

SOCIOLOGY

CONNECTING MAJORS TO CAREERS

Below you will find a list of **some** careers linked to this major. Remember, your major does not always determine your career. Contact the departmental advisor for information about additional education requirements.

What do Sociologists do?

“Sociologists study society and social behavior by examining the groups, cultures, organizations, social institutions, and processes that develop when people interact and work together” (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2015).

Skills develop as a Sociology Major/Minor:

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| Organizational/Leadership skills | Research Design & Data Analysis | Systemic (micro/macro) thinking |
| Understanding of Social Processes & Issues | Information gathering/dissemination | Make evidence-based decisions |

Specialties within the field of Sociology:

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| Health/Medical Sociology | Urban/Rural Communities | Family/Relationships |
| Social Institutions | Crime/Deviance | Inequality/Diversity |

Sample Job Titles related to this degree:

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| Research Assistant | Case Manager in Social Services | Grant Writer |
| Youth Program Director | Market Researcher | Field Organizer |
| Non-Profit Administrator or Fundraiser | Delinquency Counselor | Peace Corps |

Sample Job Titles requiring further education:

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| Research Analyst | Librarian | Professor |
| Urban Planner | Public Health Administrator | Social Worker |

Helpful Career Planning Websites:

Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/oooh/life-physical-and-social-science/sociologists.htm>)

Career OneStop (<http://www.careeronestop.org/>)

O*Net (<http://online.onetcenter.org/>)

Next Steps:

- Take a course to explore/confirm your interest in the major(s).
- Ask faculty members about local opportunities and about what their graduates are doing.
- Find out if graduate work is necessary or preferred for what you want to do.
- Talk to someone doing the work you are considering to find out what you would do day-to-day.
- Gain Volunteer or Service Learning Experience.
- Get a part-time job, internship or co-op to explore your field of interest first hand.
- Get involved in a related student or national professional organization.
- American Sociological Association (<http://www.asanet.org/>)
- Midwest Sociological Society (<http://themss.org>)
- WSU Shocker SOC Club (<https://www.facebook.com/ShockerSocClub>)

WSU Resources:

Career Development Center – Brenan III – 978-3688, <http://www.wichita.edu/careerdevelopment>
(Career Assessment, Resume and Interview Reviews, Job Search Counseling, Cooperative Education and Internship Opportunities)

Graduate School – 107 Jardine Hall – 978-3095, <http://www.wichita.edu/graduate>

Liberal Arts Advising Center – 115 Grace Wilkie Hall – 978-4757, <http://www.wichita.edu/LASadvising>
(Career Exploration Workshop (LAS I 150D) academic advising for LAS and deciding majors)

Sociology Department – Jodie Simon – Undergraduate Coordinator – 411 Lindquist Hall – 978-3280,
<http://www.wichita.edu/sociology>

Dr. Chase Billingham – Graduate Coordinator

(Major Advising, Related Career Information, preparing for Graduate School)