Sociology & Human Services

Sociology is the scientific or systematic study of society, including patterns of social relationships, social interaction, and culture. Sociological practice is the application of sociological knowledge—concepts, methods, theories, predictions, evidence, and insights to understanding immediate problems and their solutions. Sociological research provides educators, planners, lawmakers, administrators, developers, planners, lawmakers, administrators, developers, business leaders, and people interested in resolving social problems and formulating public policy with rationales for the actions that they take.

A sociology/human service major can provide graduates a background work directly as sociologists or professionals in the human service field. In addition, the perspective and skills gained through the study of sociology—from research and organization, critical analysis and systems thinking, to communications, human relations, and cultural and social awareness—prepare them to work in other professions where these skills and insights are valuable.

Some career possibilities for Sociology & Human Services majors:

Activist
Advertising Manager
Admissions Counselor
Anthropologist
Archivist/Curator
Bank Manager
Business or Corporate Manager
Career Counselor
Case Worker
Child Care Director
Child Welfare Worker
City Manager
Clergy/Minister
Community Organizer
Community Service Agency Director
Compensation/Benefits Specialist
Congressional Staffer
Consultant
Consumer Advocate
Cooperative Extension Agent Counselor
Criminologist
Customer Service Director
Data Analyst
Demographer
Development Officer/
Grant-writer
Dietician
Economist
Educator
Entrepreneur
Environmental Scientist
Event Planner
Family Services Specialist
Financial Aid Director
Foreign Services Worker
Geographer
Gerontologist
Guidance Counselor
Hospital Administrator
Human Resources Specialist
Intelligence Officer (FBI/CIA)
Journalist
Judge
Labor Relations Specialist
Lawyer
Market Research Analyst
News Analyst
Nursing Home Administrator
Paralegal
Peace Corps/ VISTA worker
Policy Analyst
Probation/Parole Officer
Professor
Program Director
Public Health Educator
Public Relations Specialist
Psychologist
Public Administrator
Recreation Director
Reporter
Research Analyst/Assistant
Recreation Worker
Sales Representative
Social Worker
Sociologist
Statistician
Substance Abuse Program Director/Counselor
Survey Worker
Teacher
Travel Guide
Urban & Regional Planner
Veterans Affairs Specialist
Writer
Youth Program Director/Counselor

Possible employers for Sociology/ Human Services majors:

Advertisement Agencies
Adoption Agencies
Advocacy Organizations
Businesses & Corporations
Child Care Agencies
Civil Rights Organizations
Clinics
Colleges/ Universities
Community Centers/
Organizations
Correctional Institutions
Court & Probation Systems
Health Care Organizations
Hospitals
Labor Unions
Local, State, Federal & Tribal Government
News Organizations
Non-profit Organizations
Nursing & Personal Care Facilities
Personnel Departments
Publishers
Religious Organizations
Research Firms
Retirement Agencies
Schools & Universities
Social Service Agencies
Substance Abuse Treatment Centers
Travel/Tourism Companies
United Nations
Veteran’s Administration
Youth Program/Organization

Professional Organizations & Additional Information:

International Sociological Association
Faculty of Political Sciences & Sociology
University Complutense
28223 Madrid, SPAIN
www.isa-sociology.org

American Sociological Association
1430 K St, NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC  20005
www.asanet.org

National Council for the Social Studies
8555 16th  St, Suite 500
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
www.socialstudies.org

National Association of Social Workers
750 First Street, NE, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20002-4241
www.socialworkers.org

National Indian Child Welfare Assoc
5100 S.W. Macadam Ave, Ste 300
Portland, Oregon 97239
www.nicwa.org

http://online.onetcenter.org