1. The PTM program boasts 100 percent paid internship placement. These internships often include free housing, which allows our students to explore other areas of the country while developing their skills. These internships typically pay well.

2. The PTM faculty provides player development to all PTM students throughout the school year, including the varsity tennis off-season at Methodist University.

3. The PTM faculty and varsity tennis team coaches work side by side to help students improve not only as tennis players, but as working professionals.

4. The PTM program has a proven record of 100 percent job placement for graduates.

5. The students in the PTM program have the opportunity to earn six professional certifications in the tennis industry through the PTM program, which make our students more marketable to employers.

6. Methodist University has an average class size of 18 campus-wide. You will receive individualized attention and instruction in an environment described by students as “a big family.”

7. Students have the opportunity to learn from tennis industry leaders from all over the world through the seminar courses.

8. Methodist University has been a leader since 1988 in graduating certified tennis professionals who pursue careers in the tennis industry. Students have the unique opportunity to learn from a large network of successful PTM alumni who participate in our mentoring program.

9. Methodist University is home to a beautiful tennis facility featuring eight hard courts with lights. The brand new Gene Clayton Tennis Center also features locker rooms, a PTM classroom, and a tennis player lounge.

10. Methodist University allows you the opportunity to turn your love for tennis into a fun and gratifying career!

“I love the knowledge that I am able to gain throughout the tennis-focused courses in the PTM program. These courses help me to succeed in my internships and will set the foundation for the entirety of my career in tennis.”

Allison Himes ’20
Indianapolis, Ind.
Business Administration with a concentration in PTM
The Professional Tennis Management (PTM) program is an academic concentration through the nationally accredited (ACBSP) Reeves School of Business. PTM is also offered as a minor, which allows for students interested in pursuing a career in the tennis industry to earn a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in any of the majors offered at Methodist University. Finally, PTM is offered as a post-graduate certificate program for those who have earned a bachelor's degree.

Methodist University Professional Tennis Management prepares our students for a wide variety of careers in the tennis industry. Students and graduates have the opportunity to promote tennis and provide the next generation of tennis players with the appropriate skills to be successful on and off the court. PTM students benefit from a rigorous course curriculum, paid internships, a network of mentors, and player development sessions to ensure they will be the most qualified professionals entering the tennis industry.

"I have loved my college experience at MU. The PTM program has allowed me to meet my closest friends, who have become my family away from home."

Jenna Landis ’19
Elkhart, Ind.
Accounting with a concentration in PTM
"There is no better environment for tennis than the PTM program at Methodist University. A lot of my success to this day can be credited to the unconditional involvement of the faculty and the extensive diverse experiences I had during my four years. The skills you will learn, the experiences you will have, and the friends you will make will last you a lifetime. To this day I have very close relationships with the school and PTM members across the country. You are not joining a college and a network, you are joining a family that wants you to succeed!"

– Mike Layton, Class of 2007
Owner of Westside Tennis & Rite Grip Tennis, Santa Monica, Calif.

"Methodist University and the PTM Program were the first stepping stones into my career. What I learned at MU gave me a solid foundation for what has become a successful career. The teachers and faculty at Methodist, as well as the lifelong friends I made, helped make me who I am today. My experiences at Methodist will always have a special place in my heart. Go Monarchs!"

– Julie Criscoe, Class of 2007
Club Manager & Director, Tennis at Legacy Lakes Tennis & Fitness Club, Aberdeen, N.C.

"My time at Methodist was invaluable for starting my career in the tennis industry. I came in as a naive young tennis player on the tennis team, and I left with a network of life-long friends and now colleagues whom I still call on today. The PIM program at Methodist immersed me into the professional tennis world and provided a foundation for success. It gave me the connections and confidence to work at amazing places all over the country and now as a director of an NTTL Chapter."

– Addison Staples, Class of 2007
Executive Director, Gainesville Area Community Tennis Association (GACTA) Gainesville, Fla., Program Director, GACTA Aces In Motion

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"As I reflect back on my decision to attend Methodist over several other schools, I truly could not have made a better decision. The education that I received in both the Business School classes and focused Professional Tennis Management classes offered outstanding education opportunities. The expertise of the professors and the size of the classes allowed me to maximize my learning supported by the willingness of the staff to put in extra time with me to make sure I understood the material. They also did an amazing job relating the textbook to the real world. Being able to compete on the intercollegiate level provided me the opportunity to represent Methodist on a high level while making lifetime friends and improving leadership skills. Methodist provides individuals everything they need, to not only prepare for the tennis industry, but to become an industry leader."

