

# Sociology

How can I succeed with this major?



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## HUMAN SERVICES

### What can I do with this major?

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- Counseling
- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Mental Health Services
- Programming
- Administration

### Where do I want to work?

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- Community service agencies
- Advocacy groups
- Federal, state, and local government
- United Way agencies
- Local branches of national non-profit organizations

### How to get there...

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- Gain experience and develop helping skills through volunteer positions.
- Spend summers working at camps, YMCA's, or other social service agencies.

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### What can I do with this major?

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- Corrections and Parole
- Rehabilitation
- Law Enforcement
- Judiciary

### Where do I want to work?

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- Correctional institutions
- Court systems
- Federal, state, and local government (especially law enforcement agencies)

### How to get there...

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- Gain practical experience via part-time or summer jobs, internships, or volunteer work.
- Volunteer to work with troubled youth.
- Obtain a graduate or law degree for advancement.

### Tips: FYI

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- Many transferable skills such as analytical, organizational, research, interpersonal, computer, leadership, teamwork, and oral/written communication are associated with the sociology degree.
- Internships, part-time jobs, summer jobs, and/or volunteer experiences are critical.
- An undergraduate degree is sufficient for many entry-level positions in business, industry, and government; however, a graduate degree is likely to be more desirable in a competitive market.

## BUSINESS

### What can I do with this major?

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- Marketing
- Management

### Where do I want to work?

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- Marketing firms
- Large companies with marketing divisions
- Management and personnel positions in any business firm
- Management consulting firms

### How to get there...

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- Coursework in data analysis and statistics.
- Coursework in demography, race, sex and class.
- Coursework in Organizational Sociology such as Health, Criminal Justice, Law and Legal Profession.
- Obtain a business internship.

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## GOVERNMENT/NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

### What can I do with this major?

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- Social Statistics
- Demography
- Public Administration
- Policy Analysis
- Research

### Where do I want to work?

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- State and local government
- Peace Corps
- Federal Departments and Agencies
- Non Profit Organizations

### How to get there...

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- Supplement curriculum with coursework in statistics and social research.
- Develop exceptional computer, communication, and research skills.
- Gain work experience via government internships, part-time jobs, or summer work.

### Advice from professors

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- Develop evidence-based arguments
- Evaluate different research methods
- Interpret data and write clear reports
- Use computer resources to locate information
- Understand tests of significance
- Learn statistical software

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