SOCIOLOGY

Sociology

What can I do with this degree?

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts.

Sociology Skills

- Analyzing, Interpreting , Evaluating, Conducting Research
- Analyzing Numerical Data
- Developing Ideas
- Gathering Information
- Keen Observation Skills
- Planning
- Writing

Areas of Specialization

- Aging, Death and Dying
- Crime
- Development
- Deviant Populations Social Work
- Environmental Sociology
- Family
- Gender Studies
- Humanist Sociology
- Industrial Sociology
- Media Sociology
- Medical Sociology
- Political Sociology
- Rural Sociology
- Social Movements
- Social Psychology
- Social Service

Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- PhD in Sociology
- Master of Arts in Counseling
- Master of Arts in Sociology
- Master of Science in Applied Sociology
- Master of Science in Social Work

What Do Sociologists Do?

- Design research projects to test theories about social issues.
- Collect data through surveys, observations, interviews, and other sources.
- Analyze and draw conclusions from other data.
- Prepare reports, articles, or presentations detailing their research findings.
- Collaborate with other sociologists or social scientists.
- Consult with and advise clients, policymakers, or other groups on research findings and other sociological issues.

CAREER PATHS

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Higher Education

Sample Job Titles

- Admissions Counselor
- Career Services Director
- Post-secondary Teacher

...in Social Service/Social Work

Sample Job Titles

- Caseworker
- Children's Services
- Crisis Intervention
- Education Information Services
- Human Services
- Recreation Worker
- Sex Information and Counseling
- Social Worker/Counselor

...in Criminal Justice

Sample Job Titles

- Correctional Officer
- Criminologist
- Penologist
- Police Officer
- Probation/Parole Officer

...in Human Resources

Sample Job Titles

- Affirmative Action Coordinator
- Arbitrator
- Benefits Analyst/Manager
- Compensation Specialist/ Manager
- Education Specialist
- Employee Development Specialist
- Employee Interviewer
- Employee Relations Representative
- Industrial Relations Specialist
- Job Analyst
- Mediator
- Personnel Director
- Recruiter
- Training Specialist

...in Public Relations and Planning

Sample Job Titles

- Consultant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Urban/Regional Planner

More Jobs for Sociology Majors

**More information on these occupations can be found at O*Net and on Focus-2 on the Career Services website.*

- Anthropologist
- Caseworker
- City Manager
- Counselor
- Consultant
- Demographer
- Gerontologist
- Foreign Service Worker
- Historian
- Intelligence Research Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer
- Legislative Aide
- Minister
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Personnel Manager
- Political Science
- Psychologist
- Public Administrator
- Recreation Worker

Resources

Texas State University-Student Organizations

- Sociology Club for all classifications, https://www.facebook.com/groups/2263108760/

Professional Organizations

- American Sociological Association (ASA), http://www.asanet.org/
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, http://www.aacsnet.net/
- Association for Humanist Sociology, http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=6817
- International Sociological Association, http://www.isa-sociology.org/
- Southern Sociological Society, http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/
- Southwestern Social Science Association, http://sssaonline.org/
- Southwestern Sociological Association, http://www.swsociology.org/html/home.html

Job/Internship Search Links

- HSCareers.com, http://hscareers.com/
- Ihiresocialservices.com, http://www.ihiresocialservices.com/
- Partnership for Public Service, http://www.ourpublicservice.org/OPS/about/job_openings.shtml
- Socialservice.com, http://socialservice.com/
- Texas State Sociology Department Internship Search, http://www.soci.txstate.edu/Internship/Internship-Pgm.html
- The SocioWeb by Career Builder, http://www.socioweb.com/sociology-jobs

Additional Resources

- Focus-2 Career Assessment and Major Planning, https://www.FocusCareer2.com/Portal/Register.cfm?SID=864
- Texas State Sociology Home Page, http://www.soci.txstate.edu/

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