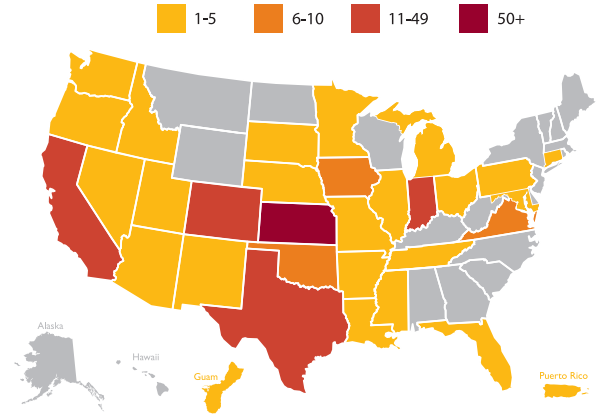


2019-20 ENROLLMENT

Hesston College welcomed 192 new students to the community for the 2019-20 year, swinging the new student number back in the positive direction following a smaller new student number of 184 a year prior. Total student enrollment is 386 from 32 U.S. states and territories and 25 countries. The domestic student population includes 51 percent from Kansas and 35 percent from other U.S. states and territories. International students comprise 15 percent of the population, while domestic students of color have climbed to 25 percent of the population. Hesston's plan to add key four-year degree programs as it has with the new bachelor's degree in aviation this fall and nursing in 2015, offer an area for continued growth.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN AVIATION-PROFESSIONAL PILOT

The inaugural year of the new bachelor's degree program in Aviation-Professional Pilot launched with 47 students flying, an increase of nine from the spring 2019 semester. During the 2018-19 year, as the college worked to expand the existing two-year aviation program to include a four-year option as well, it began to prepare for an increase in student numbers, both in fleet availability and flight instructors to accommodate student pilot training needs. In fall 2018, the college developed a \$1.4 million five-phase fleet expansion plan to add a minimum of five standardized aircraft and two training devices to the program's assets over the next year. Completion of the plan will initially increase the fleet to a minimum of 10 aircraft.



ANABAPTIST VISION AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES 2020

Join leaders from Everence Financial, including Leonard Dow, Stewardship and Development Specialist, and Colin Saxton, Stewardship Consultant, as well as Hesston College Bible and ministry professor Michele Hershberger as they help redefine the good life at the **2020 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series**

conference, February 21 to 23, "Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life." Seminars will focus on careers, hospitality, finances, generosity, trauma and economic injustice, health and wellness and more. The weekend's content will have interest points for all life stages and positions throughout church structure, congregations and other organizations, including youth to retirement-age and pastors to congregation members. Grants are available for clergy. **Save the date now, and watch for further information and registration in December 2019.**



Read these full stories and more at hesston.edu. For more information, contact Dallas Stutzman, director of Alumni and Church Relations, at 620-327-8110 or dallas.stutzman@hesston.edu.

HOMECOMING 2019

Hesston College celebrated Homecoming 2019 Sept. 26 to 29 with a focus on dedications of three new and renovated facilities that were part of the \$6.5 million Be Greater capital campaign – The Bess Mullet Softball Field, Yost Center athletic facility and The Bonnie Sowers Nursing Center. More than 400 campus guests enjoyed the busy weekend, including those who attended 13 class reunion gatherings. See a gallery of photos from the weekend at hesston.edu/homecoming.



CALL AND WEEKEND COLLEGE

Hesston College is preparing a new church leadership program – the Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning (CALL) – that will provide Anabaptist theology and nurture missional leadership for pastors and other church leaders in a distance-based format. Prior



to CALL's fall 2020 launch, the college is also offering its famous Biblical Literature (Bib Lit) course to individuals, congregations and other groups across the country in a couple of different formats starting in January 2020. These experiences are meant to help participants understand the Bible as a narrative of God and the people of God rather than a compilation of individual stories.

• The **Weekend College** offering

(hesston.edu/weekend-college) will take the course to congregations and other groups in a non-credit educational experience. Weekend College is also available with other themes, including peace and justice and “Five-fold Church Leadership,” or “5Q,” which organizes the life and ministries of the Church around the Ephesians 4 ministries: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds (Pastors) and Teachers. Learn more about Weekend College at hesston.edu/weekend-college. Get your congregation or group on the schedule by contacting dallas.stutzman@hesston.edu or 620-327-8110.

• Online Bib Lit will offer the course in an online 16-week format, giving people who want the immersive Bib Lit experience the full curriculum and learning. Students in the course will wrestle with three major themes: Bible study that includes original contexts, biblical interpretation and the biblical narrative as a connected story. Interested participants should register for the course by January 8. Non-degree seeking students can enroll by completing the community application at hesston.edu/communityapp. Degree-seeking students should apply at hesston.edu/apply.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

You should have received information from Hesston College about referring students in your congregation for a leadership scholarship. This is a great way for you to encourage young people in your congregation to consider Mennonite higher education while also helping them financially and nurturing their leadership potential. By simply referring three students to Hesston College, those students will receive a leadership scholarship should they decide to start at Hesston. If you have questions about referring students for this opportunity, please contact Hesston Admissions at 620-327-4221.

2019-20 Theme Verse

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

- Mark 4:30-32

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Ways you can pray for Hesston College

- For aviation faculty, staff and students as they adjust to the first year of operating the bachelor's degree program
- For the research and development of other programs being explored as possible bachelor degree options
- For the students from 32 states and territories and 25 countries who have chosen to start here
- For the campus community as we live, learn and work together in harmony, bridging differences that may otherwise divide
- Praise for the new campus addition – nursing facility, athletic facilities and academic programs – that add value to the Hesston Experience

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