

III. SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Criminal Justice

The criminal justice program prepares students for service and/or graduate study in a diversity of criminal justice and related fields through its commitment to professional criminal justice values and ethics. Students will prepare for responsible citizenship, understand the interdisciplinary nature of the field, and develop a comprehensive understanding of crime and the criminal justice system by integrating the Christian world view, through a restorative justice perspective and a strong liberal arts foundation, within an analytical and conceptual framework.

The criminal justice major prepares students for entry-level positions in the field, including the areas of judicial services, law enforcement, adult and juvenile probation, adult and juvenile correctional institutions, adult and juvenile parole supervision, victim assistance programs and community-based rehabilitation agencies.

Social Work

Social work is a professional program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education with the primary goal to prepare students for generalist social work practice and/or graduate study. The social work major focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary for entry level helping positions in human services settings such as mental health, child welfare, healthcare, schools, aging, corrections, domestic violence, addictions, as well as work in the community with system change and advocacy. The curriculum includes courses that provide knowledge about the interaction of people with their social environment, as well as a sequence of courses that introduce and develop skills used in working directly with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Social work courses blend theoretical and practical components throughout the plan of study. A special feature of the social work curriculum is the extensive opportunity for the student to develop intervention skills through educationally focused field practicum experiences.

Graduates of an accredited social work program are assured a quality educational experience, designed and implemented to prepare them for entry-level social work practice. Graduating from a CSWE accredited program affords students numerous advantages in employment opportunities, licensing, and qualifies those interested in graduate study advanced standing in most MSW degree programs.

Sociology/Anthropology

Sociology and anthropology prepare students for a wide variety of jobs working with people, including cross-cultural contexts. Sociology is the study of group behavior in the larger social context with particular attention paid to the structure and processes related to that behavior; the study of collective behavior, social change, social stratification, social deviance, and the influence of society upon the individual. Cultural anthropology is the study of human cultural diversity. Students who major in Sociology and Anthropology are encouraged to choose from a wide range of minors such as Criminal Justice, Business, Computer Science, Communications, Bible, Gender Studies, Human Resource Management, Christian Education, and Recreation. Students are encouraged to participate in the Philadelphia and other off-campus programs, including off-campus practicums. Opportunities are provided for professionally supervised participation in community mental health centers, retirement facilities, hospitals, prisons, community correctional facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities, other service agencies, and anthropological fieldwork. A major in Sociology and Anthropology prepares students for entry level employment and/or graduate work in human services, community development, criminal justice, urban studies, health services, applied anthropology, many business fields, various ministries, and social research.

DEPARTMENTAL MINORS – the following minors are available to any Messiah College student:

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice is a growth industry. Educators, practitioners, as well as the American Bar Association are calling for liberal arts based Criminal Justice programs, suggesting they are better designed to provide students with an understanding of the effects of criminal law (and programs) and society upon one another, to enable students to view the criminal justice system from all perspectives, and to provide abilities to write and verbalize effectively and to have the capacity to apply analytical and critical insights to specific agencies as well as the larger social milieu.

Human Services

This minor introduces students to the human services system and is intended for students in any major who want background and experience in human services and working with people within a context of social policy, human development, diversity, and interaction with individuals and groups.

Urban Studies

This minor offers a curriculum for students who want to develop a deeper understanding of the city and its impact on the cultures of the world. The majority of the classes for this minor are taken at our Philadelphia campus.

Gender Studies

Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary minor focusing on how gender influences everyday life. The theories, concepts, and skills will help students better understand gender relations in domestic, religious, workplace, and political settings. The minor focuses on both women and men and the personal and social dynamics between the genders. Students are encouraged to pursue active learning through internships or the Philadelphia Campus.

Sociology and Anthropology

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Planning Your Academic Program

In planning your program at Messiah, turn to the Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice section in the catalog to find an example of a typical program for your major. Keep in mind that this is only a suggested program. The actual courses required are those listed under Major Requirements. They are also listed on the checklist in this handbook.

In order to meet prerequisites and sequencing requirements, the introductory course to your major should be taken in the first year.

