

What can I do with a major in...

Sociology

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Sociology systematically investigates human society and social interaction, seeking to understand patterns of organization, interaction, and change in a variety of settings. Examples of the topics investigated include aging, crime and juvenile delinquency, economic inequality, ethnicity and race, family, gender, health and medicine, law, occupations, politics and the state, popular culture, population trends, religion, and urban life.

Students with a bachelor's degree work in a variety of fields, including but not limited to elementary and secondary education, social services, human resources, and public policy. Advanced degrees are usually required for college teaching, administration, urban planning, law, and research in both public and private agencies, including private industry and the allied health professions.

The job titles and hiring institutions listed below illustrate (but do not exhaust) the broad range of careers pursued by sociology majors. You are encouraged to explore all career paths that interest you.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

Administrative officer (federal, state, county, municipal)
Analyst
Assistant administrator
Business/management trainee
Child care worker
Editor/journalist
Employee relations specialists
Fund-raising assistant
Grievance officer
Hospital administrator
Human services worker
Investigator
Labor relation specialist
Market research analyst
Mediator
Police officer
Probation/parole officer
Program coordinator
Psychiatric aides
Public health educator
Public relations assistant
Public administrator
Public survey worker
Recreation specialist
Research assistant (documents & records)

Social/welfare worker
Technician
Writer: business, trade, technical publication
Youth counselor

With Additional Education:

Advertising manager
Aging specialist
College/university official
Community organization director
Counselor: guidance, rehabilitation residence, vocational, marriage, school, occupational, prevention
Health director
Home healthcare aide
Industrial relations specialist
Lawyer
Music/art therapist
Personnel manager
Sociologist: criminologist, penologist, industrial, social ecologist
Speech pathologist
Statistician
Teacher
Urban planner

REPRESENTATIVE HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Adoption and child care agencies
Advertising agencies and departments
Business corporations and industries
Colleges, schools, and educational institutions
Communications - small newspapers, radio and
T.V. stations
Community organizations
Courts and correctional institutions
Government agencies
Hospitals
Human resources departments
Labor Unions

Magazines, newspapers & periodicals
Market research departments and firms
Medical care agencies
Mental health agencies (forensic units, private
inpatient, long-term care, community,
children hospitals)
Professional and technical journals
Public & private assistance agencies
Public relations firms
Research institutes
Social action agencies:
AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, etc.
Social service agencies

WHERE DO UMW SOCIOLOGY MAJORS GO?

EMPLOYERS/INTERNSHIP SITES

- IECS (Ellicott City, Maryland)
- Georgetown University Medical Center, Memory Disorders Program
- Department of Social Services
- Mars Air Systems (CA)
- Hoffman Advisory Group, Ltd.
- DOC District #21, Probation & Parole
- Quin Rivers, Inc.
- Rappahannock Legal Services
- Planned Parenthood Health Systems
- Child Health Investment Partnership
- Fredericksburg HIV/AIDS Support Services
- Walker-Grant Middle School
- Human Rights Campaign
- Mental Health America of Fredericksburg
- Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Avertt University, MBA in Human Resources
- The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Juris Doctor
- Clemson University, Master of Science in Human Factors, Applied Psychology
- George Mason University, Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction
- Shenandoah U., Master of Education in Education Administration and Supervision
- Tufts University, Engineering Psychology
- University of Texas, Master of Social Work
- University of Virginia School of Law, Juris Doctor
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Master of Social Work
- Walden University, Doctorate Psychology (Education)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

1. American Sociological Association: www.asanet.org
2. National Association of Social Workers: www.socialworkers.org
3. Society for Applied & Clinical Sociology
Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology Eastern Michigan University: www.aacsnet.org

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