



What is Sociology & what can you do with it?

Though many differences can be identified among individuals, each of us lives with others in a society. In fact, it is through our daily social interactions that we create, sustain, and change the very essence of society. Sociology studies all aspects of life in a society, how it both shapes and is shaped by people. Using the scientific process, sociologists answer questions such as:

- Why do jobs vanish from one area and appear somewhere else?
- What social influences enable prejudice?
- What alternatives to the nuclear family exist, and how prevalent are they?
- How has an increased number of elderly people impacted life in the U. S.?
- Is this still a country where hardworking people can get ahead?
- How are intimate relationships around the world different?
- Why does a person join a social movement and advocate for social change?

Students studying Sociology develop the ability to answer these questions and understand the limitations of their conclusions. The skills you need to succeed in a 21st century career include creativity, innovation, critical thinking, analytic problem-solving, communication, collaboration, multicultural and global understandings, and expressive and persuasive writing skills. Because career advancement in an increasingly diverse, global society requires the ability to work cooperatively and effectively with people from different cultures, ethnicities and nationalities, sociological coursework is uniquely suited to help you develop such skills. With a degree in Sociology, students have a foundation for both understanding and working in a globalizing world.

Careers fields for Sociology Majors

- Government
- Health Services
- Law
- Social Services
- Teaching
- Higher Education
- Business

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The following list of possibilities is only illustrative — many other paths may be open to you and additional education or training may be required. Careers in Sociology, a publication of the American Sociological Association, identifies these employment sectors:

Business

- Public Relations
- Marketing & Sales
- Consumer Research
- Insurance
- Real Estate
- Human Resources (Personnel Management)
- Training
- Entrepreneurship
- Media Community Services
- Non-Profit Agencies
- Urban Planning
- Childcare
- Community Development
- Environmental Groups
- Advocacy

Health Services

- Family Planning
- Substance Abuse Education
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Hospital Admissions
- Insurance Providers

Law

- Law Enforcement
- Investigations
- Probation & Parole Administration
- Judicial Affairs
- Attorney
- Paralegal
- Criminal Justice Publishing
- Professional Writing
- Research
- Editing
- Journalism

Social Services

- Rehabilitation
- Case Management
- Youth & Elderly Services
- Recreation
- Administration
- Social Work
- Local, State, & Federal Agencies

Teaching & Higher Education

- Elementary
- Secondary
- Special Education
- Teaching English as a Second Language
- Admissions
- Advising
- Alumni Relations
- Development
- Administrative Support