

Concentrations

- Traditional
- Criminal Justice

About the Major

The Department of Sociology and Geography at Shepherd University has a long and rich tradition of **preparing students for employment in academic, governmental, nonprofit, and law-enforcement organizations**. The department is made up of six full-time faculty members who are dedicated to undergraduate teaching excellence and to preparing students for success in careers and personal endeavors.

The department is part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and offers a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology, with either a traditional or criminal justice concentration. It also offers minors in sociology and geography/anthropology. In all cases, students active with the department receive **a strong liberal arts education in a small classroom setting that stresses independent, critical thinking through experiential learning**.

Careers

Sociologists often work in corrections, law enforcement, and the justice system; in government as social science analysts and government administrators; at agencies including social services, youth services, and mental health offices; in business, industry, and nonprofit organizations; and in human resources departments. Sociologists attain technical writing, reporting, and public relations skills.

Geographers and anthropologists gain the knowledge and skills to analyze the world's physical and cultural environments from the local to the global in both historical and contemporary contexts. They pursue careers in areas such as natural resource management, urban planning, museum development and oversight, teaching, and spatial data analysis and mapping.

Get Involved

Sociology and Criminology Club

The Sociology and Criminology Club promotes interest in the field of sociology as well as its theories, methods, and practices within our communities. The Sociology and Criminology Club's purpose is to provide a place for students of culture and society to engage in discussions about topics such as collective behavior, social problems, and stratification. Membership in the Sociology and Criminology Club looks great on applications and résumés and provides the opportunity for members to meet and network with other people

with similar interests. The club promotes education and awareness about sociology and criminal justice topics, while exposing members to real life field-related experiences. This club is a great way to meet great people and have a lot of fun.

Points of Pride

- Experiential learning and field experience.
- Online courses in entry-level core and upper-level courses.
- Community outreach and community service projects in courses.



Shepherd students presented their sociological research during the 32nd annual Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference.

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