



# GENEVA COLLEGE

## *Department of Sociology*

### OVERVIEW

The sociology program introduces students to the dynamic, multifaceted, and complex world of people. Geneva's program is designed to equip students to understand social theory particularly as it connects to the everyday social life of communities. Each portion of Geneva's sociology program is connected to a "real world" experience. As with all of Geneva's programs, special attention is given to the unique contribution Christians can make in the social realm as loving service to Christ.

### CONCENTRATIONS

1. Community reconciliation and renewal
2. American culture studies
3. Criminal justice

Unique "hands-on" opportunities (each of these corresponds to an area of academic concentration listed above):

#### THE CITY HOUSE

The City House is a living/learning community set in a traditional neighborhood in Beaver Falls. In addition to living in Christian community, students do course work together and are weekly involved in neighborhood building and community service.

#### CULTURE.ISH.

As a student you can write for a publication that evaluates contemporary culture. *Culture.ish.* is an independent, grant-funded publication and website that encourages a thoughtful engagement with popular and unpopular culture.

#### JAIL TIME

Each semester students have the opportunity to take a course on criminology in the Beaver County Jail where they sit next to inmates who are trying to turn their lives around as they take a college class.

### EMPLOYMENT

As a liberal arts major, sociology students don't prepare for a particular occupation like some of the other majors but are equipped for a variety of jobs. Here are some examples of what recent sociology grads are doing:

1. Drug rehabilitation counselor for a county agency
2. Spanish teacher and cross cultural trip leader
3. Alternative education teacher for teens not permitted in their public school
4. PhD student in racial reconciliation studies
5. Finishing graduate school to begin a career in community economic development
6. Working for an investment firm and beginning an MBA
7. Beginning a graduate degree to work with college students with learning disabilities
8. Residence hall director
9. Working for Young Life with teen mothers
10. Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Area Director



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