



What Can I Do with a Major in...

Sociology

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Anthropologist
Caseworker/Elderly
Clinical Social Worker
Community Relations Director
Comm. Resource Coordinator
Comm. Service Agency Worker
Corrections Officer
Counselor:

- Abortion
- Adoption
- Battered Spouse
- Children's Services
- Employee Assistance
- Pregnancy
- Rape/Crisis Intervention
- Rehabilitation
- School
- Senior Citizen
- Substance Abuse

Crime Victim Criminologist
Customer Service Representative
Director, Social Services Agency
Elder Care/Rec. Worker
Gerontologist
Human Resources Administrator
Labor Relations Specialist
Minority & Race Relations Specialist
Missionary
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
Population Studies Researcher
Probation/Parole Officer
Psychotherapist
Public Health Statistician
Social Worker
Sociologist
Urban/Regional Planner
Vocational Services Worker
Women's Service Worker
Youth Services Worker

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Leadership/Management Skills

- Ability to work in a self-directed manner
- Identifying problems and needs
- Predicting and evaluating future trends and patterns
- Analyzing the behavior of self and others in a group
- Unwillingness to automatically accept the status quo
- Identifying alternative courses of action
- Using tact, diplomacy, discretion

Communication/Writing Skills

- Comprehending written material
- Persuading others to accept ideas
- Demonstrating premises and reasoning to their conclusion
- Conduction of surveys
- Dealing with the public
- Identifying and communicating value judgments effectively

Research/Analytical Skills

- Applying information creatively to solve specific problems
- Evaluating information against appropriate standards
- Conducting surveys and interviews
- Breaking down principles into parts
- Understanding and using organizing principles
- Developing new approaches to problems
- Using library and research facilities
- Reviewing large amounts of material and extracting essence

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Aware of the value of symbolism

Other Skills

- Cross-cultural empathy, understanding, and communication
- Critical evaluation and testing assumptions

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

A Guide to Careers in Community Development

Careers in Counseling and Human Services

Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services

Great Jobs for Sociology Majors

Liberal Arts Advantage

Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm (Social Scientist)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos013.htm (Market Researcher)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos057.htm (Urban and Regional Planner)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos067.htm (Counselor)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealists.org

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

American Anthropological Association

www.aaanet.org/careers.htm

American Sociological Association

www.asanet.org/pubs/eb

Society for Applied Sociology

www.appliedsoc.org/resources.html

Spotlight on Careers

www.spotlightoncareers.org

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Anthropological Association

www.aaanet.org

American Association for Public Opinion Research

www.aapor.org

American Society of Criminology

www.asc41.com

American Sociological Association

www.asanet.org

Association for the Sociology of Religion

www.sociologyofreligion.com

National Council on Family Relations

www.ncfr.org

Rural Sociological Society

www.ruralsociology.org

Society for Applied Sociology

www.appliedsoc.org

Society for the Study of Social Problems

www.sssp1.org

Hope Graduates in the Sociology World

Addiction Counselor	Arizona Department of Corrections
Art Therapist/Social Worker	Bosque Mental Health Associates
Bilingual Case Coordinator	Evergreen Commons
Case Manager, Child Protective Services	Gila River Indian Community
CEO	Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids
Chief Operating Officer	Jubilee Ministries
Clinical Services Administrator.....	Mississippi State Hospital
Counselor.....	The Navigators
Detective.....	Chicago Police Department
Director of Abstinence Education.....	Lakeshore Pregnancy Center
Disability Examiner.....	State of Michigan—Family Independence Agency
Domestic Violence Transitional House Coordinator	SIREN/Eaton Shelter
Executive Director	Soundings: A Center for Women
Family Advocate & Life Skills Specialist.....	Bethany Christian Services
Foster Care Worker.....	State of Michigan
Grief Counselor	Hospice at Charlotte
Home Manager	Heritage Homes, Inc.
International Adoption Consultant.....	Adoption Associates, Inc.
Labor Representative	Visteon
Marriage Counselor	Clancy Street Ministries
Oncology/Social Worker/Counselor	Johns Hopkins University
Peace and Justice Programs	Catholic Relief Services
Pediatric Social Worker.....	Duke University Medical Center
Probation Officer	Ottawa County
Psychologist.....	Mayo Clinic
Psychotherapist.....	Grove Center for Counseling
Residential Care	Pine Rest Christian Hospital
School Social Worker.....	Farmington Schools
Senior Caseworker.....	Erie County Department of Social Services
Social Worker	San Francisco County
Spiritual Growth Staff.....	Mercy Commons
State Coordinator	New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Service
Women’s Advocate	YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter
Youth Counselor	Indiana Development Training Center