– Mark S. Faber, Class of 1994
Director, Tennis Twos Athletic Club, Toledo, Ohio
INTERNSHIPS

Professional Tennis Management students must successfully complete three internships (320 hours each) in the tennis industry. While these internships are usually completed during the summer months, students may complete an internship during the academic year. Internship opportunities include, but are not limited to, resorts, country clubs, camps, and tennis businesses. The following is a small sample of over 350 internship venues available for PTM internships:

- Amelia Island, Fla.
- Bethany Beach, Del.
- Blythewood, S.C.
- Bradenton, Fla.
- Bridgehampton, N.Y.
- Bronxville, N.Y.
- Casco, Maine
- Carmel Valley, Calif.
- Charlotte, N.C.
- Chevy Chase, Md.
- Concord, Mass.
- Darien, Conn.
- Duluth, Ga.
- Durham, N.C.
- Essex Fells, N.J.
- Fort Washington, Pa.
- Greenwich, Conn.
- Hilton Head Island, S.C.
- Indianapolis, Ind.
- Inverness, Ill.
- Long Island, N.Y.
- Middletown, N.J.
- Minocqua, Wis.
- Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Narragansett, R.I.
- New Braunfels, Texas
- Pacific Palisades, Calif.
- Raleigh, N.C.
- Rehoboth Beach, Del.
- Roaring Gap, N.C.
- Sea Island, Ga.
- Stamford, Conn.
- Stratton Mountain, Vt.
- St. Augustine, Fla.
- St. Huberts, N.Y.
- Summit, N.J.
- Vero Beach, Fla.
- Wappingers, N.Y.
- Westchester, N.Y.
- Westhampton Beach, N.Y.
- Wilmington, Del.
- Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Wintergreen, Va.

The PTM Program boasts a 100 percent internship placement/job placement rate for students entering into the tennis industry.
FACILITIES

The brand new Gene Clayton Tennis Center was finished in summer 2017.

GENE CLAYTON TENNIS CENTER: A NEW COURTSIDE HOME

The Gene Clayton Tennis Center gives the Professional Tennis Management Program (PTM) and our Monarch Tennis Teams a new courtside home. The 3,000-square-foot building is situated next to the newly renovated tennis courts, with convenient access from the existing parking lot.

The new facility allows all of the tennis-related programs to have their own central space, with a classroom, offices, racquet customization lab, lobby, and locker rooms. The center is also used for tennis seminars, certification events, and student association functions.

Since 2006, PTM faculty members have shared space with golf programs in the Richard L. Player Center, while tennis coaches have been located in the March F. Riddle Center. The Gene Clayton Tennis Center brings them together in a building that proudly represents the program to the Methodist community.

On the roof, there is an elevated viewing area, which can be used for special events, or by students and visitors looking for a place to lounge, study, or watch a match. Tennis players and spectators also appreciate the new restrooms, designed to be easily accessed from the outside of the facility.

The racquet customization lab is a feature of the new building where PTM students receive hands-on training in racquet repair and customization, in preparation for the Master Racquet Technician Certification exam. The academic and athletic programs are expanding rapidly, and the new facility helps accommodate the growth. The local tennis community also benefits from the new Gene Clayton Tennis Center, as the program hosts summer camps, player development sessions, and lessons.

Having a separate building exclusively for tennis sets Methodist University apart from many other similarly sized schools. It makes a strong impression on prospective student athletes and shows the University’s commitment to the sport and the industry.

VARSITY TENNIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Women’s Tennis History
- NCAA Division III National Tournament Appearances: 13
- Conference Championships: 21
- Conference Tournament Championships: 9
- NCAA Individual Singles Titles: 2
- NCAA Doubles Team Titles: 2
- All-American Singles: 1 (2 times)
- All-American Doubles: 2 (2 times)

Men’s Tennis History
- NCAA Division III National Tournament Appearances: 5
- Conference Champions: 12
- Conference Tournament Champions: 1
- First Team All-Americans: 3

“MU PTM program helps me to excel because of the well-organized coursework and internships. Both of these aid in laying out various opportunities for me to succeed in a career I love.”

R. J. Clement ’18
Suwanee, Ga.
Business Administration with a concentration in PTM

ABOUT THE COURTS

In 2013, Methodist University rebuilt the eight-court tennis complex. Originally built in the 1980s, the courts were completely repaved, new California corners fencing was installed, and new lights were added, which allows for matches and practices to continue into the evening. The new courts are painted in U.S. Open blue and green, and include blended lines for 10 and Under play and events. The renovation project also includes an attractive gazebo for gatherings and new spectator seating.
To learn more about our program and admission requirements, visit us online at www.methodist.edu/ptm. To arrange a visit or if you have questions, please contact our Professional Tennis Management director or assistant director.