



What can I do with a major in Sociology?

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.
Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

Description of Sociology

Sociology is the study of human behavior and interaction in the context of culture and society. Sociology studies the social institutions formed by mankind to determine the influence these institutions have upon individual and groups. There are many specialties in sociology that include marriage and family, community, gerontology, criminology, rural and urban studies, juvenile delinquency, and social and political organizations. A major in sociology leads to a wide range of career options in government, nonprofit or business. In addition, a major in sociology provides individuals with a solid foundation for further post-graduate study in law, business, or the social sciences.

Possible Job Titles

(*As reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)

Advertising Assistant*	Humane Society Director*	Probation Officer*
Assistant Research Scientist*	Lead Recruiter*	Program Coordinator*
Claims Representative*	Librarian*	Public Relations Specialist*
Client Care Representative*	Litigation Investigator*	Research Coordinator*
Counselor*	Logistics Coordinator*	Residential Counselor*
Customer Service Processor*	Marketing Coordinator*	Sales Representative*
Editor*	Medicaid Eligibility Specialist*	Social Worker*
Family Independence Case Mgr*	Office Manager*	Teacher*
Health & Safety Administrator*	Paralegal*	Travel Manager*
Human Resources Assistant*	Prevention Educator*	Wedding Consultant*

To research careers of interest, visit these web sites:

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)
O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)
Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Possible Employment Settings

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American Red Cross*	Enterprise Rent-a-Car*	Philip Morris USA*
Athens Regional Library System*	GA Dept of Community Affairs*	Progressive Insurance*
Athens Technical College*	GA Dept of Family and Children	Standard Register*
Atlanta Public Schools*	GA Dept of Social Services*	State Farm Insurance*
BellSouth*	Genesis Designer Homes*	SunTrust Bank*
Botanical Gardens*	Habitat for Humanity, Intl*	Teach for America*
Childtime*	King & Spalding*	The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company*
CIBA Vision*	Laurel Woods Mental Health*	Uline, Inc.*
Community Newspapers, Inc.*	Macon Water Authority*	University of Georgia*
David's Bridal*	Maximus Probations*	US Census Bureau*

Career Center Library Resources

Careers for Legal Eagles and Other Law and Order Types by Blythe Camenson

Careers in Criminology by Marilyn Morgan

From Making a Living to Making a Difference by Richard King

Great Jobs for Sociology Majors by Blythe Camenson

Keys to Liberal Arts Success by Howard Figler

Liberal Arts Jobs by Burt Nadler

100 Best Nonprofits to Work for by Leslie Hamilton

Opportunities in Social Science Careers by Rosanne Marek (2004)

Students Federal Career Guide by Katherine Troutman

Strategies

- Spend Summers working at camps, YMCAs and other social service agencies
- Learn a second language in order to increase marketability
- Obtain certification/licensure to teach grades K-12
- Learn how to use statistical software packages
- Volunteer with emotionally and behaviorally troubled youth
- Assist a professor on a research project
- Develop a specialty such as aging, family, criminal justice, or healthcare
- Gain business experience through part-time jobs or summer internships

Employment Websites

Federal Opportunities

www.usajobs.gov

Georgia State Government Opportunities

www.careers.ga.gov

Teaching Opportunities in Georgia

www.teachgeorgia.org

Additional Resources/Contacts

American Sociological Association

www.asanet.org/

American Society of Criminology

www.asc41.com

Society for Applied Sociology

www.appliedsoc.org

Assoc. for Applied and Clinical Sociology

www.aacsnet.org/wp

Society for the Study of Social Problems

<http://www.sssp1.org/>