

CAREERS BY MAJOR -SOCIOLOGY

CAREERS FOR GRADUATES

There are many different career options available for Sociology graduates. Below is a sample of types of positions that Sociology graduates have gone on to.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list as there are many other careers available. Many positions require additional education or experience.

Government:

- Public Policy Analyst*
- Economic Development Officer*
- Community Affairs Officer
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Legislative Aide
- Equal Opportunity Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Immigration Officer*
- Human Rights Officer
- Personnel Co-ordinator
- Politician*
- Census Officer
- Statistician
- Activist*

Research

- Survey Researcher
- Social Research Specialist
- Market Research Analyst*
- Consumer Researcher
- Data Analyst
- Demographer/Population Analyst
- Systems Analyst
- Criminology Researcher
- Environmental Analyst/Planner

Corrections/Law:

- Corrections Officer
- Criminology Assistant
- Police Officer*
- Criminal Investigator
- Juvenile Court worker
- Probation Officer*
- Rehabilitation Counselor*
- Criminal Lawyer

Teaching/Education:

- Teacher
- Professor
- Admissions/College Officer
- Academic Advisor
- School counselor*
- Public Health Educator

Community Affairs/Health:

- Employment Counselor
- Homeless/Housing worker
- Public Health/Hospital Administrator
- Child Development Technician
- Public Administration Assistant
- Social Assistance Advocate
- Addictions Counselor*
- Rural Health Outreach Worker
- Fundraiser
- Social Worker*
- Community Worker*
- Child and Youth Worker *
- Marriage and Family Therapist*

Business/Communications:

- Advertising Executive
- Project Manager
- Sales Representative*
- Business Analyst
- Real Estate Agent
- Journalist
- Public Relations Officer
- Actuary
- Insurance Agent*
- Human Resources Specialist*
- Labour Relations Officer
- Administrative Assistant
- Quality Control Manager
- Computer Analyst
- Publishing Officer

WHO EMPLOYS SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES?

- Government Departments
- Municipalities
- Policy Organizations
- United Nations
- Research Groups
- International Agencies
- Business/Market Research Firms
- Universities and Colleges
- Non-profit agencies
- Newspapers

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

Communication:

- Develop and write reasoned reports; non-verbal communication of data using graphs, tables, diagrams; good listening, clarifying, and responding skills in interpersonal/verbal communication.

Research:

- Planning and conducting research; collecting data with attention to details; critical analysis of statistical data; critical analysis of social phenomena and structures

Technical:

- Knowledge/understanding/application of sociological theories on human social interaction, social problems, public policy etc; use of statistical software packages

Problem Solving:

- Present theories/ideas/ specific viewpoints ; synthesize information; understand institutional and cultural values

Organizational:

- Compile and organize facts and information; planning and time management; work with deadlines; work independently; work in teams/small groups

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