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CHOICES—You make them daily about every aspect of your life. Right choices make you feel good about who you are and how you live your life. The choices you make define who you are and are becoming.

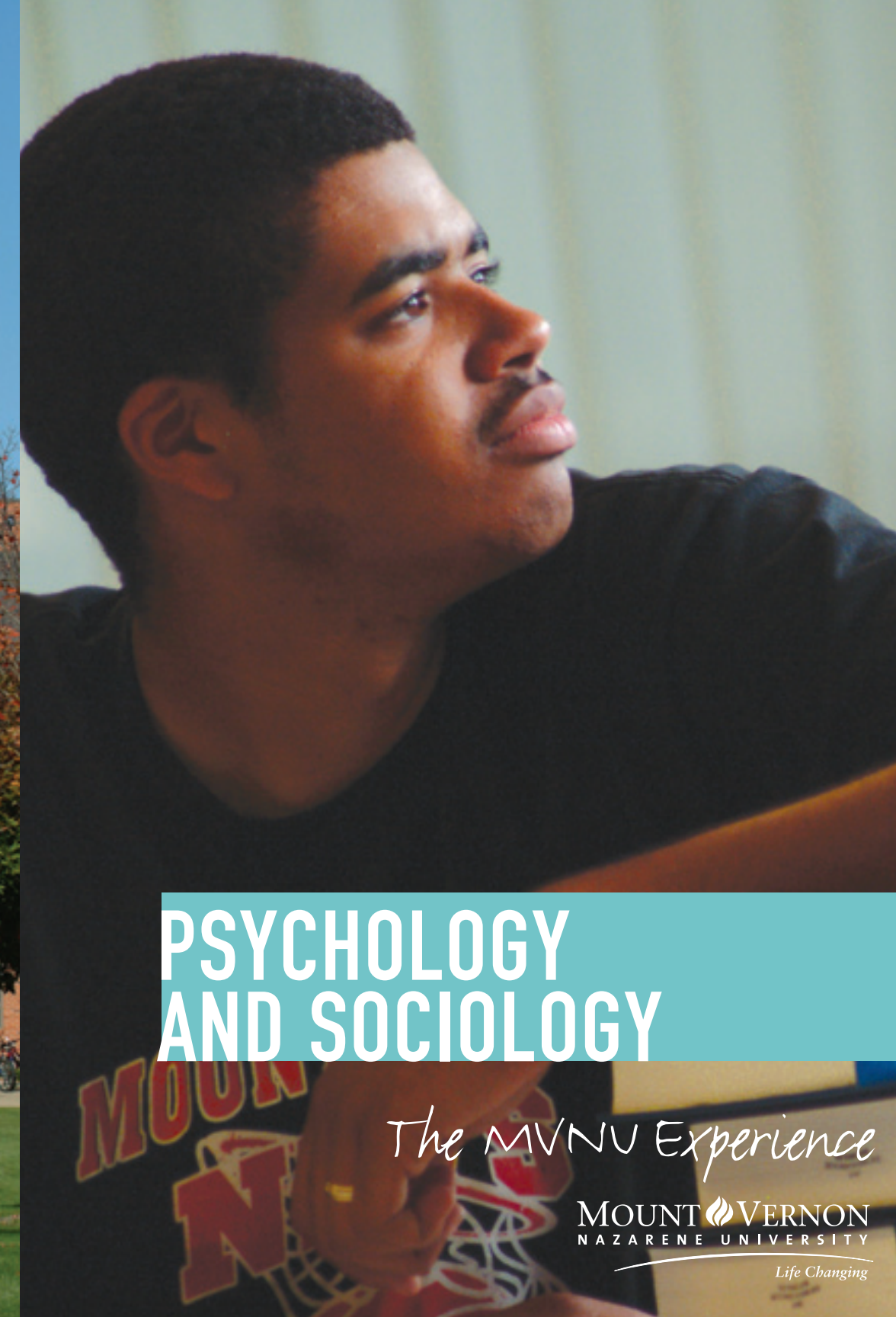
As you think about the choice of a college education, we want you to know that at Mount Vernon Nazarene University you have choices of relevant and challenging majors that will open the doors to experience discovery and growth. Travel. Serve. Learn. In a real community of faith where professors give you personal attention and you know you're not a number; you're one of us. We'll show you how you can afford it too. It's all a matter of choice. Make the right one.

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Welcome to the Natural and Social Sciences! I am excited about the programs we offer and encourage you to explore this brochure.

MVNU will prepare you for many career opportunities that require an understanding of the natural and social world and the methods used to solve problems in our society. Whether your interests lie in teaching, laboratory work, clinical practice or going on to graduate or professional school, the natural and social sciences have something to offer you.

Our professors are highly qualified and strive to help each individual achieve his or her personal goals. Our warm and caring environment creates a community of believers preparing for service to God and others. Our alumni literally “span the globe” in their successful careers.

I invite you to consider coming for a visit, as you are making decisions about the direction your life will take.

