

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY **SOCIOLOGY** DEGREE?



Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals

- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Child Support Case Officer
- Parent Educator
- Race Relations Specialist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Outreach Worker
- Eligibility Specialist
- Violence Prevention Educator
- Social Service Admin.
- Caseworker
- Activities Leader
- Youth Counselor
- Teen Center Director

BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Communications Assistant
- Assistant Traffic Manager
- Public Affairs Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Asst. Account Executive
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Media Liaison
- Copywriter
- Fund Raising Associate
- Media Buyer
- Research Assistant

Human Resources

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
- Interviewer
- Placement Counselor
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Employment Consultant
- Trainer
- Recruiter
- Job Developer

CORRECTIONS / REHABILITATION / LAW

Courts, Prisons, Private Practices, Government

- Probation/Parole Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Police Officer
- Investigative Assistant
- Paralegal
- Corrections Officer
- Legal Assistant
- CIA/FBI Special Agent

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Cultural Studies Professor
- Teacher

HEALTH

Hospitals, Insurers, Government, Non-Profits (Family Planning, Substance Abuse)

- Public Health Statistician
- Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- Family Planning Educator/Counselor
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Community Educator/Activist
- Nursing Home Activity Leader
- Patient Advocate
- Caseworker
- Health Facility Evaluator

GOVERNMENT

Local, State and Federal Agencies (i.e. Transportation, Housing, Commerce)

- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator
- Contract/Grants Officer
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Researcher/Statistician
- Labor Analyst
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Program Evaluator
- Survey Analyst

PUBLIC POLICY/ADVOCACY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Committee Staff Person
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide
- Press Secretary
- Communications Director

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Office Manager
- Lobbyist
- Membership Coordinator
- Political Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Manager
- Legislative Liaison
- Conference Coordinator

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)

- Project Assistant
- Research Associate
- Public Policy Analyst

Foundations

- Research Assistant
- Proposal Reviewer
- Aide

AGING

Hospitals, Senior Centers, Adult Day Care Centers, Long-Term Care Facilities

- Recreation Specialist
- Program Coordinator
- Case Manager
- Adult Day Care Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Medical Social Worker

CROSS-CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Government, Consulting Firms, Educational Organizations

- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Int'l Exchange Program Coord.
- Tourism Development Officer
- Foreign Service Officer
- ESL Instructor
- Bicultural Program Specialist
- International Visitor Escort
- English Teacher Abroad
- UN Guide
- Consular Assistant

ANTHROPOLOGY

Museums, Government, Consulting Firms

- Museum Technician
- Field Archaeologist
- Archivist
- Archaeological Field Technician
- Contract Archaeologist
- Archaeological Surveyor
- Cultural Artifacts Specialist
- Socio-Cultural Impact Assessor
- Lab Technician
- Site Manager
- Forensic Technician

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Sociology.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Sociology course work** with **classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:

- **Major Sheets (PSYC, ANTH, SOCY, ENGL, EDUC):** <http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/>
- **Links by Major:** <http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php>
- **The Vault:** <http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/>
- Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
- Select "Guides" to view relevant guides such as:
 - "Vault Guide to Social Services Jobs"
 - "Vault Career Guide to Market Research"
 - "Vault Career Guide to Consulting"
 - "Vault Guide to Education Jobs"
 - "Vault Career Guide to Public Relations"
 - "Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs"

• **Professional Organizations:**

- American Sociological Society: <http://www.asanet.org/>
- Eastern Sociological Society: <http://www.essnet.org/>
- National Council of State Sociological Associations: <http://www.ncssa.us/>
- American Political Science Association: <http://www.apsanet.org/>