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What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

Sociology

Sociology is the study of human society and social behavior. Sociologists examine how individuals act in small and large groups, as well as how such groups are formed and function. Sociology students will explore social problems and public policy. Plus, they will investigate a range of topics, including the intimacies of family relationships; the demographics of urban and rural spaces; and the consequences of race, gender, and class divisions across societies. Specialties within sociology are criminology, demography, cultural traditions, family relations, social psychology, gerontology, social welfare, race relations, and social change.

IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

You might like this major if you also like: observing human behavior; reading; research; community service activities; debating; computers

Consider this major if you are good at: attention to detail; creativity; research; teamwork; organizing

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Colleges and universities
- Probation and parole offices
- Public and private secondary schools
- Government agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Advertising firms
- Community development agencies
- Environmental groups

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Advocate
- Educator
- Sociologist
- Social Worker
- Public Health Worker
- Policy Analysts
- Demographers
- Juvenile Officer

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

Great Jobs for Sociology Majors

100 Jobs in Social Change

Opportunities in Social Work Careers

Careers in Social Work

Opportunities in Gerontology and Aging Service Careers

Jobs and Careers with Non-Profit Organizations

Career Opportunities in Politics, Government and Activism

TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociological Theory
- American Society
- Aging and Society
- Social Deviance
- Gender Roles
- Sociology of the Family
- Social Problems
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Sociology of Poverty

OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice
- Political Science
- Social Work
- Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies
- Urban, Community, and Regional Planning
- Human Development and Family Studies

WEBSITES TO VISIT

American Sociological Association
www.asanet.org

Society for Applied Sociology
www.appliedsoc.org

Association for Humanist Sociology
www.humanistsoc.org