

The Thiel Commitment "Top Five"

It's been one year since Thiel College launched The Thiel Commitment initiative. Word about this unique pledge to future Tomcats has been spreading thanks in part to our alumni and friends talking about the Commitment. In order to make it even easier to talk about, check out the "top five" aspects of The Thiel Commitment below. Together they make a "cheat sheet" that you can share with prospective Tomcats in your life. This is by no means a comprehensive explanation of The Thiel Commitment—students who want to learn more should contact Thiel's Admissions Office at 800-24-THIEL or admissions@thiel.edu.

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Career Services are for life - really!

The Thiel College Career Services Office doesn't consider it "job done" when a graduate gets his or her first job. The office is here to help with the search for a second, fifth or 10th job; after all, research shows that the average college graduate could have as many as 10 different careers during his or her working years. The Career Services Office staff can perfect a resume or cover letter, provide job search tools like online databases or career counseling, and offer graduate school information, among other services. During a student's years at Thiel, the office can arrange for job shadowing, internships or service learning opportunities that make a graduate that much more employable.

The Thiel Commitment starts before a student does.

Did you know that one of the most popular majors among college freshmen is "undecided"? At Thiel, we know that exploring interests and options is an important part of the college experience, and students can't make a choice if they don't know their options. That's why The Thiel Commitment provides career discernment seminars that are available to students before they matriculate. Once a student is accepted and enrolled, The Learning Commons at Thiel can help a student figure out where his or her interests and strengths lie. Thiel also offers exploratory major designations, such as "history exploratory" or "biology exploratory," which allow a student to explore his or her interest in a field of study without "locking into" a major.

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A liberal arts education that can secure a great career.

At Thiel, we believe in the benefits of a great liberal arts education and we believe in preparing our students for fulfilling careers. It's a balance we call "practical liberal arts." Our e-portfolio and co-curricular transcripts make it easy to show potential employers not only what you've done in the classroom, but the experiences outside that help shape the practical liberal arts experience Thiel.

Affordability isn't just a word.

It's a pledge we don't take lightly. With the rising cost of higher education in the United States, Thiel is committed to ensuring that a Thiel education is within the reach of families. Thiel is one of the most affordable private institutions in Western Pennsylvania—couple that with grants, loans and scholarships (Thiel offers more than 200 endowed scholarships alone) and you can pay less at Thiel than at a state institution!

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Ninth semester tuition is free—yes, free!

College is a time for expanding horizons and pursuing knowledge. We don't want our students eliminating a life-changing experience like study abroad or a semester-long dream internship because it will tack on another semester before earning their degrees. That's why we offer a ninth-semester tuition waiver for qualified students. "Qualified" doesn't mean "perfect" either. We know that at some time during their college years, most students will struggle. And we don't think that working hard to get through a rough patch should eliminate you from pursuing your dream. As long as you are in good academic, financial and social standing you qualify for the ninth-semester tuition waiver!