

# Mustang Soccer

MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE

State University of New York  
College of Agriculture and Technology



## About Morrisville

Morrisville State College, located in Central New York, offers bachelor degrees and a wide variety of associate degrees and options. Considered to be one of the most technologically advanced colleges in the nation for its ThinkPad University program and wireless technology initiative, the college was the first in the nation to comprehensively replace telephones in residence halls with individual cellular phones for students. Morrisville State College was also chosen as one of the top five colleges in the nation for campus activities by Campus Activities magazine. The Morrisville State College Norwich Campus offers programs in business, technologies, liberal arts/education transfer, and nursing to Chenango County area residents and employers.

To be eligible for NCAA competition, all student-athletes must be enrolled in a program leading to a baccalaureate degree and have taken the SAT exam.

## MSC Facts & Stats

Students in all majors: 3,338  
Percent male students: 60  
Percent female students: 40  
Number of active clubs and organizations: 40+  
Outstanding athletic facilities including three gymnasiums, fitness center, IcePlex ice hockey rink, recreation center.  
Full-time on-staff athletic trainers.  
Several intramural athletic leagues, tournaments and events and over 70 hours of informal open athletic recreation time is scheduled weekly.  
Six on-campus dining areas and a variety of meal plan options.  
Nextel cellular phones for resident students.

## Academic Majors

Baccalaureate degree programs are listed, followed by related associate degree programs.

### Agricultural Business Development

Related Associate Degree: *A wide range in agricultural fields*

### Automotive Technology

Related Associate Degree: *Automotive Technology*

### Automotive Technology Management

Related Associate Degree: *Automotive Technology*

### Business Administration

Related Associate Degree: *Any Associate Degree*

### Criminal Justice

Related Associate Degree: *Criminal Justice*

### Dairy Management

Related Associate Degrees: *Animal Science—Dairy, Agricultural Business, Agricultural Science*

### Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management

Related Associate Degrees: *Any Associate Degree*

### Equine Science

Related Associate Degrees: *Equine Science and Management, Equine Racing Management*

### Horticulture Business Management

Related Associate Degree: *Horticulture*

### Human Performance and Health Promotion

Related Associate Degree: *Sports, Nutrition and Fitness Management*

### Information Technology—

#### Applications Software Development

#### Electronic Marketing and Publishing

#### End-User Support

#### Information Technology—Technology Management

#### Network Administration

#### Web Development

Related Associate Degrees: *Computer Information Systems, Computer Systems Technology, Office Technology, Business Administration, Accounting (relate to all Information Technology degrees above)*

### Journalism & Communication Online Media

Related Associate Degree: *Journalism Technology*

### Nursing

Related Associate Degree: *Nursing*

### Renewable Resources

Related Associate Degrees: *Natural Resources Conservation, Aquaculture and Aquatic Science*

### Resort and Recreation Service Management

Related Associate Degrees: *Food Service Administration, Gaming and Casino Management, Restaurant Management, Travel and Tourism: Hospitality Management*

### Science, Technology and Society:

Related Associate Degrees: *Any Associate Degree*



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Morrisville State College, a residential college located approximately 30 miles between the cities of Syracuse and Utica in Central New York, offers the total college experience. The college allows students to experience the availability of a balance of activities both in and out of the classroom. The athletic program at Morrisville State administers 16 intercollegiate athletic teams and a full schedule of intramural athletic opportunities.

Our athletes have contributed to our long-standing success as an institution and have brought home a number of regional and national titles. Many of the college's athletes have been named All-Americans.

At Morrisville State College, athletes will find outstanding facilities and equipment. A dedicated staff of coaches and trainers act as mentors. The college also offers free tutoring for all students.

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## Women's Softball

Morrisville State College is a Division III member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and began membership with the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) in 2009. Current conference members include Cazenovia College, Gallaudet University, Keuka College, Penn State - Abington, Penn State - Berks, Penn State - Harrisburg, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Institute of Technology, and Wells College.

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While the championships won will always be part of the fabric of Morrisville's athletic heritage, the Mustangs are anxious to begin forging a new tradition as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The women's softball team has a long and successful athletic history at Morrisville. The team has produced all-Conference and all-Region selections as well as two NJCAA Academic All-Region selections and two NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Morrisville softball's main competitive season is in the spring semester. At Morrisville, student-athletes are able to enhance their skills in the fall season by participating in on-campus pitching and hitting clinics.

Spring trips to the southern United States, including Texas and Florida have allowed our student-athletes to train and compete in early spring.

## Coaching Staff

Tom Blackford joined the Morrisville State coaching staff as head coach of the women's softball program in the fall of 2010.

Blackford brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Morrisville State, having coached softball for several seasons at two prestigious high school programs. He comes to Morrisville from Fayetteville-Manlius High School where he served as the softball coach for two seasons from 2003-2005, producing a 26-10 overall record, and coaching the team to a league championship title in 2003, a runner-up title the following season.

Prior to joining the staff at F-M, Blackford served as the head coach of the softball program at Hamilton High School where he tallied a 230-102 overall record in 15 seasons, posting seven league championship titles, a Section III championship title and an appearance at the regional championship.

In all, Blackford has tallied a 256-112 overall record in 17 seasons, placing several players on All-State teams.

