of only eight colleges listed in *Mother Jones* in 2010 as a college that combines

**"GREAT VALUES WITH GOOD VALUE"**

**Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Science in Nursing • Bachelor of Science in Social Work**

# 1,891 POSSIBLE MAJORS

when you partner with at least two faculty advisors to create your own individualized iMajor

**AREAS OF STUDY:** Accounting, Art, Aviation, Athletic Training, Bible and Religion, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Clinical and Counseling Studies, Coaching, Communication Arts, Computer Science, Conflict Resolution, Criminal and Restorative Justice, Teacher Education (Art, Biology, Chemistry, Elementary Education, Health, History and Government, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Special Education Adaptive, Speech/Theater), English, Environmental Sciences, Financial Management, German, Graphic Design, Health and Physical Education, History, Human Services, Individualized Major, Interprofessional Health Studies, Marketing, Mathematical Sciences, Music, Natural Sciences, Neuroscience, Nursing, Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Pre-Professional Programs (Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Veterinary Medicine), Psychology, Social Work, Spanish, Sport Management, Theater, Undecided, Writing and Publishing, and Youth Ministry



**STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS AT 19 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN 17 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING:**

Austria, Belgium, China, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Ireland and Spain

**100%**

**OF STUDENTS COMPLETE AN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECT, A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AND/OR AN INTERNSHIP**

ACADEMIC CALENDAR: **2 x 16 WEEK TERMS (fall and spring)** | **4-WEEK January Interterm** | **SUMMER TERM**



**10:1**

37 Full-time faculty

47 Part-time faculty

Student-faculty ratio



**24 STATES REPRESENTED**  
+ 6 OTHER COUNTRIES



**444**

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**



**80**  
PERCENT

OF TRADITIONAL-AGE STUDENTS LIVE ON CAMPUS IN ONE OF THREE RESIDENCE HALLS

**21.2**

**AVERAGE ACT SCORE**

15% in top 10% of high school class | 31% in top 25% of high school class | Information for 2018-19 freshman class

**MASCOT:**  
**THRESHER**



**COLORS:**

**MAROON**

**GREY**

**15 VARSITY INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS:**

under the auspices of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Division II, including: men's and women's basketball, cheerleading, men's and women's cross country, football, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, women's softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, women's volleyball

**FACILITIES:** Thresher Stadium; Joe W. Goering Field and Herbert Schmidt Track; Thresher Stadium; Memorial Hall gym; Ward Tennis Center; practice fields; biking/walking/running paths; cardio equipment and weight rooms

**MUSIC:**

choral ensembles, jazz ensembles, chamber groups, orchestra, athletic band, steel drum band, private lessons, community music groups and coffeehouse performance opportunities



**FORENSICS:**

award-winning forensics and debate team

**THEATER:**

opportunities to perform on stage or behind the scenes in plays and musicals

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS:** More than a dozen options

**STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:** Nearly 40 options

**100%**

**OF STUDENTS COMPLETE BASIC ISSUES OF FAITH AND LIFE, EXPLORING AND AFFIRMING THEIR OWN PERSONAL BELIEFS.**



of Bethel students come from backgrounds other than Mennonite, though Mennonites represent the largest single denomination.

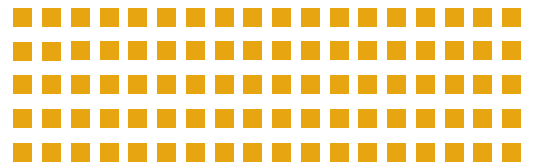
**AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES:** Bible study groups, praise and worship services, hymn sings, weekly chapel service and regular service opportunities

**DISTANCE**

**WICHITA** • 28 mi  
**KANSAS CITY** • 181  
**OKLAHOMA CITY** • 187  
**DALLAS** • 389  
**DENVER** • 490



**90**  
**ACRE CAMPUS**



**2002** Krehbiel Science Center and Mabee Observatory

**2005** Sports complex

**2012** Renovated Schultz Student Center and cafeteria

**2012** Renovated Will Family Academic Center

**2014** Renovated Luyken Fine Arts Center