

# 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**

Introduction to Sociology Sociological Theory
Research Methodology Sociology of the Family

Social Problems Statistics

Social Psychology Introduction to Crime & Criminology

Gender in Society
Sociology of Power
Human Sexuality in Society
Juvenile Delinquency and Justice

*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

Computer Skills (data processing & analysis)

## **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.

#### Focus2

Visit <u>FOCUS2</u> (use ARCC credentials to sign-in) for more information regarding **related occupations and average salaries** and explore **other related majors.** You can also take **assessments** to match your skills, interests, and values to potential careers and majors.



## MN Colleges and Universities with a major in SOCIOLOGY

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

Search for majors and colleges at Minnesota State System Colleges and University.

### **Professional Association Links**

The American Society for Criminology
American Sociological Association
Global Studies Association of North America
International Sociological Association
Justice Studies Association
Sociologists of Minnesota
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists for Women in Society

## **For More Information**

Contact ARCC Counseling (Coon Rapids and Cambridge) at (763) 433-1100 or stop by the campus Information Desk

#### Information adapted from:

Minnesota Career Information System
Occupational Outlook Handbook
Focus2
Career Center at the University of North Carolina at

Career Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington

<sup>\*</sup>Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers an <u>Sociology Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree</u> with general education courses that typically transfer as all or part of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree and also directly to designated Sociology Bachelor's Degree programs at Minesota State System Universities.