What Can I Do With A Major In Sociology?

A field that is broad enough to encompass all various interests in fields as diverse as criminology, poverty, aging, urban development, media, medicine, science, race and gender, you may find that the sociology major is right for you. Sociology not only provides individuals with training in contemporary human inquiry, but also allows them to develop the critical thinking, analytical, writing, research and fieldwork skills essential for professional success. Students are well-prepared for graduate school, the human services field, development work, and social and academic research and civic leadership.

### Possible Career Options
(Some may require further education/specialization)

- Anthropologist
- Caseworker
- Clinical Social Worker
- Community Relations Director
- Community Resource Coordinator
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Corrections Officer
- Counselor:
  - Abortion & Alternatives
  - Adoption
  - Battered Spouse
  - Children’s Services
  - Chronic Disease Services
  - Employee Assistance
  - Pregnancy
  - Rape/Crisis Intervention
  - Rehabilitation
  - School
  - Senior Citizen/Elderly
  - Services Worker
  - Substance Abuse
- Crime Victim Criminologist
- Customer Service Representative
- Elder Care/Recreation Worker
- Gerontologist
- Human Resources Administrator
- Infant Mental Health Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Market Research Analyst
- Men’s Services Worker
- Minority and Race Relations Specialist
- Missionary
- Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
- Penologist
- Political Systems Researcher
- Population Studies Researcher
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Psychotherapist
- Public Health Statistician
- Seminary Director
- Social Services Agency Director
- Social Worker
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Vocational Services Worker
- Women’s Service Worker
- Youth Services Worker

### Types of Employers

#### Private & Non-Profit Organizations

- Adoption and Child Care Agencies
- Advertising Agencies
- Banks
- Correctional Institutions
- Education Institutions
- Financial Service Companies
- Hospitals
- Labor Unions
- Management Consulting Firms
- Market Research Firms
- Mental Health Institutions
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Personnel Agencies
- Publishing Companies
- Radio and TV Stations
- Real Estate Agencies
- Religious Organizations
- Resort Hotels
- Retail Stores
- Social Service Agencies
- Substance Abuse Clinics

#### Government Agencies

- Civil Rights Commission
- Consumer Affairs Office
- County Probation Department
- Division of Youth and Family Services
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Federal Communications Commission
- Foreign Service
- Health and Human Services
- Labor Department
- National Science Foundation
- Peace Corps/VISTA
- Veterans Administration

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**GENERAL SKILLS**
- Possesses proficiency in interpersonal communication and networking
- Conducts and explains sociological research clearly
- Establishes and maintains rapport
- Knows community resources
- Maintains composure in stressful situations
- Displays sensitivity to and understanding of human development and behavior
- Understand socio-cultural forces impacting human behavior
- Possesses awareness of the processes involved in dynamic person-environment interactions

**RESEARCH SKILLS**
- Operates and uses information derived from computers
- Evaluates, integrates and applies knowledge
- Observes and analyzes introspectively
- Develops strong quantitative and statistical skills

**PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS**
- Evaluates problems and makes appropriate decisions
- Analyzes concepts, definitions, arguments and complex problems
- Organizes ideas, deals with questions of value, and extracts information
- Distinguishes fine differences between views and discovers common ground
- Generates ideas and formulates solutions

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- Interprets and clearly explains psychological research and tests of all types
- Presents ideas through well-constructed, systematic arguments
- Listens and responds to others objectively
- Expresses a distinctive view and explains difficult material
- Eliminates ambiguities and vagueness in communication
- Establishes and maintains rapport through interpersonal communication skills
- Articulates problem solving and goal oriented results

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**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION**

- Answering a crisis hotline and providing support to callers
- Serving on mission trips to foreign countries
- Organizing, planning and implementing activities for senior citizens
- Working as a supervisor at a juvenile detention center
- Leading units of campers at a summer camp
- Serving as an advocate for rape victims

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association, asanet.org
- International Sociological Association, isa-sociology.org
- Rural Sociological Society, ruralsociology.org
- Social Science Research Council, ssrc.org
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, sssp1.org

**ENHANCING YOUR EMPLOYABILITY**

- Join relevant student organizations to develop leadership skills.
- Participate in internships and field experience placements.
- Add a minor or double major.
- Become active in alumni and/or mentor networks.
- Plan on a graduate degree for advancement.
- Take part in mock interview opportunities.

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