



#ACachievers

## Question. Examine. Act.

*Do you wonder why social problems like poverty, crime, racism and sexism exist? What can be done about them?*

At Assumption, you'll study humans and their social behavior. You'll analyze social structures and interactions across cultures. And you'll learn to think about the world in new ways and to take action that can make a difference.

"Throughout my experience at the Worcester DA's office I had the opportunity to gain insight in many different aspects of the court system. I was regularly observing pre- and post-trial meetings and I had the opportunity to examine a great deal of evidence. The people that I came in contact with at the DA's office were always willing to lend a hand."

Cody Forbes '16, Criminology, Pathways Intern with the US Secret Service, Post-Grad Position: Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service

### DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption's Accelerated Double Major for Sociology and Criminology allows students to graduate with a degree in both programs in four years. The program includes a year-long internship in the criminal justice system, and makes them more competitive in both the job market as well as for graduate school.

## Challenge your assumptions

Assumption's programs in sociology and criminology not only teach you to examine social problems, but also encourage you to work for social change — in whatever career you choose.

You learn how the discipline of sociology is used to contribute to the greater good. Criminology coursework provides students with an understanding of crime as a social phenomenon, both regarding its causes and its consequences for society. Working closely with your professors, you conduct research and analyze data, and, as a result, you investigate the taken-for-granted social world and your role in society. As you learn about the world, you are mentored by professors who really get to know you.

Outside the lecture hall, you participate in hands-on opportunities like community-based service learning projects, internships and cocurricular activities. This fieldwork provides you with practical experience that enhances your classroom learning and exposes you to real social phenomena.

The curriculum also lends itself to off-campus study abroad opportunities. Sociology and criminology students have recently studied in Washington, D.C., Australia, England, Italy, and South Africa.



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Light the way.

## Course of study

With a broad-based liberal arts foundation, our programs in sociology and criminology foster the critical and creative thinking and communication skills you'll need to compete in the 21st-century global economy as an informed, engaged and employable citizen. In their senior year, criminology and sociology majors engage in extensive professional development to prepare them for careers and graduate school.

Assumption offers the following majors and minors in sociology and criminology:

### SOCIOLOGY

**Major or Minor.** Course work emphasizes public sociology. This is how the discipline can be used to contribute to the greater good in society. These courses help students understand the extent to which social structures impact our lives through the study of sociological theory, methods, and data analysis. In addition, you choose elective courses in the areas of inequality, institutions and community, social change, criminology and deviance. Majors participate in a senior seminar where students receive professional development skills and write a major paper that offers solutions to social problems in some manner.

### CRIMINOLOGY

**Major.** Criminology is the study of theories that explain why individuals engage in criminal behavior and how the criminal justice system operates. Prepare for a career in law, criminal justice, social work, government service, human resources or business. Become more competitive for graduate school and careers in the profession through a double major in sociology and criminology in just 18 courses.

Learn about our sociology and criminology faculty, courses and degree requirements at [www.assumption.edu/sociology](http://www.assumption.edu/sociology).

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Alison Cares, Chair and Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminology, has been awarded over \$2.2 million in grants, many of them federally funded, and is considered an expert in campus sexual violence prevention.

# 81%

2017 graduates who completed at least one internship, research or service learning experience.

#### SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

Court Support Services Center  
Worcester Courts  
U.S. Postal Inspectors  
Rhode Island State Police  
Child Advocacy Center, Worcester County  
District Attorney's Office  
Key Program  
Union Hill Elementary School  
Office of the Middlesex District Attorney  
W. Hartford Police Academy  
Worcester Police Department  
Massachusetts Department of Children and Families  
Massachusetts State Police  
Pathways for Change (formerly the Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts)  
Springfield (Mass.) Bankruptcy Court  
U.S. Secret Service  
U.S. Marshalls  
Worcester County District Attorney's Office  
Worcester Police Department

## Learn by doing

In order to gain valuable career experience or increase the competitiveness of your applications to graduate programs, sociology and criminology students are strongly encouraged to participate in an internship.

From nonprofit service organizations to crime prevention and public safety agencies, a wide range of internship opportunities are available in the city of Worcester. While many of these are just minutes from campus, others are located in nearby Boston and Springfield.

Through your internship, you acquire the knowledge, confidence and professionalism that will give you a leg up in today's competitive job market and also make important contacts that may lead to employment.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption's Sociology major emphasizes public sociology, where students receive detailed knowledge on how the discipline help the greater good, whether that be in raising awareness, developing solutions to social problems, or in nonprofit and private enterprise employment.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Assumption sociology and criminology graduates go on to earn graduate degrees including Masters in Social Work (MSW), Juris Doctorates (JD), Masters in Public Health (MPH), Masters in Public Policy (MPP), Masters in Education (MEd), Masters in Counseling (MA), Masters in Business Administration (MBA), and Doctorates in Sociology (PhD), Clinical Psychology (PhD), and Education (EdD). Others enter directly into careers in such fields as law enforcement, education, counseling, communications, law, business and public service. Here's a sampling of where Assumption alumni are taking action:

#### SAMPLE RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOLS

American University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
New England School of Law

New York University  
Northeastern University  
Quinnipiac School of Law  
University of California - Davis  
University of San Diego School of Law

#### SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Elder Services of Worcester area  
Fidelity Investments  
Massachusetts Department of Social Services  
Massachusetts State Police  
The United Nations  
Bose Corporation  
Brookline Public Schools  
Brown Rudnick LLP  
Essex County District Attorney's Office  
Fitchburg State University Football  
Franklin (Mass.) Public Schools  
Massachusetts Department of Children & Families  
Raytheon  
The KEY Program  
U.S. Marine Corps  
U.S. Secret Service