

# Introducing Hannibal-LaGrange University

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Hannibal-LaGrange University is a Christian liberal arts university which adheres to the historic, Baptist tradition and continues in the heritage of the founders of the university. Thus it holds to the biblical views of salvation, ethics, and morality, is affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention, and adheres to the confessional statement of the Southern Baptist Convention— *The Baptist Faith and Message* (2000 edition).

## Accreditations

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
Website: [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (ASN Program)  
61 Broadway, 33rd Floor  
New York, NY 10006.  
Phone: 800-669-1656 (ext. 153) Fax: 212-812-0390  
Website: [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org)

The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care  
Website: [www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com)

## Approvals

Approved by the Missouri State Board of Education and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to offer courses leading to certification in:

**Early Childhood Education** (Birth-Grade 3); *optional Early Childhood Special Education or Elementary Education Endorsement*

**Elementary Education** (1-6); *optional Early Childhood Education or Middle School (5-9) Endorsement*

**Secondary Education** in the following subject areas: Art (K-12); Biology (9-12); Business Education (9-12); English (9-12); Mathematics (9-12); Music (K-12) with Concentrations in Vocal/Choral Music and in Instrumental Music *with optional Vocal/Choral and Instrumental Endorsements*; Physical Education (K-12); Social Studies (9-12); and Unified Science (9-12) *with the required Biology Endorsement. Middle School (5-9) Endorsement may be added to secondary education certificates.*

Approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing (ASN Program).

Approved for the training of veterans and the dependents of veterans under Title 38, U.S. Code. The university is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

## Financial Disclosure

Information regarding the financial condition of the university is available upon request from the Vice President of Business and Finance, whose office is located on the third floor of the Administration Building.

## Memberships

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers	Missouri League for Nursing
American Library Association	Missouri London Consortium
American Midwest Conference	Missouri Organization of Associate Degree Nursing
Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges	Missouri State Board of Nursing
Consortium for Global Education	Missouri State Board of Registration
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities	Missouri Unit of the Association of Teacher Educators
Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri	Music Educators National Conference (MENC)
International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities	National Art Education Association
Missouri Academy of Science	National Association for College Admission Counseling
Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling	National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	National Business Education Association
Missouri Association of Colleges of Nursing	National League for Nursing
Missouri Association of Departments and Schools of Music	National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel	National Soccer Coaches Association of America
Missouri College Media Association	The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
Missouri Federation of Music Clubs	

## Statements of Vision, Mission, and Purposes

As a coeducational, biblically based Christian institution in a covenant relationship with the Missouri Baptist Convention, Hannibal-LaGrange University, seeking at every point to give Christ the preeminence, is guided by the following statements of its vision, mission, and purposes.

### Vision

The vision of Hannibal-LaGrange University is to become one of the foremost Christian institutions of higher education in Missouri and the surrounding region.

### Mission

The mission of Hannibal-LaGrange University is to provide an excellent liberal arts education in a distinctively Christian environment, thus preparing students for both personal and career effectiveness.

### Purposes

To exercise a stewardship of learning that embraces all of its constituents, including students, prospective students and their families, faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, alumni, donors, churches, and the local community.

To provide a strong educational experience, built upon a core of general education courses, offering graduate, baccalaureate, and associate degrees in liberal arts and professional areas, for both traditional and nontraditional students.

To maintain high standards of academic and personal excellence in a biblically based Christian environment, thus encouraging the highest development of the total person—intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually.

To regard all persons as beings created in God's image and therefore equal in value and worthy of respect.

To promote the life of service in keeping with the example of Jesus Christ and with the university motto *Scientia ad serviendum* (Knowledge for service) by challenging students to participate in service-learning and mission projects.

To serve additional needs of the community through continuing education, community education, cultural enrichment, activities for young learners, and participation in community endeavors.

*That in all things Christ might have the preeminence.*

— Colossians 1:18

## History

Hannibal-LaGrange University continues the work and ideals of LaGrange College, for seventy years located at LaGrange, Missouri. LaGrange College was founded in 1858 by the Wyaconda Baptist Association, which was composed at that time of the churches in the four counties of the northeast corner of the state. For sixty-one years the college was controlled and chiefly maintained by this association; but in 1919, its charter was amended to enlist a large number of additional associations and churches in its support and control. Further provisions made in the charter of 1928 required that trustees be approved by the Missouri Baptist General Association.