To help you plan, the following list of major courses is offered: (Please be aware that this list does not guarantee that any particular course will be offered in a given semester.)

EVERY SEMESTER

Introduction to Criminal Justice	Sociology Practicum
Intro. to Cultural Anthropology	Social Psychology
Principles of Sociology	
Engaging Inequality and Diversity	

FALL SEMESTER ONLY

Criminal Justice Field Experience Prep.	Preparation for Field Practice
Criminology	Religion and Society
Ethics in Criminal Justice	Quont Research Methods
Helping Processes I, III & IV	Restorative Justice
Intro to Research in Social Work	Social Conflict, Justice and Peacemaking
Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Work	Sociological Theory
Introduction to Urban Society	Victimology
Native American Cultures	
Sociology/Anthropology Senior Thesis	

SPRING SEMESTER ONLY

Contemporary Issues in Sociology	Human Beh. in Social Environment
Corrections: Incarceration, Probation and Pardon	Juvenile Delinquency
Criminal Justice Field Experience	Seminar in Social Work Practice
Criminal Law and Court Procedures	Social Welfare Policies and Social Change
Quel Research Methods	Sociology of Aging
Drug and Alcohol Addiction	Topics in Social Work
Families in America	
Field Practice in Social Work	
Helping Processes II	

Remember:

1. Students must complete all major and general education requirements with a minimum of a total of 123 credit hours.
2. The last thirty (30) credits preceding the conferring of the degree must be earned at Messiah College with a minimum of twelve (12) credits in the major.
3. To continue at Messiah, you will need to maintain a cumulative grade point of 1.80 (0–23) credits), 1.9 (24–56 credits), and 2.0 (57 credits or above).
4. Students must have a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA in the courses required in the major in order to graduate.

Guidelines for Mathematical Sciences Courses

There is no specific math course required for the Sociology/Anthropology and Criminal Justice major. We recommend students enroll in MATH101, MATH102, MATH107, or COSC171 in their first year, unless you have had a precalculus course; then you should consider STAT269 (usually taken in the second or third year). Statistical literacy is important in this field, and STAT269 is a course that gives a good introduction to statistical methods and meets the General Education requirement. All majors in the Social Work major must take STAT269, which is usually taken in the second or third year. Students who have a weak background in Algebra should consider taking MATH101 or MATH102 in their first year in preparation for STAT269.

Students with Advanced Placement credit:

Requirements for courses in mathematical sciences can be met through Advanced Placement exam credit. Students who have taken AP exams in calculus, computer science, or statistics should go to the math department's website (<http://www.messiah.edu/acdept/depthome/mathsci/APCredit.htm>) to find out how credit is awarded for your scores.

Criminal Justice

(Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice)

General Education Requirements on reverse side

Major Requirements

<u>Major Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
[CRIJ 101] Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	_____
[CRIJ 201] Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	_____
[CRIJ 259] Criminal Law & Court Procedures	3	_____
[CRIJ 282] Restorative Justice	3	_____
[CRIJ 307] Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3	_____
[CRIJ 309] Juvenile Delinquency	3	_____
[CRIJ 348] Ethics in the Criminal Justice System	3	_____
[CRIJ 362] Criminology	3	_____
[CRIJ 366] Corrections: Incarceration, Probation, Parole	3	_____
[CRIJ 367] Victimology	3	_____
[CRIJ 450] Criminal Justice Field Experience Preparation	1	_____
[CRIJ 452] Criminal Justice Seminar	1	_____
[CRIJ 455] Criminal Justice Field Experience	3	_____
[PSYC 101] Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
[SOAN 101] Introduction to Sociology Anthropology	3	_____
[SOAN 271] Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics	3	_____
[SOAN 281] Qualitative Research Methods	3	_____
[SOAN 356]/[SOWK 356] Engaging Diversity and Inequality	3	_____
[SOAN 420]/[SOWK 420] Social Welfare Policy and Social Change	3	_____

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Major Requirements on reverse side

