

SOCIOLOGY



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WHY STUDY **SOCIOLOGY** AT BRYANT?

Engage with faculty experts who bring a multifaceted approach to our dynamic Sociology program as you hone your analytical skills.

➤ *Explore your interests and develop your writing skills* as you study topics including contemporary social problems, health care, overpopulation, race and society, and sport and society.

➤ *Customize your education* with a broad range of courses and opportunities for directed studies with individual faculty members.

➤ *In your capstone, explore* a topic of your choice and work closely with a faculty member as you *create a distinctive body of work* that will help set you apart from the competition.

ASHLEY NESMITH '17

*Event Support Specialist
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Nashua, NH*



MAJORS: Sociology; Management

HOMETOWN: Bedford, NH

PATH: Recipient of 2017 Sociology Commencement Award; studied abroad in Rome; completed directed studies and research projects on the refugee crisis, children of incarcerated parents, and fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House; interned with Colliers International, Easter Seals New Hampshire, and Big Brothers Big Sisters; participated in Colleges Against Cancer and Alternative Spring Break.

“My work with the Ronald McDonald House brought together the business side of my studies with the sociology side. I know that is going to be really useful for me in the future. My whole Bryant experience – my professors, my extracurricular activities, the incredible community – has made me more confident in my ability to go outside my comfort zone, both to pursue my own goals and to help other people.”

INSPIRING FACULTY

Our inspiring faculty are nationally recognized authors, award-winning educators, and dedicated mentors with mastery in subjects ranging from race, gender, and inequality issues from sport studies to Brazilian immigrants. These caring and supportive professors get to know you as an individual in our close-knit, student-centered community. The perspective on people and social relations you gain through your Sociology studies will apply to any profession.

THE SOCIOLOGY FACULTY INCLUDES:

- One of the first faculty members in the U.S. to establish a sociology course based on the HBO series, "The Wire."
- An author of 25 books on contemporary social issues and frequent contributor to local, national, and international media.
- An internationally recognized expert on the issue of guns and American society.
- A scholarly researcher who has explored sport studies, inequality, and immigration in Brazil.

My experience at Bryant as a Sociology major ignited a lifelong passion for community activism that I carry forth as the lead volunteer organizer for the ACLU Cambridge/Somerville local group. My ability to harness the sociological imagination to understand the story behind data has also led to a successful career in advertising, managing multi-million dollar digital advertising buys for the likes of Tiffany & Co., Party City, KFC, and the U.S. Navy.

JONATHAN DECOSTA '12

Queer Evangelism, LLC
Founder & CEO
Washington, DC

Among Our Distinguished Faculty:



GREGG LEE CARTER, Ph.D.

Professor of History and Social Sciences
Coordinator of Sociology

- International expert on topics including gun control in the United States, race and gender issues, and population and society.
- Author of 25 books, including *Gun Control in the United States: A Reference Handbook*.
- Recipient of Bryant University's Distinguished Research and Publication Award, Excellence in Teaching Award, and Distinguished Faculty Award.
- Recognized with the Outstanding Contributor to Instruction Award by the American Sociological Association.

RENEE LUCAS '18

Community Coordinator
Boston Women's Workforce Council
Boston, MA



MAJOR: Sociology

MINORS: History; Human Resource Management; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

