

# What can I do with a major in "Sociology"?

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

### Description of Sociology

Sociology is the study of human behavior and interaction in the context of culture and society.

Sociology studies the social institutions formed by mankind to determine the influence these institutions have upon individual and groups. There are many specialties in sociology that include marriage and family, community, gerontology, criminology, rural and urban studies, juvenile delinquency, and social and political organizations. A major in sociology leads to a wide range of career options in government, nonprofit or business. In addition, a major in sociology provides individuals with a solid foundation for further post-graduate study in law, business, or the social sciences.

### Research Careers

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (Click on Find Occupations)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (Accessible only on campus computers)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (Type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles [www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp) (Click on Occupational Title Search)

\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for more information or assistance.

### Possible Job Titles

(\*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Advertising Assistant	Customer Service Processor	Probation Officer
Humane Society Director	Marketing Coordinator	Program Coordinator
Assistant Research Scientist	Editor	Public Relations Specialist
Lead Recruiter	Medicaid Eligibility Specialist	Research Coordinator
Claims Representative	Family Independence Case Mgr	Residential Counselor
Librarian	Office Manager	Sales Representative
Client Care Representative	Health & Safety Administrator	Social Worker
Litigation Investigator	Paralegal	Teacher
Counselor	Human Resources Assistant	Travel Manager
Logistics Coordinator	Prevention Educator	Wedding Consultant

### Possible Employment Settings

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American Red Cross	Botanical Gardens	Philip Morris USA
Enterprise Rent-a-Car	Habitat for Humanity, Intl	Progressive Insurance
Athens Regional Library System	Childtime	Standard Register
GA Dept of Community Affairs	King & Spalding	State Farm Insurance
Athens Technical College	CIBA Vision	SunTrust Bank
GA Dept of Family and Children	Laurel Woods Mental Health	Teach for America
Atlanta Public Schools	Community Newspapers, Inc.	The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company
GA Dept of Social Services	Macon Water Authority	Uline, Inc.
BellSouth	David's Bridal	University of Georgia
Genesis Designer Homes	Maximus Probations	US Census Bureau

### **Career Center Library Resources**

*Careers for Legal Eagles and Other Law and Order Types* by Blythe Camenson

*Careers in Criminology* by Marilyn Morgan

*From Making a Living to Making a Difference* by Richard King

*Great Jobs for Sociology Majors* by Blythe Camenson

*Keys to Liberal Arts Success* by Howard Figler

*Liberal Arts Jobs* by Burt Nadler

*100 Best Nonprofits to Work for* by Leslie Hamilton

*Opportunities in Social Science Careers* by Rosanne Marek (2004)

*Students Federal Career Guide* by Katherine Troutman

### **Employment Websites**

**Federal Opportunities** - [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

**Georgia State Government Opportunities** - [www.careers.ga.gov](http://www.careers.ga.gov)

**Teaching Opportunities in Georgia** - [www.teachgeorgia.org](http://www.teachgeorgia.org)

### **Additional Resources**

**American Sociological Association** - [www.asanet.org/](http://www.asanet.org/)

**American Society of Criminology** - [www.asc41.com](http://www.asc41.com)

**Society for Applied Sociology** - [www.appliedsoc.org](http://www.appliedsoc.org)

**Assoc. for Applied and Clinical Sociology** - [www.aacsnet.org/wp](http://www.aacsnet.org/wp)

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