



## What can I do with a Major in...

**Major:** Sociology

### O\*net Outlook Link to Career Titles

[Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary](#)

[Sociologists](#)

[Area, Ethnic, and Cultural Studies Teachers, Postsecondary](#)

[Political Science Teachers, Postsecondary](#)

[Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary](#)

### Related Career Titles for Sociology Majors

#### Entry-level Job Titles

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

## Jobs requiring additional education or experience

*Career Services Counselor	*City Planner	*Clergy
*Researcher	*Social Scientist	*Trainer
*Resident Assistant	*Rehabilitation Counselor	*Recreation Director
*School Counselor	*Social Worker	*Urban Planner
*Marriage and Family Therapist	*Medical Social Worker	*Veterans Affairs Specialist
*Professor	*Nutritionist	*Welfare Counselor
*Criminologist	*Financial Aid Director	*Dietitian
*Public Administrator	*Program Director	*Gerontologist
*Public Health Educator	*Community Relations Director	*Consultant
*Secret Service Agent	*Technical Writer	

### **Knowledge:**

Sociology and Anthropology  
English Language  
Mathematics  
Psychology  
Education and Training  
Computers and Electronics  
Law and Government

### **Skills:**

Writing  
Critical Thinking  
Reading Comprehension  
Active Learning  
Complex Problem Solving  
Science  
Time Management  
Active Listening  
Speaking  
Instructing

### **Abilities Learned with this Degree:**

Oral Expression  
Written Comprehension  
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Oral Comprehension  
Speech Clarity  
Deductive Reasoning  
Inductive Reasoning  
Speech Recognition  
Near Vision  
Problem Sensitivity

### **Links:**

#### **Job Listings / Job Search:**

Human Resources:

[Society of Human Resource Management](#) (Human Resources jobs)

[HR jobs at Monster](#)

Nonprofit/Social Services:

[Social Service.com](#)

[Idealist.org](#) Action Without Borders-Non Profit Organizations and Job Opportunities

[Center for Nonprofit Management](#)

[OpportunityKnocks.org](#)

Government:

[Federal Jobs](#)

[US Department of Health & Human Services](#)

[US Department of Housing & Urban Development](#)

[The Corporation for National & Community Service](#) (includes Americorp)

[US Adm. on Aging Summer Internship Program](#)  
[Jobs with the Transportation Security Administration](#)  
[United States Secret Service](#)  
[IRS Criminal Investigation](#)  
[Naval Criminal Investigative Service jobs](#)  
[National Security Agency](#)  
[U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)  
[US Park Police](#)  
[UN & other international organizations](#)  
[US Postal Inspector](#)  
[Federal Bureau of Prisons jobs](#)  
[FBI](#)  
[CIA](#)  
[Dept of Treasury, Bureau of Engraving & Printing](#)  
[American Sociological Association Employment](#)

### **Career Planning & Information:**

[Careers in Sociology](#) by W. Richard Stephens, Jr.  
American Sociological Association: [Careers in Sociology](#)  
Occupational Outlook Handbook: [Social Scientists](#)

### **Organizations & Associations:**

[American Humanics - UNT](#)  
[American Sociological Association](#)  
[American Society of Criminology](#)  
[Forensic Science Society](#)  
[International Sociological Association](#)  
[SocSite](#)  
[Southern Sociological Society](#)  
[National Association of Social Workers](#)

### **Description of Coursework:**

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. As a sociology major, you must complete 30 semester hours in sociology, including four required courses.

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.

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

## **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.

UNT's Career Center can help you prepare to pursue your career. The center has information about jobs and employers, and the staff can help you with resume and letter writing, job search strategies and interview preparation. <http://careercenter.unt.edu/>

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