



Question. Examine. Act.

Do you wonder why social problems like poverty, crime, racism and sexism exist? What can be done about them? Do you question why humans in different cultures behave the way they do?

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.

"My internship allowed me to interact with U.S. senators and other federal officials, participate in a civic engagement project, and live and work in Washington, D.C. The opportunity to build my network and broaden my educational experience would have not been possible without my Assumption professors."

Lindsay Wilson '14, sociology and psychology double major; graduate student at American University, MS in Justice, Law and Criminology with a Concentration in Terrorism and National Security

Challenge your assumptions

DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption's 2 in 18 Program makes it possible for students to double major in Sociology and Criminology in just eighteen courses. This allows students to graduate with a double major in four years, and makes them more competitive in the job market and for graduate school.

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

You study and discuss sociological and anthropological theories and perspectives and learn how to relate these ideas to the social issues of today. 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, criminology and anthropology 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, criminology and anthropology 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.

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

SOCIOLOGY

Major or Minor. Sociology 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, in which you write a major paper on the sociology topic of your choosing.

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.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Minor. Anthropology studies human biological and cultural variation from a holistic and comparative perspective. Assumption offers a variety of courses in anthropology, ranging from Human Evolution and Variation to Native American studies classes. Students who minor in anthropology take classes in cultural anthropology, human evolution, and archeology.

Learn about our sociology, criminology and anthropology faculty, courses and degree requirements at www.assumption.edu/sociology.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alison Cares, Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminology, has gathered over 1.6 million dollars in grants, many of them federally funded, and is considered an expert in bystander violence.

72%

of students from the Class of 2014 had at least one internship experience prior to graduation

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

African Community Education, Worcester
Dr. James A. Caradonio New Citizens Center, Worcester
Massachusetts Department of Children and Families
Pathways for Change (formerly the Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts)
Springfield (Mass.) Bankruptcy Court
Worcester County District Attorney's Office
U.S. Secret Service
District & Superior Court Probation
Massachusetts State Police
U.S. Marshalls

Learn by doing

In order to gain valuable career experience or increase the competitiveness of your applications to graduate programs, sociology, criminology and anthropology 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 Community Service Learning (CSL) minor combines classroom learning with service in the community – and is an excellent pairing to a major in sociology. By working with local organizations that serve such disadvantaged populations as children, immigrants and the homeless, CSL puts theory into practice and provides firsthand knowledge of complex societal issues. Learn more about our Community Service Learning program at www.assumption.edu/programs.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Assumption sociology, criminology and anthropology students either go on to graduate programs in sociology, criminology, criminal justice, anthropology, law, social work and school counseling, or 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

Assumption College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
College of William and Mary

Dartmouth College
New England School of Law
North Carolina State University
University of California - Davis
University of San Diego School of Law

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Elder Services of Worcester area
Fidelity Investments
Framingham (Mass.) Public Schools
Massachusetts Department of Social Services
Massachusetts State Police
National Public Radio
The United Nations