In 1928, the citizens of Hannibal pledged \$232,000 for the establishment of a Baptist college at Hannibal. The gift made it possible to acquire an adequate campus and to erect new buildings. The old college was merged with the new, and taking the name of Hannibal-LaGrange College, the institution was located at Hannibal. Hannibal-LaGrange College had the double advantage of an old college with a rich history and a new location with new buildings, new equipment, and new life.

In 1957, Hannibal-LaGrange College received a new charter which conveyed the ownership and control of the college to the Missouri Baptist Convention. Under the new charter, the college board, consisting of 33 members from Missouri Baptist churches, was nominated and elected by the Missouri Baptist Convention.

In 1967, Hannibal-LaGrange College consolidated with Missouri Baptist College of St. Louis. This consolidated college continued to operate the two campuses: Missouri Baptist College—Hannibal-LaGrange Campus and the Missouri Baptist College—St. Louis Campus.

In 1973, the Missouri Baptist Convention separated the two facilities and reestablished Hannibal-LaGrange College.

In 1975, Hannibal-LaGrange College was accredited as a four-year institution.

In 1981, the Missouri Baptist Convention gave its approval for the college to assume full senior college status and to add such bachelor's degrees and majors as the Board of Trustees deems appropriate.

In 2007, the college received approval for offering its first graduate degree — Master of Science in Education.

In 2010, the Missouri Baptist Convention voted to change the institution's name to Hannibal-LaGrange University.

## Campus Setting

Located on the northern edge of Hannibal, Missouri, the 110-acre campus is beautifully situated on bluffs rising above the Mississippi River.

The city of Hannibal, the major city of Northeast Missouri, is located approximately 100 miles north of St. Louis and 30 miles northeast of Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake, one of Missouri's most attractive outdoor recreational areas. Affectionately known today as "America's Hometown," Hannibal played an important role in the early history of the United States. Settled in 1817, the city served as a strategic river port and railroad town, where goods transported along the Mississippi were transferred to railroads for shipment to the West. Missouri's most famous son, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, spent his boyhood years in

Hannibal. Two of Twain's greatest books, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, are based on Hannibal, its surroundings, and its people. Hannibal's charming historic district, located along the banks of the Mississippi, features the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, a river boat, 3-D movie theatre, shops, and restaurants.

## Buildings and Facilities

**Athletic Fields:** The collegiate-size playing fields—the Nichols Field (baseball), the Blackwell Field (soccer), the Pitney Field (soccer), and a softball field—are used for practice and for home games.

**Carroll Missions Center:** Dedicated in November 2004, the Carroll Missions Center is named for Kenneth A. and Rheyma J. B. Carroll in appreciation for their vision and generous gift that helped to bring to fruition this Center where students can be trained for service in missions. A unique focal point of the Center is a rotating world-globe fountain located at the entrance. The inscription at its base, taken from the Great Commission, reflects the mission for which the Center was created. This beautifully crafted symbolic fountain was donated as a memorial by Dr. Joel and Robyn Hassien. The CMC houses administrative offices, planning and conference rooms, a lecture hall, and a prayer room.

**Environmental Study Area:** This 35-acre tract, constructed by the biology staff and students, is maintained and used as an outdoor laboratory for the biological sciences and other disciplines. Nature trails lead through various sections that abound with different species of plants and wildlife. It is open to the public.

**Hut Green House:** In 2001, the university acquired the home once owned by Hutson S. Green and his wife, Mary Lou. Mr. Green, greatly beloved for his warmth and sincerity, served the university as a development officer. As a tribute to his many years of faithful service, the home now bears his name. It houses office space for Innovative Programs.

**Library:** Completed in 1966, this two-story structure was named in honor of Dr. L. A. Foster, who served as president of Hannibal-LaGrange College for 20 years. The first floor includes the circulation station, the reference room, the listening area, the closed stacks, the archives, the periodicals room, and the computers for student use. The study area, the education curriculum lab, and the open-access bookshelves are located on the second floor. A copy machine for student use is located on the first floor. The online public access catalogs are located on both floors. The library's remote storage facility, built in 1997, houses bound periodicals, record albums, rare book collection, microfilm, and other older materials. A new, larger facility is scheduled to open spring 2012 and will be named Roland Library in honor of Dr. E. Earl Roland, alumnus and long-time supporter of the university.

