

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY?

CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

This handout provides sources of career information for **Sociology Majors**. There are different career options available in the field of **Sociology**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in **Sociology**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS

Communication

- Oral skills through presenting information in various formats
- Written skills through composing papers and essays
- Listening and debating skills
- Presentation
- Interpersonal communication

Analytical

- Critical thinking
- Synthesizing information
- Attention to details
- Investigative skills and a curiosity
- Conducting research, collecting data, critical analysis

Problem Solving

- Decision making
- Sound judgement
- Can review complex information, develop an action plan and share findings
- Can look at various aspects of a problem
- Recognizing impact of context in which decisions are made

Organizational

- Documentation
- Ability to work within a team setting or independently
- Time management and prioritizing skills
- Strategic planning and designing
- Ability to work with deadlines
- Can organize data/people or things

CAREERS IN SOCIOLOGY

- Employment Counselor
- Child Development Technician
- Public Administration Assistant
- Social Assistance Advocate
- Social/Community Worker
- Child and Youth Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Market Research Analyst
- Consumer Researcher
- Criminology Researcher
- Environmental Analyst/Planner
- Criminal Lawyer
- Public Health Educator
- Public Policy Analyst
- Economic Development Officer
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Legislative Aide
- Foreign Service Officer
- Immigration Officer
- Human Rights Officer
- Personnel Co-ordinator
- Statistician
- Activist
- Criminal Investigator
- Juvenile Court worker
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Advertising/Publishing Executive
- Project Manager
- Sales Representative
- Business Analyst
- Journalist
- Public Relations Officer
- Insurance Agent
- Human Resources Specialist
- Labour Relations Officer
- Quality Control Manager
- Publishing Officer
- Teacher/Professor
- Admissions/College Officer
- Academic Advisor/ Counselor

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WHO EMPLOYS SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES

- Government Departments/Agencies
- Political Parties
- Municipalities
- Law/Policy Organizations
- Prisons
- Police Forces
- Public Relations Agencies
- United Nations
- Consulting Firms
- Legal Agencies
- Community Development Agencies
- International Agencies
- Business/Market Research Firms
- Universities and Colleges
- Research Institutes/Policy Groups
- Substance Abuse Treatment Centres
- Women's Shelters
- Unions and Worker's Compensation Boards
- Hospitals
- Medical Centres
- Employment Service Centres
- Management Consultants
- Immigration offices
- Non-profit agencies
- Media/Newspapers
- Mediation Firms
- Community Centres
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Youth Shelters
- Libraries
- Universities
- Schools

SOCIOLOGY JOBS

- Charity Village - Clearing house of nonprofit jobs in Canada. <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/main.asp>
- Cultural Careers Council Ontario - Jobs in Arts & Culture in Ontario. <http://www.workinculture.ca/>
- Nonprofit jobs around the world <http://www.idealists.org/en/career/morejobs.html>
- Help the Aged Internship , Help the Aged Canada www.helptheaged.ca/employment.htm
- Ontario Internship Program <http://www.internship.gov.on.ca>
- Nova Scotia Canada - Labour and workforce Development www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia
- Labour Market Information www.labourmarketinformation.ca
- CIDA International Youth Internship Program <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/>

SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATIONS

- University Study <http://www.universitystudy.ca>
- Canadian Sociological Association <http://www.csa-scs.ca/>
- American Sociological Association www.asanet.org
- Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association <http://www.csa.ca>
- Association for Humanist Sociology www.altrue.net/site/humanist
- International Sociological Association www.isa-sociology.org

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