

ANTHROPOLOGY + SOCIOLOGY

Anthropology + Sociology (ANSOC) majors study how we live our lives and how our lives are shaped by the world around us. At RWU, students conduct their own research that includes field observations, interviews, and case studies both domestically and abroad. Anthropology + Sociology students evaluate social dynamics, question implicit assumptions, and develop culturally sensitive strategies that help prepare them for a range of careers or graduate school.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, ANSOC majors:

- Conduct original research and immerse themselves in fieldwork to learn about new cultures, and examine how society shapes and influences the individual and the wider world.
- Explore the challenges of being a second-generation immigrant in America, how individuals are re-defining meaningful work, or any other topic of their choice.
- Partner with community organizations to solve problems that matter, like examining whether public transportation effectively connects people to community resources.
- Present research at the Northeast Anthropological Association, New England Undergraduate Sociology Conference, and Popular Culture Association.

- + **Are you curious about what makes people tick?**
- + **Do you wonder why people behave one way at home, but a different way at work?**
- + **Are you interested in how individuals have an impact on their community and the systems with which they interact?**

CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU Anthropology + Sociology alumni are working in several fields:

- Social services
- Community outreach
- International development
- Human resources management
- Marketing and product development
- Nonprofit communications
- Advocacy

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



I completed a job shadow with a social worker for one of my courses and I loved it. Being in that environment and writing a report on it was the biggest help in realizing the direction I wanted to go.



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Immerse Yourself in Study Abroad Programs

Explore other cultures and the issues they face. For example a faculty anthropologist leads an environmental justice-focused course in Brazil examining how social factors affect access to resources such as water, farmland, and culturally significant landscapes. Another faculty sociologist leads the Social Life in Global Cities course comparing the urban social life of London and Paris, their changing social geography, urban restructuring, and contemporary cultural manifestations.

Get a Great Internship

Anthropology + Sociology majors complete internships at a wide range of organizations, including:

- Dorcas International Institute of RI
- Child & Family RI
- Northern Rhode Island Conservation District
- RI Office of the Attorney General

CURRICULUM

During your first two years, you will learn a variety of subfields within Anthropology + Sociology. You will study fundamental anthropological and sociological theories that you'll use to dive deep into research. The program connects theory and methods.

In your third year, you'll gather data, interpret what you've found and analyze your ideas. ANSOC 300: Qualitative Methods teaches you how to conduct research, how to think critically about what your research means, and how it informs a larger conversation.

In the capstone course, ANSOC 400: Senior Seminar, you'll apply qualitative research skills through an anthropological and sociological lens with an original research project. You'll develop your own research question and protocol, conduct the research, analyze, and then present your findings at a professional academic conference as well as to the campus community.

Special Courses

You can choose from many electives, including:

- Culture and the Environment
- The Anthropology of Sport
- The Social Worlds of Fashion & Art
- Constructing Gender

OVER 80% OF RWU STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE MAJOR

Design your experience with your passion and have a unique career advantage with a minor or double major. Many students combine **Anthropology + Sociology** with:

- Psychology
- Legal Studies
- International Business
- Sustainability Studies
- Public Health
- Environmental Science
- International Relations



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