



# What Can I Do With a Major in... Sociology

## What is Sociology...

Sociology is the scientific study of human groups. It provides tools for understanding how and why our society functions, impact of social intuitions on individual lives, and the challenges of social interaction between individuals and society. Through teaching, research, and service learning, the Sociology program provides critical understanding of ways people relate to one another through the organization of society and how its structures and cultures influence our lives. Subject matters of sociology ranges from family life to organizations, from crime to education, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, from poverty to wealth. Few fields have such a broad and exciting scope. Sociology enables you to see the world in a new light. Whether they be friendships, families, church groups, socioeconomic classes, complex organizations, or nations, much of our lives are socially constructed. This is the basic premise of sociology. The wisdom of sociology is the discovery that things are not what they seem. But sociology offers more. When people see things, they ask what they are. Sociologists ask what they are not.

### Potential Employers

- ❖ Community Service Agencies
- ❖ Advocacy Groups
- ❖ Federal, State, and Local Government
- ❖ United Way Agencies
- ❖ Local Branches of National Non-profit Organizations
- ❖ Private Foundations
- ❖ Adoption/Child Care Agencies
- ❖ Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities
- ❖ Hospitals and Wellness Centers
- ❖ Educational Info. Services
- ❖ Insurance Companies

### Possible Job Titles

- ❖ Admissions Counselor
- ❖ Data Analyst
- ❖ Adoption Agencies
- ❖ Day Care Worker
- ❖ News Correspondent Worker
- ❖ Foster Care Worker
- ❖ Case Aid Worker
- ❖ Child Welfare Officer

- ❖ Advertising Assistant
- ❖ Delinquency Counselor
- ❖ Parole/Probation Officer
- ❖ Aging Specialist
- ❖ Peace Corps
- ❖ Alcohol/ Drug Counselor
- ❖ Human Resources Assistant
- ❖ Consumer Survey Advisor

- ❖ Social Scientist
- ❖ Public Relations Specialist
- ❖ Congressional Aid
- ❖ Job Analyst
- ❖ Research Assistant
- ❖ Consumer Advocate
- ❖ Labor Relations Representative
- ❖ Public Opinion Surveyor
- ❖ Professor

# How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

## Skills Learned in This Major:

- ❖ Cross-cultural understanding
- ❖ Insight into group behavior
- ❖ Recognize ethical issues in research
- ❖ Leadership and communication skills
- ❖ Data interpretation
- ❖ Ability to use statistical software
- ❖ Conflict resolution
- ❖ Analytical skills
- ❖ Ability to work well under pressure

## Additional Information can be found at:

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

[www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)

[www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html](http://www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html)

[www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)

[www.lamission.edu/careercenter](http://www.lamission.edu/careercenter)

## CSU/UC Related Transfer Degree Options:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Sociology B.A. (with options in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Social Welfare and Social Justice, Work and Society)
- ❖ **CSULA:** Sociology B.A. (with options in Inequalities and Diversity & Law and Society)
- ❖ **CSU Channel Islands:** Sociology B.A.
- ❖ **UCLA:** Sociology (Pre) B.A.
- ❖ ... and more!

Go to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) to see universities that offer these majors

## CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options:

- ❖ CSUN: Sociology
- ❖ CSU Long Beach: Applied Sociology
- ❖ UCLA: Sociology MA/PhD

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see a counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818)833-3403 ; [careercenter@lamission.edu](mailto:careercenter@lamission.edu)