

# SOCIOLOGY

## What can I do with this degree?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES	CLASSES TO TAKE
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u> Counseling Case Management Advocacy Mental Health Services Programming Administration	Community service agencies Advocacy groups Federal, state and local government United Way agencies/ local branches of national non-profit organizations Religiously-affiliated service organizations Private foundations Adoption and child care agencies Nursing homes and retirement communities Hospitals and wellness centers Halfway houses Vocational services Educational information services	Gain experience and develop helping skills through volunteer positions. Spend summers working at camps, YMCA's or other social service agencies. Learn to work well with diverse populations. Develop excellent communication skills. Concentrate course work in area of interest such as youth, gerontology or poverty. Learn a second language to interact with non-native speakers of English - particularly helpful in certain parts of the country. Take advantage of opportunities to serve as peer mentors, resident assistants, or other student leader positions. Earn a master's degree in social work, counseling or other related fields to increase employment opportunities. Most states require licensure or certification for professional counseling-oriented positions.	SYP 3004 Constructing Social Problems SYG 2010 Contemporary Social Problems SYD 4410 Urban Soc. SYP 3000 Social Psychology SYP 4550 Drugs and Society SYP 3562 Family Violence SYP 4012 Emotions and Society SYD 4800 Gender & Society SYP 3060 Soc. of Sexualities SYO 4430 Disability and Society SYP 3000 Social Psychology SYO 4400 Medical Sociology
<u>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</u> Corrections Rehabilitation Law Enforcement Judiciary	Correctional institutions Court systems Federal, state and local government, especially law enforcement agencies	Gain essential practical experience via part-time or summer jobs, internships, or volunteer work. Volunteer to work with troubled youth. Develop a desire to work with and help all types of people. Obtain a graduate degree for advancement. Obtain experience in a branch of the military.	SYD 4800 Gender & Society SYP 3060 Soc. of Sexualities SYP 4550 Drugs and Society SYP 4510 Aspects of Deviance SYP 4530 Soc. of Juvenile Delinquency SYP 3562 Family Violence SYP 3004 Constructing Social Problems SYD 4410 Urban Sociology

<p><u>EDUCATION</u> Teaching Research</p>	<p>Public and private schools Colleges and universities</p>	<p>Obtain certification/licensure to teach grades K-12. Earn dual certification to increase job opportunities. Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions; master's degree required for two-year colleges and a doctoral degree for four-year institutions. Assist a professor with research. Take extra courses in research and statistics. Develop exceptional communication skills. Volunteer as a tutor. Secure strong personal recommendations, particularly from professors.</p>	<p>SYO 4250 Soc. of Education SYP 3060 Soc. of Sexualities SYO 3120 Soc. of Families SYA 4930 Childhood and Youth SYO 4430 Disability and Society  SYA 4930 Transitions to Adulthood</p>
<p><u>GOVERNMENT</u> Social Statistics Demography Public Administration Policy Analysis Research Program Development Human Services City Planning Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Federal departments and agencies including but not limited to: Departments of Agriculture; Education; Interior Health and Human Services Drug Enforcement Administration Environmental Protection Agency Housing and Urban Development Veteran's Administration National Institutes of Health National Institute of Aging State and local government</p>	<p>Take additional courses in statistics and social research. Develop exceptional computer skills. Gain work experience via government internships or summer work. Acquire skills in research and evaluation; develop a specialty in fields such as aging, family, criminal justice, etc. Learn the federal application process. Obtain a graduate degree for advanced positions. Consider joining the military to jump-start a career with the government.</p>	<p>SYD 4800 Gender &amp; Society SYP 3060 Soc. of Sexualities SYD 4512 Sustainable Consumption SYO 4430 Disability &amp; Society SYA 4930 Hidden Structures of Social Life SYG 3235 Latina Lives SYA 4304 Soc. Research Experience SYD 4238 Immigrants to America SYO 3530 Social Inequalities in a Global Society</p>

<p><b><u>SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH</u></b>  Research  Data Analysis  Demography  Market Research  Information Sourcing</p>	Universities Government agencies Research institutes Non-profit agencies Community organizations Private industry Advertising and marketing firms Consulting organizations Information brokers Newspapers, magazines, news agencies Public opinion research polls	Develop exceptional quantitative, statistical, and writing skills. Learn to use statistics software packages as well as database, spreadsheet, and desktop publishing programs. Volunteer to help a professor with a research project. Obtain an advanced degree in sociology for research administration. Earn certification in applied social research by The American Sociological Association.	SYA 4304 Sociological Research Experience SYO 4400 Medical Sociology SYA 4930 Hidden Structures of Social Life
<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY</u></b></p>	Waste management firms Health agencies Local planning agencies Environmental advocacy groups Environmental periodicals Federal government Regional, state, and local agencies Consulting firms Private industry	Enhance curriculum with courses in ecology, environmental science, and statistics. Join environment-related student organizations. Volunteer to work on environmental clean-up projects. Find a related internship. Obtain a graduate degree for advancement.	SYA 4930 Animals and Society SYD 4512 Sustainable Consumption SYP 4420 Consumer Culture SYD 4411 Urban Life
<p><b><u>BUSINESS</u></b>  Human Resources  Training and Development  Recruiting  Management  Sales  Marketing  Public Relations  Office Administration</p>	Business and industry including: Insurance firms Retail stores Banks Staffing agencies Manufacturing companies Service industry Non-profit organizations Healthcare organizations	Earn a minor in business or take basic business classes such as accounting and finance. Gain business experience through part-time jobs, summer work, and internships. Develop excellent computer skills. Learn to use software applications such as spreadsheets, databases, and word processing. Hone written and oral communication skills. Join related professional associations. Seek leadership roles in student organizations.	SYP 4420 Consumer Culture SYP 3000 Social Psychology SYO 4430 Disability and Society SYO 4573 Social Networks SYD 4512 Sustainable Consumption

