What Can I Do With a Major In Sociology?

Sociology is the study of how people and groups behave in society; of human social behavior, especially the study of the origins, organization, institutions, and development of human society. It is an analysis of a social institution or societal segment as a self-contained entity or in relation to society as a whole.

Typical Coursework

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In addition, students choose elective sociology courses to fulfill the major requirements.

- Deviant Behavior
- Social Inequality
- Sociology of Sex and Gender
- Gerontology (Aging)
- Sociology of Race
- Sociology of Sport
- Population Studies
- Sociology of Religion
- Sociology of Food
- Social Course and Stratification
- Social Change

Related Major Skills

- Analyze, Synthesize & Interpret Information
- Knowledge of Social Structures and Change
- Interpersonal Communication (oral & written)
- Interact well with Diverse Cultures/Groups
- Knowledge of Community Resources
- Research and Planning (sociological)
- Statistical Abilities
- Critical Thinking
- Ability to Understand & Improve Human Relationships
- Resolve Conflicts/Counseling
- Insight into Group Dynamics
- Work Well Under Pressure
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Related Occupations

- Adoption Agent
- Delinquency Counselor
- Research Assistant
- Aging Specialist
- Family Guidance Clinic Worker
- Social Welfare Examiner
- Alcohol/Drug Case Worker
- Foster Care Worker
- Social Worker
- Case Aid Worker
- Human Resources Rep.
- Social Movements Org. Worker
- Child Welfare Officer
- Job Analyst
- Teacher
- Community Service Worker
- Labor Relations Rep.
- Technical Writer
- Consumer Advocate
- Mental Health Worker
- Veterans Affairs Specialist
- Consumer Survey Advisor
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Welfare Worker
- Correctional Case Worker
- Peace Corp
- Writer/Author
- Corrections Officer
- Public Opinion Surveyor
- Prevention Educator
- Data Analyst
- Public Relation Specialist
- Grant Writing
**CAREERS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE**

- Consultant
- Professor
- Social Scientist
- Gerontologist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Veterans Affairs Specialist
- Marriage & Family Therapist
- Researcher
- Crisis Worker
- Non-Profit Management
- Social Worker
- Public Administration
- Policy Analysis
- Social Statistics
- Advocacy/Lobbying
- Land & Water Conservation
- Development/Fund-Raising
- Forensics/Investigation
- Juvenile Justice

**Who Hires for this Occupation?**

Human service agencies, counseling centers, outpatient mental health centers, hospitals, businesses, social service agencies, schools, local/state/federal government, and colleges/universities.

**Minnesota Colleges and Universities with a major in SOCIOLOGY**

- Augsburg College
- Bemidji State University
- Bethany Lutheran College
- Bethel University
- Carleton College
- College of St. Benedict
- Concordia College
- Concordia University
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamline University
- Macalester College
- MN State Univ., Mankato
- MN State Univ., Moorhead
- St. John's University
- Saint Catherine University
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Mary's Univ., Winona
- St. Olaf College
- Southwest MN State Univ.
- University of MN – Duluth
- University of MN – Morris
- University of MN – Twin Cities
- University of St. Thomas
- Winona State Univ.

**Professional Association Links**

- American Sociological Association, [www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org)
- Sociologists of Minnesota: [www.socmn.org](http://www.socmn.org)
- Sociologists for Women in Society: [www.socwomen.org](http://www.socwomen.org)

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