



MORAVIAN COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

An overview of the department and its offerings. For further information, visit the website at www.moravian.edu/sociology.

The mission of the Sociology Department is to provide students with both the academic and practical experiences to make them successful as Moravian College graduates. The department offers a wide variety of courses for students interested in teaching, graduate school, or professional careers upon graduation.

Strong, Personalized Academic Majors

Students who declare majors in sociology must complete five standard courses that challenge them to think both theoretically and analytically about the discipline. As an additional requirement, students must complete four major elective courses, one being a writing-intensive class, which encourage students to engage in critical thinking about specific areas within the field. Sociology majors learn from the best in the discipline; Moravian's faculty members hold doctoral degrees in sociology and law. Adjunct faculty members Moravian hold positions in social service agencies, law enforcement, county government, and legal organizations.

Moravian's sociology courses address a wide range of sociological topics, including social theory, research methods, diversity, legal issues, non-Western culture, social work, and agents of socialization. Students majoring in sociology can choose between the law and society and the general sociology tracks.



Several interdisciplinary courses and multiple cross-listed courses are available to sociology majors. Interdisciplinary courses include human sexuality, introduction to peace and justice studies, social controversies, media technology and society, and segregation in America: the legacy of Jim Crow.

Cross-listed courses are linked with other departments and include introduction to peace and justice studies and sociology of religion, which are cross-listed with the Religion Department. Introduction to Africana studies is cross-listed with Africana studies. Human sexuality, sociology of gender, and marriage and family are cross-listed with women's studies. Legal environment of business is cross-listed with management, and civil liberties and American constitutional law are cross-listed with the Political Science Department.

Students who wish to take a class that is not offered at the College can sign up for an independent study. To complete an independent study, the student designs a syllabus and spends the semester learning about the subject, under the supervision of a faculty member. To add an international dimension to their sociology education, a number of sociology students have enrolled in Moravian College's semester-abroad program.

In the past five years, students in Moravian College's Sociology Department have presented their research projects





at both regional and national conferences, including the Eastern Sociological Society's annual meeting, the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Sociology Conference, the Lehigh Valley Research Consortium's Social Research/Social Justice Conference, and Moravian College Scholars' Day.

Hands-On Learning

Sociology majors may take internships that offer valuable field experience, gaining insight into the real world before embarking on a professional career. Moravian College sociology majors have interned at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, American Democracy Institute, Northampton County and Lehigh County governments, law offices, social service agencies, youth service agencies, and law enforcement agencies.

Students, along with faculty mentors, have also attended and presented their work at local and regional conferences. Recently, students and faculty have travelled to the Lehigh Valley Association for Independent Colleges' Social Research and Social Justice Conference, the Eastern Sociological Society's annual meeting, and the American Sociological Society's annual meeting.

Additionally, sociology majors have an opportunity to stretch and expand their knowledge base through on-campus organizations and an international honor society. The Sociology Club, a service organization as well as a social network available to sociology majors and minors, promotes interaction with peers interested in the field of sociology. Regular club activities, based upon club member interest, include social gatherings and field trips. Benefits of membership in the club include opportunities for informal interaction with sociology majors and department faculty, as well as credentials for graduate and law school applications and work in sociology-related fields.

The Pre-Law Club was created to increase the students' understanding about the legal profession and to assist them in their preparations for post-graduate studies in the law. The club sponsors debates and forums in which relevant issues concerning the law and public policy are featured.

Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociology honor society, recognizes outstanding majors in the discipline. Eligible students are invited at the beginning of the spring term of their senior year.

Alumni Careers in Sociology

- Jacqueline Collette Fox '05 is an equity coordinator at Kutztown University.
- Odell Guyton '77 is a corporate compliance officer at the University of Pennsylvania.
- Daniel Larson '07 is a research analyst at Delaware Technical College.
- Shawn Nelson '05 is an agent for the U.S. State Department, passport division.
- Lisa Petrucelli '91 is a therapist at Holland Counseling Associates and a psychiatric social worker at Warren Hospital in New Jersey.
- Kim Porcino '11 is the owner and manager of 1st Elite Marketing.
- Vincent Ramunni '90 is an assistant manager for the resolve behavioral health division of the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20, a writer for *Lehigh Valley Style* magazine, and an adjunct professor of sociology at Moravian College.
- Samuel Grigsby '12, a graduate student at New York University, is a case management intern at International Rescue Committee and media and publications associate at Alexandre Gertsman Contemporary Art.
- Nicholas Heimbach '09 is a graduate of Harvard University Law School and recipient of the Maine Board of Bar Examiners' Kenneth R. Clegg Award for Excellence.

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Moravian College stood for
life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
As the sixth-oldest college in America,
we believe everyone is born with an innate love of learning.

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To every student of every circumstance,
we promise the power of the liberal arts,
a whole wide world of experience,
and a deeper enjoyment of life.

Pursue them all with passion.