Aside from coaching softball, Blackford is well known in Section III for coaching high school basketball for the past 28 years. For 20 years he was head of the Hamilton High School varsity program, recording



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an astounding 317 win, 138 loss overall record. While coaching the Knights, Blackford claimed seven league titles, five Section III titles, five regional championship titles and made five appearances at the NYSPHSAA Final Four Tournament. His team also posted two Class D State Championship wins (1994, 2000) and had 11 players earn All-State honors, two named All-State Players of the Year, including NBA Golden State Warrior center Adonal Foyle. Named the 1994 Class D New York State Coach of the Year, Blackford was honored by his peers four times as the Section III Coach of the Year (1994, 1997, 2000, 2007).

For the past eight seasons at the helm of the varsity program at F-M, Blackford has tallied an overall record of 100 wins, 78 losses, earning Class AA Coach of the Year honors in 2007.

A graduate of SUNY Cortland with a master's degree in physical education, Blackford is currently a physical education teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius High School.

## Prospective Students

Prospective student-athletes are encouraged to contact Coach Blackford in the softball office at:

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 Fax: 315-684-6252  
 E-mail: blackfbt@morrisville.edu

## 2011 Schedule/Results

3/13 - 3/20	Spring Training Trip	TBA
3/26/2011	SUNYIT *	1:00 PM
3/27/2011	@ Wells College *	1:00 PM
3/29/2011	@ Hamilton College	3:00 PM
3/30/2011	@ Cazenovia College *	3:00 PM
4/2/2011	@ SUNY Cobleskill *	1:00 PM
4/3/2011	WELLS COLLEGE *	1:00 PM
4/5/2011	@ SUNY Canton	3:00 PM
4/7/2011	CAZENOVIA COLLEGE *	3:00 PM
4/9/2011	@ Keuka College *	1:00 PM
4/10/2011	SUNY COBLESKILL *	1:00 PM
4/13/2011	SOUTHERN VERMONT	3:00 PM
4/16/2011	@ SUNY IT *	1:00 PM
4/17/2011	KEUKA COLLEGE *	1:00 PM
4/18/2011	@ Elmira College	3:00 PM

\*\* denotes North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) contest  
 Note: all games are double headers unless otherwise noted.

## About Morrisville State

Students at Morrisville State College choose from bachelor and associate degrees in more than 70 majors and options in the Schools of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Business, Liberal Arts and Science and Technology. Approximately 50 degree programs are ThinkPad University curricula where the use of laptop computers is fully integrated into academic life.

With 3,338 students, Morrisville offers an environment which encourages class participation and exploration and provides students with the opportunity to grow intellectually and personally. The student-to-faculty ratio at Morrisville is low, providing students with an opportune learning environment. Morrisville State College's academic programs include general education electives as well as courses in students' field of concentration.

### Admission

Morrisville State College accepts students on a rolling admission basis. Requirements for admission to academic programs vary. SAT and ACT exams are required for students applying to bachelor degree programs. On-campus interviews are recommended.

### Financial Aid

Morrisville State awards financial aid on the basis of need. More than 85 percent of the student body receives financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans or an on-campus job. Many students participate in state and federal programs such as Pell and TAP grants.

### Residential Life

Eleven residence halls offer a variety of living arrangements for students and a variety of dining facilities provide different meal options. Residence halls provide an opportunity for autonomy and affiliation in a supportive environment and serve as centers for organized social, cultural and educational activities.

Each residence hall offers study and recreational lounges, laundry facilities, wired and wireless computer access and a variety of vending machines. Each room is furnished with desks and chairs, beds, dressers,

floor lamps and cable hookup.

There is always something to do on campus with more than 40 clubs and organizations, campus social activities as well as dramatic and musical productions.

## Athletic Facilities

Morrisville State College has a variety of excellent athletic facilities designed to cultivate physical achievement and well-being, both among intercollegiate athletes and the campus community.

The Morrisville State College IcePlex houses two regulation-sized rinks and serves as home ice for the men's hockey team. Several community organizations also call the IcePlex home. Within the twin-rink ice complex are classrooms that provide hands-on training, a first-aid room, 11 locker rooms, offices, a game room, pizza and sub shop and a pro shop.

The college's outdoor facilities include a synthetic 400-meter track, six outdoor tennis courts, and athletic fields for football, field hockey, soccer, softball and lacrosse.



Full-time athletic trainers are available to athletes for care and prevention of athletic injuries. An orthopedic doctor reports to campus once a week to evaluate athletes' injuries. The trainer is associated with the Hamilton Orthopaedic Office located 10 minutes from Morrisville State College.

A \$2 million renovation and expansion of the college's Recreation Center was completed in January 2007, brought an artificial surfaced field house to campus. The renovated Recreation Center also features a new athletic



training room, which will have the ability to serve athletes' daily needs as well as rehabilitative needs following injury. It is equipped with a variety of whirlpools and strength equipment and machines. The facility also contains a new laundry and equipment room, wrestling room, locker rooms for men and women and several Athletic Department staff/support offices. The Recreation Center also provides an indoor 200m track.

Future plans are to renovate and expand the college's fitness and wellness center located in the STUAC. The fitness center currently features a variety of weight training machines, treadmills, steppers, elliptical trainers and other aerobic machines. The current fitness center also contains a hardwood aerobics room. STUAC houses the main gymnasium (seated capacity 1,200), an auxiliary equipment/laundry room, Athletic Department staff offices, and additional men's and women's locker rooms.



The new multi-purpose stadium features an artificial turf surface, lights, new scoreboard, locker rooms, press box and stadium seating for 1,500 spectators for field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's lacrosse.