**Mabee Sports Complex:** Completed in 1991, the 47,000-square-foot complex, located in the northwest corner of the campus, houses a gymnasium, volleyball and tennis courts, a weight room, an aerobics room, the Buddy and Nell Stewart Fitness Room, racquetball courts, classrooms, and offices. It is named for the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in appreciation for a substantial challenge grant.

**Maintenance Building:** completed in 1989, this one-story structure houses an office suite and supply- and equipment storage areas. An adjacent parking area provides parking space for university vehicles.

**Mission In-Residence House:** Purchased in 2008, the house provides housing for Southern Baptist missionaries on home assignment.

**Residence Halls and Apartments:** *Pulliam Hall*, the university's first women's dormitory, named for philanthropists Lillian Belle and D. T. Pulliam, provides housing for 76 women. Built in 1962, *Kleckner Hall*, the second women's dormitory, named in honor of Dr. William A. "Dad" Kleckner, who served on the faculty for over 30 years, houses 52 women. *Crouch Hall*, built in 1956, named in honor of John W. Crouch, who served the university as professor and president in the early 1900s, houses 77 men. *Numm-Cook Hall*, named in honor of Joshua Flood Cook, second

president of LaGrange College, and Dr. J. E. Nunn, donor of a generous gift toward its construction, houses 74 men. **Lewis Hall** and its companion **Brown Hall**, named in honor of former HLGU presidents Larry Lewis and Paul Brown, were completed in 1998 and provide housing for 94 residents. Lewis Hall (the north wing) and Brown Hall (the south wing) are connected 47-bed facilities, which together form a single dormitory with shared lobbies. All rooms are private and share a bath with one other room. **Fletcher Hall**, completed in 2009 and housing a total of 96 students, was named after Louis and Marie Fletcher, parents of HLGU trustee Jack Fletcher. It includes two two-story buildings, each featuring suites, a spacious commons, and a kitchenette. **Pulliam Street Apartments**, which are four duplex dwellings, provide residency for 24 students. **Becky Thatcher House** provides housing for 12 students. **Mary Wiehe Building**, named in honor of Mary E. Wiehe in recognition of her long tenure as art instructor at HLGU, houses 12 students. The **Hagerman House**, named for Alberta Hagerman, longtime friend and trustee of HLGU, houses 12 students. The **Pearl Bonner Prince Memorial House**, situated across the drive from the south side of Pulliam Hall, houses 12 students. The three **Student Quadruplexes**, each consisting of four apartments, are located on the north side of the campus. They provide housing for 48 students.

**Roland Fine Arts Center:** Completed in 2003, this 50,000-square-foot building occupies a prominent site at the front of the campus. The Center houses the art, music, and theatre programs; the 580-seat Parker Theatre; and the Hagerman Art Gallery; as well as a conference room, classrooms, studios, rehearsal halls, practice rooms, student newspaper and yearbook production facilities, and offices. The facility is named in honor of Dr. E. Earl and Mary L. Roland for their friendship and generous support.

**Secker Field House:** Named in honor of Girard H. Secker, this facility houses the wrestling program and provides training spaces for outdoor sports. It was built in 2007.

**T. M. Mathews Science Building:** Completed in 1966 and named in honor of Dr. T. M. Mathews for his generosity, this facility houses laboratories with a total of 96 stations, preparation rooms, and faculty offices. The Division of Nursing and Allied Health, classrooms, and faculty offices are located on the lower floor.

**William E. Partee Center:** Completed in 1990, this spacious facility houses the cafeteria, the Jim and Merle Page Dining Room, faculty offices, classrooms, and computer labs.

**Woodrow W. Burt Administration Building:** Completed in 1992, this 45,000-square-foot facility houses administrative offices, classrooms, faculty offices, conference rooms, departmental computer labs, the Student Center, the University Bookstore, the mailroom, and Central Receiving. In 2005 it was given its present name to honor Woodrow W. Burt on the tenth anniversary of his university presidency and to recognize his twenty-five years of service to the university.

## Campus/Community Connectors

The Campus/Community Connectors, a service organization of community volunteers, provide a link between the HLGU campus and the surrounding community. They serve the university through such activities as assisting and getting acquainted with incoming students on move-in and visit days; hosting students over holiday breaks; providing baked goods during mid-term and finals weeks; serving as greeters at various receptions, fine arts performances, and Homecoming activities; assisting with graduation ceremonies; “adopting” dormitories; and helping to beautify the campus. Connectors are invited to attend university functions as special guests.