HOMETOWN: Millis, MA

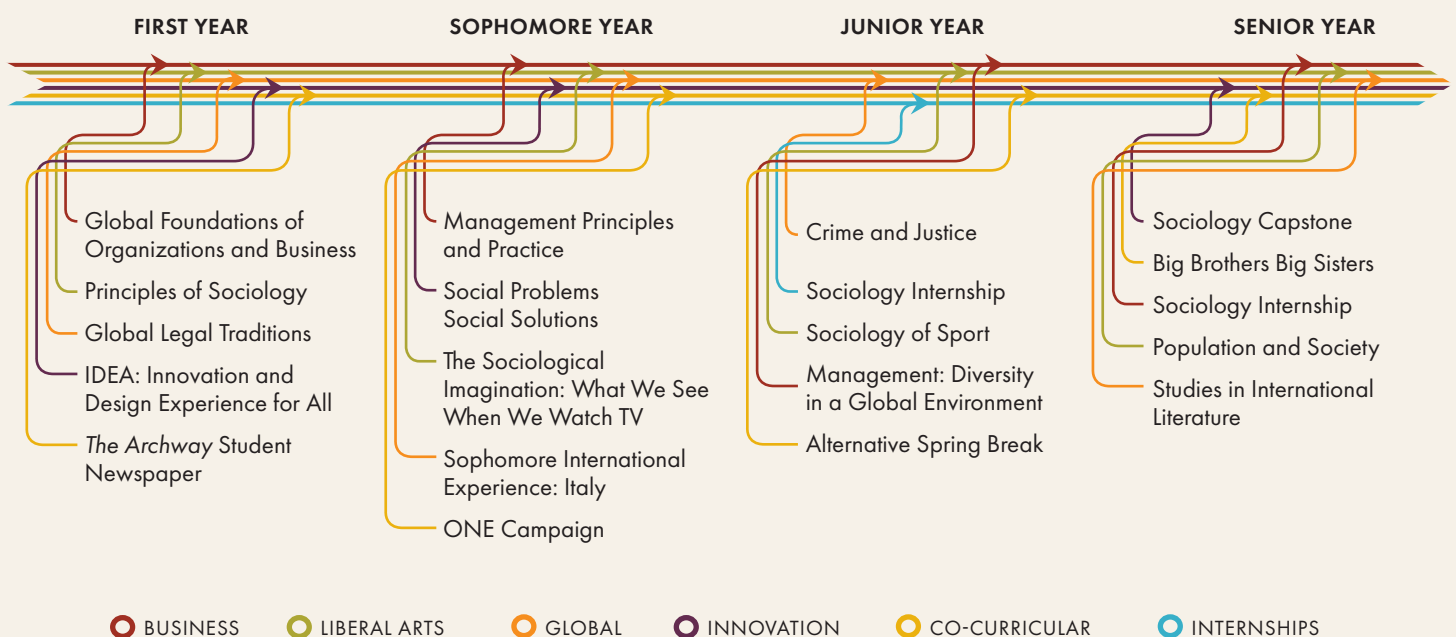
PATH: Diversity and Inclusion Intern at UMass Medical School; member of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society; Representative of the Sociology Department on the Dean's Advisory Council; MyPath Mentor; Sophomore International Experience to Germany and Spain; Treasurer of the Riding Club.

"My sociology courses inspired my commitment to gender equity, diversity, and inclusion. My collaboration, communication, and interpersonal skills are helping me expand that commitment as Community Coordinator with the Boston Women's Workforce Council, which oversees the 100% Talent Compact, an employer pledge to take concrete steps toward closing the gender gaps in wages and representation in their companies."

DESIGNED FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Bryant's innovative educational experience is focused on one central objective – preparing you for success. Bryant is recognized nationally for integrating business and the arts and sciences to provide students with a powerful combination of highly marketable skills. With a strong emphasis on experiential learning, your Bryant education will include opportunities for internships, consulting, participation in national conferences and competitions, social entrepreneurship, and study abroad. Bryant's inspiring and purposeful student life is designed to enhance your learning and real-world credentials.

Here's an abbreviated sample path to success:



BRIAN SALIT '19

Bryant University Recent Alumni Trustee
 Management Trainee
 Toyota Motors North America
 Seekonk, MA



MAJOR: Sociology, Finance

HOMETOWN: Seekonk, MA

PATH: Three-season cross-country and track athlete; member of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Council, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee executive board, the Senior Advisory Council, the Student Athlete Health and Wellness Committee, and Special Olympics; Recipient of the William T. O'Hara Leadership Award, the Omar Shareed Spirit Award, the Boulet Award for Academic Achievement, and the Sociology Commencement Award.

"My experience at Bryant as a double major allowed me to grow holistically. The sociology background will help give me the foundation needed to succeed in my career with Toyota. The unique resume I created at Bryant set me apart from my peers and continues to help me in my career."



WHAT SETS BRYANT'S PROGRAM **APART?**

1 *An Active Learning Approach*

- Engaged learning with the opportunity to explore social data analysis and popular media analysis in several courses.
- Collaborate with faculty mentors on directed study or capstone projects that require intense research, sometimes involving direct work with nonprofit and governmental organizations.



2 *Opportunities to Excel Academically*

- Present your research at professional conferences – including the annual New England Undergraduate Sociology Research Conference.
- Outstanding Sociology students may join Bryant's chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society.
- Participate in Research and Engagement Day, a Bryant showcase that highlights student and faculty research collaboration, creativity, and innovative academic accomplishments.



BRYANT **SOCIOLOGY** GRADUATES ARE IN DEMAND

In business, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations including:

- > ADOPTION RHODE ISLAND
- > AMERICORPS VISTA
- > BOSTON WOMEN'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL
- > CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION
- > EMERSON HOSPITAL
- > HB COMMUNICATIONS
- > IRWIN W. STEANS CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE LEARNING AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
- > MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- > OAKLAND ATHLETICS
- > PEACE CORPS
- > PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
- > SACHEM CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHABILITATION
- > TOTAL QUALITY LOGISTICS
- > TOYOTA MOTOR COMPANY
- > WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

In leading graduate programs including:

- > Boston College
- > DePaul University
- > Fordham University
- > Roger Williams University School of Law
- > Suffolk University School of Law
- > Wake Forest University School of Law

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