

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Providence College offers students the chance to examine the world through a sociological lens. Through active, engaged learning, students are challenged to approach their world critically and to achieve a nuanced understanding of how stratification, marginalization, and institutionalization impact society at large and individual opportunities, experiences, and realities. Students are introduced to sociological perspectives that are global, national, and local and to social realities that reflect the complexities of race, class, gender, and culture. As well as providing students the opportunity for in-depth study and analysis within a broad range of sociological sub-fields, our diverse curriculum enables students to engage in the “doing of sociology” through original sociological scholarship and internship opportunities.

B.A. Sociology

The sociology major involves 10, three-credit courses. Through these courses, as well as experiential learning opportunities, students form a foundation of sociological knowledge and understanding. They learn the methodological skills necessary to gather and evaluate information, and they develop an understanding of how sociological questions and answers influence social policy. Just as important, they build the skills that are important to success in the professional field, including critical thinking, the ability to read and write analytically, to solve problems, and to effectively communicate.

Minors

Anthropology: A minor in anthropology at PC engages with questions of social justice, inequality, injustice, and discrimination. By using decolonial, anti-colonial, and anti-oppressive methodologies and pedagogies, our students learn to “see like an anthropologist.” Students will be challenged to see the world from different and contrasting points of view. As a minor, students in anthropology will learn to read the world.

Sociology: A minor in sociology is also available, and it is a valuable addition to many other fields of study, including anthropology, health policy and management, public and community service studies, global studies, secondary education, business, humanities, and many others. Students wishing to minor in sociology must complete six courses in the program, including Introductory Sociology, Social Research Methods, and four additional sociology courses, selected based on the student’s interests and career plans.



Explore Courses
of Study
and More





PLACES AND PEOPLE

Sociologically-focused internships are available in various sectors, such as government, nonprofits, business, and education. Recent internship sites include the R.I. Secretary of State's office, Sojourner House, Providence Promise, Clinica Esperanza, Blue Cross/Blue Shield RI, Meeting Street School, and Habitat for Humanity.

Each spring, the annual Sociology Student Recognition Dinner recognizes students for excellence in research, activism, and departmental citizenship. Additionally, we induct members into the Rhode Island chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society.

Our faculty present at national sociological conferences and have authored articles in esteemed professional publications like The Sociological Quarterly, Ethnicities, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, The Journal of Family Issues, The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, and The Journal of Latino and Latin American Studies.

Selected Places of Employment

Northwell Health • American Medical Response
 Jones Kelleher • Omnicom Media Group • AmeriCorps
 Lifespan • Providence Student Union • Beyond Identity
 Locally • RocaTon • City of Woonsocket • MediaCom
 Sevenstep • Daversa Partners • Siemens Healthcare
 Fidelity Investments • Teach For America
 New York Liberty • Toast, Inc. • Hollister Group
 North Shore Medical Center

Selected Graduate Schools

Barry University • George Washington University
 Quinnipiac University School of Law
 Boston College • Grand Canyon University
 Southern Connecticut State University
 The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
 Harvard Graduate School of Education
 Tufts University • Concordia University
 Michigan State University • University of Michigan
 Cork Institute of Technology • University of Virginia

95%

of sociology graduates are employed or attending graduate school

(Providence College classes of 2018 – 2022)

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