*Dr. Robert T. Kasper,
Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences*

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY PROGRAMS

The Psychology and Sociology Department at Mount Vernon Nazarene University exists to help you discover your unique personality and calling and to teach you how to invest yourself in a life of compassion and service. Our faculty will encourage you to explore your faith, deepen your knowledge, and question your world through a variety of classroom teaching styles, off-campus observation trips, travel programs, and internship experiences. These experiences help prepare you to make a difference in your world, as you explore graduate school options or employment in your area of interest.

Psychology

Our program of study in psychology qualifies students for employment in almost any field that requires interaction, dialogue, and understanding of others. Graduates are employed in art therapy, human resources, research, domestic violence programs, and adolescent behavioral programs, to name a few. Or pursue advanced degrees in the social sciences in order to work in

counseling, school psychology, forensics, or teaching. Others follow a wide variety of areas of professional interest, including religion, law, and the humanities.

Program requirements include coursework in the history and systems of psychology, the study of personality, theories of learning, social interaction, abnormal psychology, experimental techniques, and research design. A monthly seminar explores

relevant topics and assists in building close relationships with other psychology students. Our unique January elective course could involve you in a 1,100-mile bike trip through California and Arizona as part of the study of human dynamics and group behaviors. Outstanding faculty will lead you with a strong reputation for creativity and caring.

Our graduates consistently exceed the national average on the national standardized test administered during their final semester at MVNU. Scores of those who take additional exams in psychology for entrance into graduate schools also rank consistently above average in comparison to national norms.

Sociology

In MVNU’s sociology program, you will discover and explain social relationships through scientific methodology. At the same time, faculty will help you to understand the importance of cultural values and perspectives, while promoting a distinctly Christian world view of individuals and societies. A degree in sociology is excellent preparation for a variety of areas of professional interest that will allow you to explore God’s creation in a way that facilitates a greater understanding of service and care for others.

You will have the option to choose one of two tracks in sociology:

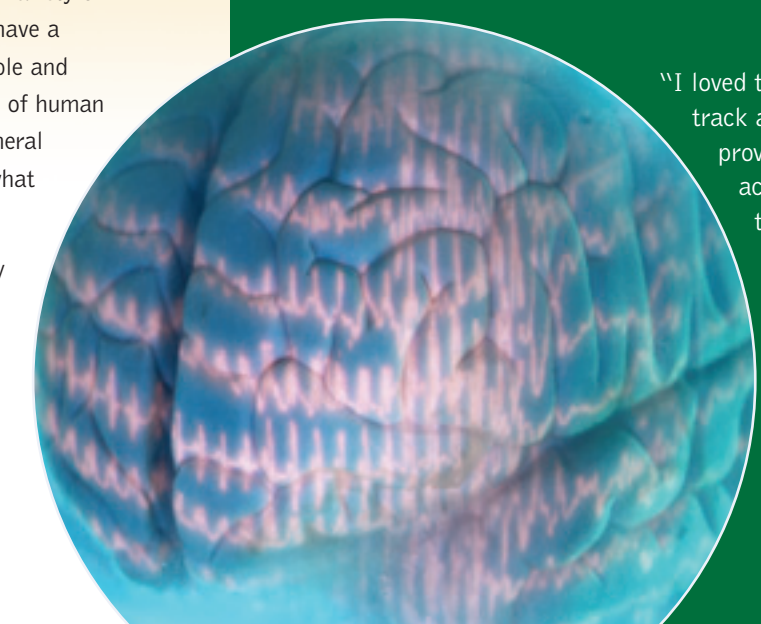
- The community development track emphasizes identifying and serving the needs of various communities through planning, policy-making, grant writing, problem-solving strategies, and service-oriented classroom and community projects. Graduates in the community development track often find employment in business, government, social service agencies, not-for-profit settings, or church-sponsored service organizations.
- The general sociology track provides opportunities for students to pursue a broad understanding of sociology, which can then be applied to a wide variety of professional interests. If you have a passion for working with people and gaining a clear understanding of human and social interaction, the general sociology track may be just what you’re looking for.

Are you ready to serve? Faculty in psychology and sociology are eager to hear from you!

WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE SAYING

“I found a home at college in the Psychology Department at MVNU. The faculty take an interest in our personal as well as academic lives, and no one leaves Christ out of the study of the mind. You will be hard-pressed to find another psychology department that could measure up to MVNU’s passion and vision. I came to college for an education and a piece of paper—but what I have found is a home and people who really care about me and my future. I now see psychology as my Christian duty to help a lost world and the world of God.”

NATHAN CROY ('04)
Psychology



“I loved the sociology program/community development track at MVNU! I also loved the fact that the program provided the opportunity to either complete another academic major or (in my case) to complete two minors—all within four years. This program cultivated my passion for work within communities and my love for people, while it opened up opportunities for me to discover new passions in serving the Lord through serving others.”

AMY DIXON ('03)
Sociology

MAJORS

Students in Psychology and Sociology may choose a major in one of the following programs:

- **B.A. in Psychology**
- **B.A. in Sociology**
Community development track
General track