



Find your place

Do you enjoy studying the past to learn about the present? Are politics your passion? Do you want to understand why societies develop in a particular fashion? Then Assumption College's history and political science programs can provide you with the broad worldview and clear thinking that is valued in business, government, and nonprofit organizations.

If you're interested in law, Assumption has highly individualized pre-law advising that will prepare you for law school, and we have three law school partnerships. It's to your advantage.

DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption has collaborated with Regis College to make higher education more enriching and affordable. Regis offers preferred graduate school admission, among other incentives, to qualifying Assumption students. Those students gain advanced standing and receive credit toward their Master of Arts in Heritage Studies for up to two qualifying Assumption undergraduate History courses. Such students can complete the MA degree in as little as one year, thereby allowing them both to save money and to earn their degrees more quickly.

Make history. Get political.

When you study history at Assumption, you'll choose from our breadth of offerings – from North American and European to Asian, Latin American and Middle Eastern history. Once you discover the area you love, you can explore it through engaging coursework and independent research opportunities.

Located in Worcester, Massachusetts, Assumption students can take advantage of the school's proximity to several renowned libraries and museums. You can also participate in semester-long study abroad programs or take part in short-term, faculty-led excursions to sites throughout Europe.

In our political science classes, you'll engage in spirited discussions on subjects like peace, justice, and terrorism and be exposed to a variety of political views. Each class is an opportunity to look at topics from multiple angles and reflect on your rights and responsibilities as a citizen.

If law school is in your future, you'll be interested in our pre-law advising, which allows you to major in whatever subject you like while receiving one-on-one guidance on applying to law school. You can also take advantage of our partnerships with several distinguished law schools.

"The dedicated and enthusiastic faculty piqued my interest and prepared me with in-depth knowledge and important research application skills. This combination insured my success in law school and in my current role as a corporate lawyer."

- Shawn Guilderson '10, double major in History and Political Science, University of Massachusetts Law School



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Light the way.

Course of study

HISTORY

Major or Minor. You'll explore the rich and varied experience of the past while deepening your understanding of the present. By interrogating documents and evidence, you improve your skills of critical judgment and argumentation. Your studies will culminate in an individual research project of your choosing, which will prepare you for graduate and professional schools and open doors to careers.

Major in History: Education You'll pair your love of history with a major in education that will prepare you to teach in any school in Massachusetts and reciprocal agreements that let you teach across the country.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Major or Minor. You'll gain a comprehensive grounding in the principles and problems of politics by studying American national government, American public policy and administration, international politics, major foreign states, and political philosophy. In so doing, you'll sharpen your speaking and writing abilities as well as your analytical skills.

Minor in Law, Ethics, and Constitutional Studies (LEX): Co-sponsored by the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, this minor is designed for those who want to acquire the liberal arts skills essential to personal and professional excellence, especially in fields of law, government, teaching and journalism, as well as to all those who aspire to thoughtful citizenship.

PRE-LAW

If you're interested in pursuing a career in law, you can major in any subject at Assumption, and our experienced pre-law advisors will work with you to prepare you for law school. What's more, they'll arrange meetings for you with Assumption alumni in the legal profession, connect you with valuable legal internships, and aid you in your preparation for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

Law School Agreements. Highly qualified and motivated students may choose to take advantage of Assumption's partnerships with prominent law schools. We offer several accelerated programs that allow you to bypass a year of college and earn both bachelor's and law

degrees in six years. You study for three years at Assumption and then move on to one of the participating law schools.

After your first year of law school, you are awarded your bachelor's degree from Assumption. Then, after your third year of law school, you are awarded your law degree from that institution.

Participating law schools include Duquesne University School of Law and Western New England University School of Law. We also have an articulation agreement with Vermont College of Law.

AMERICAN STUDIES SEMINAR

Located just moments from campus is the prestigious American Antiquarian Society (AAS) – a research library founded in 1812 that focuses on American history, literature, and culture. It contains extensive collections documenting the life of Americans from the colonial era through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Each year, select Assumption students take part in an interdisciplinary research seminar at the AAS focusing on a different aspect of early American history and culture.

Learn by doing

History and political science majors as well as pre-law students are strongly encouraged to participate in an internship. Here in Central Massachusetts, we're surrounded by businesses, nonprofit organizations, historic sites, government offices, and legal organizations. For those students who prefer to venture farther, Boston and Providence are less than one hour from campus – we've even had students intern abroad.

72%

of students from the Class of 2014 had at least one internship experience prior to graduation

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

- Charitable initiatives in Latin America
- Irish Parliament and Northern Ireland
- Foreign Ministry
- Law firms in New England and Europe
- Library of Congress
- U.S. National Park Service
- The Washington Center
- Worcester Historical Museum

WHAT'S NEXT?

While many Assumption history, political science, and pre-law graduates go on to pursue advanced degrees at graduate or law schools, others enter directly into such fields as education, business, journalism, and public service. Here's a sampling of where Assumption alumni have found their place:

SAMPLE RECENT LAW SCHOOLS

- Boston University
- Florida State University
- Georgetown University Law Center
- New England School of Law
- Northwestern University
- Suffolk University
- University of Cambridge, UK
- University of Connecticut
- University of Notre Dame
- Fordham University

SAMPLE RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Baylor University
- Boston College
- Carleton College
- Claremont McKenna
- College of William and Mary
- Fordham University
- Saint Joseph's College
- University of Chicago
- University of Dallas
- University of Massachusetts Amherst

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

- American Antiquarian Society
- Boston Public Schools
- International War Crimes Tribunal (Tanzania)
- Johnson & Johnson
- Law firms in New England and New York
- Manhattan Institute for Policy Research
- Massachusetts State Senate
- State Street Bank and Trust
- The White House