General Education Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
First Year Seminar	3	_____
Oral Communications	3	_____
Created and Called for Community	3	_____
Mathematical Sciences	3 or 4	_____
Laboratory Science	3 or 4	_____
Science, Technology & the World	3	_____
Two of the following:	6	_____
Social Science (3 credits – [SOAN 101]/[CRIJ 101]/ [PSYC 101])		_____ <u>met by major</u>
European History (3 credits)		_____
United States History (3 credits)		_____
Literature	3	_____
Philosophy and Religion	3	_____
Arts	3	_____
Language/Cross Cultural		
First Semester of Language	3	_____
Second Semester of Language	3	_____
Third Semester of Language or Cross Cultural	3	_____
Non-Western Studies ([SOAN 102])	2 or 3	_____ <u>met by major</u>
Bible	3	_____
Christian Beliefs	3	_____
Health and Physical Fitness		
Introduction to Wellness	2	_____
Activity Course	1	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
Ethics (3 credits)		_____
World Views (3 credits)		_____
Pluralism in Contemporary Society (3 credits - [SOAN 356])		_____ <u>met by major</u>
Writing Enriched Course		_____

SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

General Education	48-50
Major Requirements	56
Free Electives	17-19
Total	123

Criminal Justice Curriculum

Suggested four-year program of study

First Year Fall Semester

CRIJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOAN 101	Introduction to Sociology or	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
	General Requirements	7
Total Semester Hours		16

First Year Spring Semester

CRIJ 201	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
SOAN 101	Introduction to Sociology or	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community	3
	General Requirements	7
Total Semester Hours		16

Sophomore Fall Semester

CRIJ 282	Restorative Justice	3
	CRJ Elective	3
CRIJ 259	Criminal Law and Court Procedure	3
BIBL 201	Encountering the Bible	3
	General Requirements	4
Total Semester Hours		16

Sophomore Spring Semester

CRIJ 366	Corrections: Incarceration, Probation and Parole	3
	CRIJ Elective	3
	General Requirements	10
Total Semester Hours		16

Junior Fall Semester

CRIJ 367	Victimology	3
CRIJ 362	Criminology	3
SOAN 271	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics	3
	General Requirements	7
Total Semester Hours		16

Junior Spring Semester

CRIJ 307	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CRIJ 309	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOAN 281	Qualitative Research Methods	3
	General Requirements	7
Total Semester Hours		16

Senior Fall Semester

	CRIJ Elective	3
CRIJ 348	Ethics in the Criminal Justice System	3
CRIJ 450	Field Experience Preparation	1
	General Requirements	2
	Free Elective	4
Total Semester Hours		14

Senior Spring Semester

CRIJ 452	Criminal Justice Seminar	1
CRIJ 455	Field Experience	3
	CRIJ Elective	3
	Free Elective	7
Total Semester Hours		14

Total Overall Credit Hours	123
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Social Work

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General Education Requirements on reverse side

Major Requirements

<u>Major Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
[BIOL 258] Human Biology	4	_____
[HIST 142] U.S. History Survey Since 1865	3	_____
[PSYC 101] Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
[SOAN 101] Introduction to Sociology	3	_____
[SOAN 102] Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3	_____
[SOWK 120] Introduction to Social Work	3	_____
[SOWK 221] Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3	_____
[SOWK 250] Social Work Practice with Individuals	4	_____
[SOWK 360] Social Work Practice with Families	4	_____
[SOWK 356]/[SOAN 356] Engaging Diversity and Inequality	3	_____
[SOWK 372] Social Work Practice with Groups	3	_____
[SOWK 382] Topics in Social Work	3	_____
[SOWK 385] Introduction to Research in Social Work	3	_____
[SOWK 420]/[SOAN 420] Social Welfare Policy and Social Change	3	_____
[SOWK 475] Social Work Practice with Communities and Orgs.	3	_____
[SOWK 484] Preparation for Field Practice	1	_____
[SOWK 485] Seminar in Social Work Practice	3	_____
[SOWK 490] Field Practice in Social Work	12	_____
[STAT 269] Introductory Statistics	3	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
[ECON 110] Economics of Social Issues (3)		
[ECON 117] Issues in Environmental Economics (3)		

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Major Requirements on reverse side

