

# Sociology

Department of Sociology website: <http://sociology.okstate.edu>

## The Curriculum

The Department of Sociology offers B.A. and B.S. degrees in general sociology, applied sociology, and anthropology. The department also offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees with concentrations in environmental sociology, complex organizations, deviance & criminology, social inequality and social psychology, along with an MS in corrections. Sociology is an inquiry into the social context of human beings. Majors study a broad range of social phenomena ranging from the dynamics of interactions and relationships, to the composition and workings of entire societies.

### Sociology Majors develop the following skills:

Sociology is an excellent major for undergraduates hoping to pursue careers in law, business, health professions or social science.

**Communication Skills:** Sociology majors develop skills in observing people, data, and things. They obtain strong interviewing, verbal and writing skills to inform and explain pertinent information.

**Human Relations Skills:** Sociology majors are sensitive to people and problems. They are also knowledgeable of human relationships & social processes. They have the ability to assess the needs of others.

**Research Analysis:** Sociology majors will learn to gather and analyze information, develop strong problem solving skills, compare and clarify data. They will also gain knowledge of survey research methods, sampling for surveys and marketing, skill in computer and statistical analysis

Depending on your desired career path, additional skills may need to be developed to be competitive in the marketplace upon graduation. Make an appointment with a career consultant to design your individual career development plan.

## College of Arts & Sciences Career Success Guide

Provided to all new, incoming students as an introduction to the career planning process. If you don't have a Guide...Get one!!!

## Job & Internship Web Sites

- American Sociological Association  
[www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org)
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology  
[www.aacsnet.org](http://www.aacsnet.org)
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth  
[www.okkids.org](http://www.okkids.org)
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs  
[www.oja.ok.gov](http://www.oja.ok.gov)
- National Opinion Research Center (The University of Chicago)  
[www.norc.org](http://www.norc.org)
- Social Service Jobs  
[www.socialservice.com](http://www.socialservice.com)
- Sociolog  
[www.sociolog.com](http://www.sociolog.com)
- Association for Humanist Sociology  
[www.humanistsoc.org](http://www.humanistsoc.org)
- America's Job Bank  
[www.ajb.dni.us](http://www.ajb.dni.us)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems  
[www.sssp1.org](http://www.sssp1.org)
- Federal Bureau of Prisons  
[www.bop.gov](http://www.bop.gov)
- Law Enforcement  
[www.officer.com](http://www.officer.com)
- The Chronicle of Philanthropy  
[www.philanthropy.com](http://www.philanthropy.com)
- Changing Our World, Inc. (fundraising & philanthropy)  
[www.changingourworld.com](http://www.changingourworld.com)
- Market Research Association  
[www.mra-net.org](http://www.mra-net.org)
- Office of Personnel Management (Government Employment)  
[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)
- Oklahoma State Employment  
<http://www.oesc.state.ok.us/>

### Come See Us!

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## Potential Career Paths Include

### Human Services

Social and Human Service Assistants provide direct and indirect client services. They assess clients' need, 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. Social Work generally requires a Masters degree.

#### Career Options

Vocational Rehabilitation	Social Worker
Human Services Worker	Case Manager
Advocate	Youth Outreach

#### Potential Employers

Correctional Facilities	Hospitals
Child Welfare Departments	Nursing Homes
Rehabilitation Facilities	Advocacy Groups
Social Service Agencies	Religious Org
Non-Profit Organizations	Clinics
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	Epidemiologist
Research Sociologist	Sociologist
Clinical Sociologist	Medical Sociologist

#### Potential Employers

Consulting Firms	Private Research Firms
Colleges/Universities	Federal & State Agencies
Advertising & Marketing Firms	Census Bureau

### Counselors (Masters)

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	Data Analyst
Consumer Researcher	Public Survey
Government Worker	Census Researcher

#### Potential Employers

Advertising Agencies	Manufacturing Companies
Communications Industries	Research Firms
Public Opinion Research Firms	Colleges/Universities
Government Agencies	

### 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	Forensic Science
Corrections Officer	Private Security
Human Services	Investigator
Parole Officer	Special Agent

#### Potential Employers

Correction Institutions	Court Systems
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	Interviewer
Consumer Researcher	Market Research
Public Survey Worker	Labor Relations

#### Potential Employers

Colleges/Universities	Labor Unions
Public Opinion Research	Public Relations
Newspapers/Magazines	Government

### 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	Environmentalist
Community Organizer	Advocate
Public Administration	Fundraiser
Public Health Educator	Community Aide

#### Potential Employers

Colleges/Universities	Labor Unions
Public Opinion Research	Public Relations
Newspapers/Magazines	Government

Need help with the job search?

College of Arts & Sciences Career

Services offers:

*Arts & Sciences 4111 Career Planning and Job Search Strategies*

Course descriptions available at the Career Services website:

<http://ascareers.okstate.edu>

