

Andrews University is a Christian university in the Seventh-day Adventist tradition. It encourages its students to study, practice, and develop an active religious experience. By corporate worship, community service, and a common concern for all, Andrews University students are led to develop a philosophy that makes them Christian not just in name, but in action.

The University is comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Technology, the School of Business, the School of Education, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and the Division of Architecture. The College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Technology, the School of Business, and the School of Education have both undergraduate and graduate programs; the Seminary and Architecture, only graduate programs. The graduate programs for the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Technology, the Division of Architecture, the School of Business, and the School of Education, and the academic programs of the Seminary are supervised by a governing body, the School of Graduate Studies.

History of the University

The history of Andrews University began in 1874 when the Seventh-day Adventist denomination founded Battle Creek College in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1901, the school was moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, along the banks of the St. Joseph River and was named Emmanuel Missionary College.

In 1934, the SDA denomination established an Advanced Bible School on the Pacific Union College campus in Angwin, California. In 1936, that program was moved to Washington, DC, and named the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The seminary trustees added other graduate programs in 1957, thus establishing a School of Graduate Studies. The combined institution became Potomac University.

To provide more space for that growing institution, Potomac was moved in 1959 to the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College. The next year, Emmanuel Missionary College, the Theological Seminary, and the School of Graduate Studies united under one charter as Andrews University—with an integrated board of trustees, administration and faculty. The name honors John Nevins Andrews (1829-83), pioneer Adventist theologian,