General Education Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
FFirst Year Seminar	3	_____
Oral Communications	3	_____
Created and Called for Community	3	_____
Mathematical Sciences ([STAT 269])		_____met by major
Laboratory Science ([BIOL 258])		_____met by major
Science, Technology & the World	3	_____
Two of the following:		
Social Science (3 credits – [SOWK 120])		_____met by major
European History		
United States History (3 credits – [HIST 142])		_____met by major
Literature	3	_____
Philosophy and Religion	3	_____
Arts	3	_____
Language/Cross Cultural		
First Semester of Language	3	_____
Second Semester of Language	3	_____
Third Semester of Language or Cross Cultural	3	_____
Non-Western Studies [SOAN 102]		_____met by major
Bible	3	_____
Christian Beliefs	3	_____
Health and Physical Fitness		
Introduction to Wellness	2	_____
Activity Course	1	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
Ethics (3 credits)		_____
World Views (3 credits)		_____
Pluralism in Contemporary Society [SOWK 365]		_____met by major
Writing Enriched Course		

SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

General Education	41-42
Major Requirements	76
Free Electives	5-6
Total	123

Social Work Curriculum

Suggested four-year program of study

To enhance a student's learning, the Social Work Program highly encourages students to spend a semester in Philadelphia or Harrisburg, and/or to take advantage of any of the cross cultural/ semester abroad opportunities offered through Messiah College

First Year Fall Semester

SOWK 120	Intro. to Social Work	3
BIOL 258	Human Biology	4
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 104	Relational Comm.	3
	Language Requirement 1	3
		16

First Year Spring Semester

SOWK221	Human Behavior	3
IDCC 151	Created/Called Comm.	3
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3
	Language Requirement 2	3
SOAN101	Intro to Sociology	3
		15

Sophomore Fall Semester

SOWK250	Practice w/ Individuals	4
SOWK356	Engaging Diversity and Inequality	3
BIBL2XX	Encountering the Bible/OT/NT	3
HIST104	U.S. History Since 1865	3
	Language Requirement 3	3
		16

Sophomore Spring Semester

SOWK360	Practice w/ Families	4
STAT269	Introductory Statistics	3
ENGLXXX	Literature Elective	3
SOAN102	Cultural Anthropology	3
IDSTXXX	Science, Tech. & World	3
		16

Junior Fall Semester

SOWK372	Practice w/ Groups	3
SOWK385	Intro. to Research in Social Work	3
PHILXXX	Philosophy	3
THEOXXX	Christian Beliefs	3
PHED101	Intro. to Wellness	2
	Free Elective	3
		17

Junior Spring Semester

SOWK382	Topics in Social Work	3
SOWK420	Social Welfare Policies	3
	Art or Music	3
	Free Elective	3
	Free Elective	3
		15

Senior Fall Semester

SOWK475	Practice w/ Communities and Organizations	3
SOWK484	Prep. for Field Practice	1
ECON 110	Econ. of Social Issues	
	OR ECON 117 Issues in Environmental Economics	3
	PHED Activity Course	1
	Free Elective	3
	Free Elective	3
		14

Senior Spring Semester

SOWK485	Seminar in SW Practice	3
SOWK490	Field Practice in SW	12
		15

Sociology and Anthropology

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General Education Requirements on reverse side

Major Requirements

<u>Major Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
[SOAN 102] Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3	_____
[SOAN 271] Quantitative Research methods and Statistics	3	_____
[SOAN 281] Qualitative Research Methods	3	_____
[SOAN 332] Sociological Theory	3	_____
[SOAN 333] Anthropological Theory	3	_____
[SOAN 356]/[SOWK 356] Engaging Diversity and Inequality	3	_____
[SOAN 442] Senior Thesis	3	_____
[SOAN 420]/[SOWK 420] Social Welfare Policy and Social Change	3	_____
SOAN Electives – 12 credits – chosen from the following courses:	12	_____
[CRIJ 282] Restorative Justice (3)		
[ENGL 230] Linguistics (3)		
[SOAN 215] Introduction to Urban Sociology (3)		
[SOAN 221] Native American Cultures (3)		
[SOAN 226] Social Psychology (3)		
[SOAN 232] Sociology of Aging (3)		
[SOAN 334] Population and Environmental Issues (3)		
[SOAN 335] Social Conflict, Justice and Peacemaking (3)		
[SOAN 341] Religion and Society (3)		
[SOAN 342] Women and Men in American Society (3)		
[SOAN 365] Drug and Alcohol Addiction (3)		
[SOAN 381] Topics in Non-Western Cultures (3)		
[SOAN 382] Topics in Sociology and Anthropology(3)		
[SOAN 384] Families in America (3)		
[SOAN 391] Sociology and Anthropology Practicum (1-3)		
[SOAN 491] Independent Study (1-3)		
[SOAN 497]/[SOAN 498] Major Honors (3,3)		

