

# ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

## UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

The Department of Anthropology and Sociology believes that you can benefit from being exposed to a wide range of subjects that are all concerned, in some way, with the study of human belief and behavior in society. To make knowledge gained in the classroom more meaningful, you can become involved in specialized projects, ranging from local archaeological excavations to community organization internships to structured overseas trips.

### Career Opportunities

Those enrolled in the anthropology and sociology programs at West Chester University study life as it is lived in the U.S. as well as the rest of the world. This has enabled graduates of the programs to find employment in a broad range of fields, including community development, law and law enforcement, market research, policy planning, human services, public health, and cultural resource management.

The department's programs also prepare you for advanced degree programs. Some of the schools where West Chester graduates have been admitted for further study include the following:

Duke University  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
New Mexico State University  
Temple University  
The New School for Social Research  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Florida  
Yale University

### Undergraduate Degrees

**Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.** This interdisciplin-

ary program is designed to engage you in understanding human cultural and biological variation. The program focuses on human biological evolution; the origin, development, and integration of human cultures; and the interrelationship of biological and cultural factors in human behavior.

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.** Carefully crafted to expose you to a study of the complexities of social life, this program focuses on understanding the processes involved in the creation, maintenance, and evolution of social structure and on the impact of diverse structural forms on social behavior. You will begin to grasp the dimensions of social processes and the role of the individual in shaping or being shaped by them.

### Minors

Anthropology

Sociology

### Associated Minor

Ethnic Studies

### Special Study Opportunities

You may earn six credits by working with local agencies, including community hotlines, welfare agencies, and rape crisis centers. You also may participate in museum work and in archaeological research in historic Chester County.

### Typical Courses

Archaeological Field Techniques  
Criminology  
Culture of Cities  
Cultures of Ethnic Groups in America  
Human Paleontology  
Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft  
Medical Anthropology

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Museum Techniques  
Native Peoples of South America  
Social Organization  
Social Stratification  
Sociology of Culture  
Sociology of the Family  
Sociology of Work

## Related Student Activities

Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology honor society)  
Anthropology Club  
Sociology Club

## Faculty

You can obtain a complete listing of faculty and their academic qualifications for these programs from the contact person listed below.

## For More Information

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Undergraduate Catalog: [http://www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/)

## About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in

more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

## Information on Admission

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