What to do with a degree in...

Sociology

The topics that sociologists examine encompass the world around us—families, schools, government, prisons, the world of work, cities and neighborhoods, and friendships. Some might say that the role of the sociologist is to render the unfamiliar familiar. Sociologists attempt to gain understanding of important social processes by way of a wide range of theories and methodological approaches. We utilize many different kinds of information sources in our work, including census data, historical documents, transcripts from interviews, survey results, and observations of group behavior.

Curriculum

- Communication
- Interpersonal
- Leadership
- Analytical
- Statistics and Research Design
- Computer Literacy
- Cross-Cultural Understanding
- Business Sense
- Classical and Contemporary Theory
- Social Data Analysis
- Group Process
- Social Psychology
- Social Structure
- Social Problems
- Minority Groups and Race Relations
- Urban Sociology

Sociology majors develop the following skills:

Job and Internship Websites

- American Sociological Association http://www.asanet.org/
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth http://www.ok.gov/occy/
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs http://www.oja.ok.gov
- Social Service Job Sites http://www.socialservice.com
- Law Enforcement http://www.officer.com/
- Chronicle of Philanthropy http://www.philanthropy.com
- Changing Our World http://www.changingourworld.com
- Market Research http://www.marketingresearch.org/
- U.S. Department of State http://www.state.gov/careers/
- USA Jobs https://www.usajobs.gov/
- Oklahoma State Legislature http://www.okhouse.gov/Internship/

Get Involved

Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society)
Sociology Club

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at: https://campuslink.okstate.edu

College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources: http://cascareers.okstate.edu
Human Services:
Social and Human Service Assistants provide direct and indirect client services. They assess clients’ needs, establish their eligibility for benefits and services, and help clients obtain them. Social workers often see clients who face a life-threatening disease or a social problem. Social workers practice casework, group work, social research, social planning, health administration, and community organization.

Career Options
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Social Worker
- Human Services Worker
- Case Manager
- Advocate Youth Outreach

Potential Employers
- Correctional Facilities
- Child Welfare Departments
- Rehabilitation Facilities
- Social Service Agencies
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Adoption/Child Care Agencies

Demography:
Demographers collect, present and analyze data relating to basic life-cycle events and experiences such as birth, marriage, divorce, employment, aging, migration, etc. Demographers generally require an advanced Sociology degree.

Career Options
- Market Analyst
- Research Sociologist
- Clinical Sociologist

Potential Employers
- Consulting Firms
- Colleges/Universities
- Advertising & Marketing

Market Research:
Individuals engaged in market and survey research departments determine how people vote and why; who watches what in the media and why; and who buys what product and why.

Career Options
- Advertising Media Planner
- Consumer Researcher
- Government Worker

Potential Employers
- Advertising Agencies
- Manufacturing Companies
- Communications Industries

Criminal Justice:
Through study of the legal, social, and political processes of social control, students examine law making, crime and deviance, issues of social and racial justice, societal responses to law violation, and the effectiveness of various crime prevention and punishment strategies.

Career Options
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Officer
- Human Services
- Parole Officer

Potential Employers
- Correction Institutions
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Services
- Federal, State & Local Government

Social Science Research:
Social science research provides insights that help us to understand different ways in which individuals and groups make decisions, exercise power, and respond to change.

Career Options
- Social Research Assistant
- Consumer Researcher
- Public Survey Worker

Potential Employers
- Colleges/Universities
- Federal & State Agencies
- Firms Census Bureau

Community Relations:
Plans, organizes, and coordinates programs with agencies and groups concerned with social problems of community: Promotes and coordinates activities of agencies, groups, and individuals to meet identified needs.

Career Options
- Housing Coordinator
- Community Organizer
- Public Health Educator

Potential Employers
- Colleges/Universities
- Public Opinion Research
- Newspapers/Magazines

Scholarships
- O.D. Duncan Award
- Richard Dodder Scholarship
- Mabel Dixon Looper Scholarship
- Benjamin Gregory Wood Scholarship
- Outstanding Senior Award

Henry Bellmon Scholarship
Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

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