Sociology and Anthropology

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Major Requirements on reverse side

General Education Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
Oral Communications	3	_____
Created and Called for Community	3	_____
Mathematical Sciences	3 or 4	_____
Laboratory Science	3 or 4	_____
Science, Technology & the World	3	_____
Two of the following:	6	_____
Social Science (3 credits – [SOAN 101])		_____met by major
European History (3 credits)		_____
United States History (3 credits)		_____
Literature	3	_____
Philosophy and Religion	3	_____
Arts	3	_____
Language/Cross Cultural		
First Semester of Language	3	_____
Second Semester of Language	3	_____
Third Semester of Language or Cross Cultural	3	_____
Non-Western Studies ([SOAN 102])	2 or 3	_____met by major
Bible	3	_____
Christian Beliefs	3	_____
Health and Physical Fitness		
Introduction to Wellness	2	_____
Activity Course	1	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
Ethics (3 credits)		_____
World Views (3 credits)		_____
Pluralism in Contemporary Society ([SOAN 356])		_____met by major
Writing Enriched Course		_____

SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

General Education	48-50
Major Core Requirements	39
Free Electives	34-36
Total	123

Sociology and Anthropology Curriculum

Suggested four-year program of study.

This suggested program of study is only an example. With appropriate planning, there is considerable flexibility, including opportunity for a second major or a minor or a semester off campus for study abroad, internships, a semester or more at the Philly Campus or other special experiences. Students should work closely with their advisor to plan ahead. Some SOAN courses also meet General Education requirements. At least 18 hours must be 300 or 400 level courses.

First Year Fall Semester

SOAN 101	Intro to Sociology	3
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 104 or 106	Oral Communications	3
PHED 101	Introduction to Wellness	2
BIBL 20X	Encountering the Bible	3
	Language	3
		17

First Year Spring Semester

SOAN 102	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
	Math, Statistics, Computer Science Gen Ed	3
IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community	3
	Language	3
	Lab Science	4
		16

Sophomore Fall Semester

SOAN 271	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics	3
SOAN	Elective	3
	Philosophy and Religion Gen Ed	3
	Literature Gen Ed	3
	Arts Gen Ed	3
		15

Sophomore Spring Semester

SOAN 281	Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOAN	Elective	3
PHED	Activity Course	1
	Christian Beliefs	3
	History Gen Ed	3
SOAN or Other Electives		6
		16

Junior Fall Semester

SOAN 332	Sociological Theory	3
SOAN 356	Engaging Human Diversity and Inequality	3
SOAN	Elective	3
	Ethics Gen Ed	3
SOAN or other Elective		3
		15

Junior Spring Semester

SOAN	Anthropological Theory	3
SOAN	Elective	3
SOAN 420	Social Welfare Policy and Social Change	3
	Cross Cultural	3
SOAN or other electives		3
		15

Senior Fall Semester

SOAN 442	Sociology and Anthropology Thesis	3
SOAN or other electives		12
		15

Senior Spring Semester

SOAN or other electives		12
Science Technology and the World		3
		15

Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Career Center for Vocation and Development, Messiah College

The Career Center offers comprehensive services to all students throughout their program of study. From identifying skills and personality traits, to choosing a major, to gaining related experience and preparing for graduate school or job interviews, the staff at the Career Center are available at every step along the path.

