



#ACachievers

Question. Examine. Act for Change.

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. You'll learn to think about the world in new ways and to take action that can make a difference. You'll gain the skills you need to be successful in the world after graduation.

"Through this internship I learned many different skills that are involved in protection details. I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to work with crimes that dealt with counterfeit currency. After working alongside many of the Special Agents, I now have a better idea of what it is like being a part of a federal agency."

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 and 18 courses. The program includes a year-long internship and makes students more competitive for both the job market and 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 path you choose.

You learn how the discipline of sociology contributes 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 contributes 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, students choose elective courses dealing with topics including race, ethnicity, gender, inequality, crime, and other timely social issues. Majors participate in a senior seminar where students focus on professional development and create and present a proposal that aims to help solve a current social problem and highlights skills developed as a sociology major.

CRIMINOLOGY

Major or Minor. Criminology considers why some acts become defined as crimes (the sociology of law), what causes crimes (criminological theory), and how society reacts to crime (the study of the criminal justice system). Students choose from elective courses that cover contemporary issues facing the field of criminal justice including prisoner rehabilitation and re-entry, family violence, race and ethnicity, and the role of victims. Seniors participate in a required two semester internship seminar with a dual focus on professional development and the production of an individual research project that showcases the skills students have acquired through the major.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

84%

2018 graduates participated in research, internships, service learning and/or student teaching opportunities

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

Child Advocacy Center, Worcester County
District Attorney's Office
Court Support Service Center
Judicial Nominating Commission, Office of the Massachusetts Governor
KEY Program, Inc.
Massachusetts State Police
Northborough Police Department
Pathways for Change (formerly the Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts)
Union Hill Elementary School
U.S. Postal Inspectors
U.S. Secret Service
Worcester Community Corrections Center
Worcester County District Attorney's Office
Worcester District Court Probation Department
Worcester Police Department, Gang Unit
Worcester Probate & Family Court

Curricular Pairings

Sociology and criminology pair well with a number of other offerings on campus, so that students can customize their academic path to their particular interests. A common combination includes a double major or minor with psychology. Students have also double majored or minored with global studies, history, human services and rehabilitation studies, philosophy, political Science, theology, and women's studies. The possibilities are truly endless! Our programs also retain the flexibility for students to study abroad or in Washington, DC.

Leadership Opportunities

The Sociology and criminology department is invested in the success of each of our students. Every year, we recognize leadership and achievement by appointing department student ambassadors, selecting department tutors, awarding honors at convocation, and inducting students into national honor societies.

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
Dartmouth College

Florida State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Quinnipiac University School of Law
University of California Davis

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Bose Corporation
Brown Rudnick LLP
Catholic Charities
Connecticut State Police
DraftKings
Essex County District Attorney's Office
Habitat for Humanity
KEY Program, Inc.
Liberty Mutual
Massachusetts Department of Children & Families
Massachusetts Parole Board
Merrill Lynch
Raytheon
Suffolk University
U.S. Marine Corps
Worcester Public Schools