



Major/ Career Connections

Major Profile: Sociology (IES)

School of Liberal Arts

Investigative Interest Cluster

Is Sociology for me?

Find out by answering the following questions. If you answer yes to most of them, read on to learn more. If not, try one of the other **Major Profiles** (<http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/mccs.asp>).

	No	Yes
Are you investigative, enterprising, or social (see Interest Cluster sheets)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you like doing research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you enjoy analyzing data?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you like a high degree of interaction with people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you think one of your strengths is dealing with facts and ideas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you like social studies in high school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of human social interaction. Sociologists study how individuals are affected by each other and by the groups they belong to. Specifically conflict, social interaction, social process, and physical environments are studied. The results of sociological research help lawmakers and educators solve social problems and make public policy.

What Courses Will I Take?

- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Science Research Methods
- Introduction to Sociological Statistics
- Social Theory
- Deviance & Social Control
- Social Problems
- Population
- Sociology of Religion
- Families & Society
- AIDS and Society
- Women & Health
- Race & Ethnic Relations

What are Some Related Majors?

- Criminal Justice (IES)
- Environmental Engineering (IES)
- International Relations & Affairs (IES)
- Urban Studies (IES)
- Actuarial Science (ISE)
- Economics (ISE)
- Psychology (ISE)
- Urban, Community, Regional Planning (EIS)
- Public Health (EIS)
- International Business (ESI)
- Nursing (SIE)

What Skills Will I Develop?

You will develop the analytical ability to collect and organize detailed research, process quantitative and qualitative data, and compile it all into a logical presentation, as the outcome of sociologists' work is typically written reports of findings. Excellent written and oral communication skills, as well as the ability to handle multiple tasks and work under pressure, will also be learned. Computer skills for data processing and statistical analysis will be expected.

Where Could I Work?

Most sociology majors work in private for-profit businesses. A significant portion of students will work for local, state, or federal government agencies, or in educational settings. Others work in non-profit organizations or are self-employed (The College Majors Handbook, 2004).

What Job Opportunities Exist?

Related Careers

According to a national survey of college graduates, most graduates from bachelor's level sociology programs work in careers that are only somewhat related or are non-related to their undergraduate studies. Many work as top or mid-level managers, executives, or administrators. Others work as social workers. The rest work in a vast array of positions, which include sales, finance, marketing, and/or administrative roles (The College Majors Handbook, 2004). Some pursue one of the career options listed below (Guide to College Majors, 2008). Those with an * may require further experience, training, or education.

- Career Counselor*
- Criminologist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lobbyist
- Marketing Executive*
- Politician*
- Professor*
- Social Worker
- Sociologist*

Employment Outlook

Projected growth rates for sociologists are projected to grow about as fast as average until 2016. The jobs sociologists will find work will be in policy or research. The incorporation of sociology in research will increase the need for sociologists (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09).

Salary Expectations

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (2008), the average entry-level salary is about \$34,796. Median annual earnings of sociologists were \$60,290 (OOH, 2008-09).

What Graduate/Professional School Opportunities Exist?

More than one third of all sociology majors proceed to earn advanced degrees (The College Majors Handbook, 2004). Some continue studies in one of the following areas:

- Human Development
- Political Science
- Medicine
- Counseling
- Human Resource Mgmt.
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Law
- Public Administration
- Social Work

Where Can I Get More Information?



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Academic Advising at IUPUI	http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/index.asp
Career Counseling at IUPUI	http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp
Sociology Career Definitions	http://www.utexas.edu/student/careercenter/careers/soc.pdf