Identification of Strengths

Common characteristics and skills of students pursuing study in the Department of Sociology and Social Work:

- Understanding and appreciation of human behavior and culture
- Ability to conduct and explain research clearly
- Sensitivity to needs and struggles of others
- Interpret and evaluate situations based on theory
- Ability to make appropriate decisions and sound judgments under stress
- Ability to maintain confidentiality

We can help you identify your strengths through individual career counseling and self-assessment inventories like the Myers-Briggs, Self-Directed Search, and the Strong Interest Inventory. Understanding your unique skills and interests allows you to translate your personal characteristics into professional opportunities.

Resources for Career Exploration and Employment Connections

- *Careers for Caring People and Other Sensitive Types*
- *Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types*
- *Careers in Sociology*
- *Days in the Lives of Social Workers*
- *Individual Career Coaching; creating a Career Plan*
- Individual handouts—“I’m interested in…” e.g. Social Work, Anthropology, Psychology
- Handouts—“What can I do with this degree?” e.g. Anthropology/Archeology, Child & Family Studies, Sociology, Social Work
- Alumni Contacts for Information Interviews & Job Shadowing
- On-campus Recruitment and Interviews
- Career Center *Alumni Survey of Recent Grads*
- *Job Choices* magazines
- *E-Recruiting Service* <http://messiah.erecruiting.com>
- *National Directory of Private Social Agencies* (2 volumes)
- *Non-profits’ Job Finder*
- *The O* Net Dictionary of Occupational Titles*
- *Alternatives to the Peace Corps*
- *Good Works: A Guide to Careers in Social Change*
- *Directory of Private Social Agencies*

Internship Center

The Internship Center offers off-campus exploration and internships to all majors and can help you explore career areas through the following:

- Internships
- Practica

CAREER CENTER

“The resume critiques that the Career Center offered were one of the most beneficial tools I could have used. You tell them what you’re looking for and the staff help you gear your resume toward that area or position.”

—Sociology
'00 Grad

Sample Internship Opportunities

- Adolescents and Eating Disorders, Big Brothers/Big Sisters—Capital Region
- Case Worker, Philhaven Hospital
- Guidance Counselor, Hershey High School
- Case Manager, Kids Peace National Center
- Juvenile Justice, Northwestern Academy/Secure Detention
- Social Work, TresslerCare Foster Care

Career and Job Preparation Assistance

- Individual Career Coaching
- *Career action plan*
- “Snapshots of Vocation”—alumni stories (brochure and website)
- Senior focus events—sponsored by the Career Center and Alumni Office
- Resume and cover letter development, samples, and individual critiques
- Job and Graduate School Preparation Workshops
- Interview preparation and practice interviews
- Job and Graduate School Fairs
- Workshops on a variety of career-related topics
- Online job and resume posting (<http://messiah.erecruiting.com>)

College-Sponsored Job and Internship Fairs

- Career & Graduate School Expo
- Capital Region Internship Fair
- CPEC Internship and Job Fair
- CVC Internship and Job Fair
- TRD (Teacher Recruitment Day)

Home Page Connections www.messiah.edu/offices/career

Visit our home page to access information on majors, employment opportunities, graduate and professional school preparation, and alumni stories of vocation. A complete calendar of events and registration options, resume referrals, and sign-up options for on-campus interviews are available through eRecruiting. Visit job searches by major, as well as general employment information.

Graduate School Preparation

- *Graduate School Handbook*
- Assistance with graduate and professional school resumes, essays, applications, and interviews
- The *Graduate School Guide* and the *Christian Graduate* magazine (both free)
- Peterson’s grad school directories; test preparation booklets and guides
- Graduate School Fair and Seminary & Theological Studies Fair—held on campus, fall semester
- Gradschools.com—one of many sites for graduate school and program searches
- Kaplan Practice Test Sessions: GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT
- Celebration Reception for students accepted to grad school

CAREER CENTER

“I did not have an international experience, I had the cross-cultural experience of the Philadelphia campus. it was great and I learned a lot! I would recommend it to anyone.”

—Social Work
'00 Grad

Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

EpiCenter, Messiah College

Although EpiCenter programs are open to all students, there are some programs that may be of particular interest to students in the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Below is a description of these opportunities. For more details, stop by the EpiCenter.

