

### What Can I Do With a Major In...

## Sociology

<http://www.unt.edu/pais/insert/usoci.htm>

### *Majoring in Sociology*

The sociology program emphasizes the use of social theory and research methods to explore the complexities of social issues and the problems associated with social organization and disorganization. Your education in sociology at UNT begins with a broad and solid base of courses in areas such as sociological theory, urban sociology, medical sociology, gerontology, criminal justice, sex and gender, and race and ethnic relations. You will be trained to look beyond the classroom to understand the practical applications of sociological principles.

UNT's sociology faculty members have won several teaching awards. One faculty member was named Regents Professor for excellence in research and teaching. Regents Professors devote at least half of their teaching load to introductory-level courses. Another faculty member received a President's Council University Teaching Award and was named a "Top Prof" by Mortar Board, a senior honor society.

Faculty members are involved in study abroad programs and research in countries such as Ghana, Guatemala, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico and Sweden. Faculty members have received research grants from organizations such as March of Dimes, the National Science Foundation and the National Center for Health Services Research. Faculty research projects often provide students with valuable experience as research assistants.

### *General information on Careers in the Major:*

A major in sociology — the study of the characteristics, causes and consequences of living in groups— prepares you for a variety of careers with government agencies, corporations and nonprofit organizations. Sociologists also work for state and local law enforcement agencies, hospitals, advertising agencies and manufacturing corporations to determine potential customers or to better understand existing ones. Some sociologists manage programs in family and child welfare agencies or develop programs and policies for community, government, religious and youth organizations. Other sociologists are private consultants or work for consulting firms, and many are employed by universities to do research and teach.

A bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas with a major in sociology also prepares you for an entry-level research job as an interviewer or a statistician. You also may find a job as a social worker, a career or family counselor, a parole or probation officer, or in another community-service area related to sociology.

Some sociology majors go on to law school or other graduate or professional training. To be considered a professional sociologist or to teach at a university, you will need to go to graduate school for a master's and possibly a doctoral degree.

2016-2017 Degree Plans

- [Sociology, BA](#)
- [Sociology, BS](#)

## **Related Career Titles**

### *Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):*

- Admissions Counselor
- Adoption Agent
- Advertising Assistant
- Aging Specialist
- Alcohol & Drug Case Worker
- Case Aid Worker
- Child Welfare Officer
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Compensation/Benefits Worker
- Congressional Aid
- Consumer Advocate
- Consumer Survey Advisor
- Convention Organizer
- Cooperative Extension Agent
- Correctional Case Worker
- Corrections Officer
- Cottage Parent
- Claims Representative
- Data Analyst
- Residential Counselor
- Day Care Worker
- Delinquency Counselor
- Human Resources Assistant
- Independent Living Trainer
- Foster Care Worker
- Fundraiser/Development Officer
- Insurance Agent/Broker
- Job Analyst
- Labor Relations Representative
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Mental Health Worker
- News Correspondent
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
- Personnel Interviewer
- Program Assistant
- Social Research Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Reporter
- Research Assistant
- Public Opinion Surveyor
- Recreation Therapist
- Veterans Affairs Specialist
- Secret Service Agent
- Sales Representative
- Shipping Operations Manager
- Writer/Author
- Foster Care Worker

### *Jobs Requiring Additional Experience (Master's, Doctorate, Certifications)*

College or University Professor/Lecturer  
Community College Professor  
Senior Researcher  
Sociologist  
School Counselor  
Criminologist  
Gerontologist  
Dietician

Public Administrator  
Urban Planner  
Veterans Affairs Specialist  
Lawyer  
Youth Counselor  
Counselor  
Social Worker  
Consultant  
Social Scientist

### *Possible Work Settings*

- Federal, state, and local government
- Advocacy groups
- Religiously-affiliated organizations
- Non-profit agencies
- Community service organizations
- Private foundations
- Adoption and child care agencies
- Nursing homes and retirement communities
- Residential treatment facilities
- Hospitals and wellness centers
- Halfway houses
- Correctional facilities
- Vocational services
- Educational information services
- Insurance companies
- Prisons
- Detention centers
- Youth corrections facilities
- Airports and other transportation facilities
- Research Institutes
- Colleges and universities
- Banks
- Corporations
- Advertising and Marketing Firms
- Media Companies
- Advocacy Groups
- Banks

### *Skills Used and Developed by Sociology majors*

- Sociology
- English Language
- Statistics
- Psychology
- Education and Training
- Computers and Electronics
- Assessing Performance
- Active Learning
- Critical Thinking
- Writing Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Oral Comprehension
- Speech Clarity
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Active Learning
- Complex Problem Solving
- Time Management
- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Instructing

### *Websites for Exploring Sociology Careers*

Career Possibilities, <http://www.abacon.com/socsite/careers.html>

Careers in Sociology by W. Richard Stephens, Jr., <http://www.abacon.com/socsite/careers.html>

Sociology options,  
<http://sociology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/advising/Careers%20in%20Sociology.pdf>

World Wide Learn Guide to Sociology Majors, <http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/social-science/sociology-major.htm>

A Call to Serve, <http://ourpublicservice.org/OPS/programs/calltoserve/>

The Sociology Page, <http://www.thesociologypage.com/>

### *Sociology Job Search Sites*

Society of Human Resource Management, [http://jobs.shrm.org/home/index.cfm?site\\_id=1612](http://jobs.shrm.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=1612)

Social Service.com, <http://socialservice.com/>

Idealist.org, <http://www.idealists.org/>

OpportunityKnocks.org, <http://www.opportunityknocks.org/>

US Federal Jobs, <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

American Sociological Association Employment, <http://www.asanet.org/employment/careers.cfm>

Public Service Careers, <http://publicservicecareers.org/>

### *Student Organizations at UNT- (Learn more at UNT [ORGSYNC](#))*

UNT Sociology Club

Moot Court (Pre-law mock trials)

Future Without Poverty

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society

### *Professional Organizations*

American Sociological Association, <http://www.asanet.org/>

International Sociological Association, <http://www.isa-sociology.org/>

Society for the Study of Social Problems, <http://www.sssp1.org/>

The American Society of Criminology, <http://www.asc41.com/>

Justice Studies Association , <http://www.justicestudies.org/>

Global Studies Association of North America, <http://www.net4dem.org/mayglobal/>

### *Additional Resources*

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

O\*NET OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>

Eagle Careers: [http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle\\_network.html](http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html)

LinkedIn: <http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html>

mySkills myFuture: <http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

USAjobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>

CareerOneStop: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>

CareerRookie: <http://www.careerrookie.com/>

**Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.**

*\*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:*

*Central Washington University: <http://www.cwu.edu/career/>*

*Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/>*

*Texas State University: <http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/>*

*University of North Carolina Wilmington: <http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html>*

*University of North Texas: <http://careercenter.unt.edu/>*

*University of Tennessee-Knoxville: <http://career.utk.edu/>*

*University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: <http://www.uvec.edu/Career/index.htm>*