“The world is a great book, of which they who never stir from home read only a page.”

Resources available in the EpiCenter include:

- Applications
- Brochures / Catalogs / Videos
- Course Listings
- International Student Identity Cards
- Fact Sheets
- Passport Photos

Information is provided about:

- Costs
- Deadlines
- Names of Program Advisors
- Passports
- Requirements
- Traveling/Studying Abroad

City University Athens

Students live and study in the shadow of the ancient Acropolis while participating in BCAs program in Athens. Field trips to such places as Delphi, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Naphleon, and Sparta provide students with an introduction to the history and culture of Greece.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.7 GPA

Courses available in Sociology and Psychology.

CASAS (Central American Study and Service)

Students spend eight weeks in Guatemala in language and cultural study and four weeks in service projects, projects that may include working in health clinics, educational programs, squatter settlements, orphanages, churches, or development organizations.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

Students can choose from social science-related courses such as Anthropology Perspectives in a Guatemalan Context and Violence, Justice, and Peace in Central America.

GoEd

Based in Kampala, Uganda, and Kigali, Rwanda, the GoED Program in Africa engages students with the reality of global poverty. Run by Food for the Hungry, the program fosters spiritual formation alongside academic courses and cross-cultural experience; students participate in one of the FTH service projects.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

Students take social science-related courses such as “Issues in Peacebuilding” and “Social Context for Community Development.”

Internships

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“Being in Russia challenged my view of ‘the way things are.’ Russia was like another stepping stone showing me, as other experiences have, that I do not have all the answers, that America does not either, and neither does Russia. That people in all places struggle with things, that they see things differently and that when we are able to meet with and really talk with other people and when we really listen to them, that is when we are changed and learn.”

—Sociology major,
Russian Studies
Program (Russia)

Students have an opportunity to test their theories in real world settings as they preview possible career opportunities. The program is specifically designed to help students gain an awareness of the demands and issues within a particular profession and consider how values and faith apply to the work place.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

LCC International University

Witness history in the making while studying in Klaipeda, Lithuania. Part of the former Soviet Union, Lithuania is home to LCC International University which serves students from a number of Eastern European nations.

Lithuania Christian College (continued)

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

Students can take classes in sociology and social sciences.

London Internship Program

the London Internship Program, offers internships and academic study for a semester in London, England. Students are placed in field experiences related to their majors and take classes offered by Arcadia faculty or at City University.

- ✓ Junior, or senior status
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

Criminal Justice internships and course available

Philadelphia Campus

Studying in Philadelphia allows students to have the benefits of a large university and the closeness of a small community as they experience an urban culture.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.25 GPA

Students can choose to participate in the Urban Semester Program which offers an opportunity for students to earn general education credits while they study urban culture and issues.

Service-Learning

This year-long program will give students an opportunity to integrate faith and learning and is designed to encourage students to live out their faith. The program is broken into three sequential components: a spring preparatory class, a summer service experience, and a reflective fall course.

- ✓ First year, sophomore, or junior status

Students can participate in service projects related to their majors.

Spring Semester in Thailand

Students study Thai language and culture by immersing themselves in a unique Asian experience. Home stays, internship / service projects, travel, and classroom instruction at Chiang Mai University are designed to give students a comprehensive view of life in Thailand. Students take a ten-day field trip to Lanpang, Sukhothai, Phitsanulok, Ayutthaya, Pattaya, and Bangkok. Students have interned at the Buddhist University at Wat Suan Dok, The New Life Center, and the Northern Center for Child Development.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

University of Gloucestershire

Located in southwestern England (near the border of Wales). University of

Gloucestershire is home to the BCA program in the UK. Messiah students experience British life in the quaint English town of Cheltenham. Students also travel to historical and cultural locations around the country.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.7 GPA

Courses available in Social Work, Sociology, and Criminology.

University of San Francisco of Quito

Quito, often referred to as the "land of eternal spring," provides Messiah students with a beautiful location to work on their language skills. Students study in a South American university, live with Ecuadorian families, and travel to the Amazon rain forest and the Galapagos Islands.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ Four semesters of college-level Spanish are required
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

Offers courses in Sociology available.

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