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What can I do with a BA in sociology?

With a BA in sociology, career opportunities are endless.

A BA in sociology is excellent preparation for future graduate work in sociology in order to become a professor, researcher, or applied sociologist.

A BA in sociology provides a strong liberal arts preparation for entry level positions throughout business, social service and government worlds.

Sociology offers valuable preparation for careers in journalism, politics, public relations, business or public administration—fields that involve investigative skills and working with diverse groups.

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What Is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts. The subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from organized crime to religious cults; from the divisions of race, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture.

Few fields have such broad scope and relevance for research, theory, and application of knowledge. Sociology is an exciting discipline with opportunities for a wide range of career paths.

For more information on what you can do with a degree in sociology visit the website http://www.abacon.com/socsite/careers.html

Major in Sociology

Program Requirements

A major in sociology requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of sociology course work and leads to a bachelor of arts degree.

At least half of the total semester hours earned must be in upper division courses (courses numbered 300-499). A minor or second major is required.

Required Courses—15 Credit Hours

Socl 100 Introductory Sociology
Socl 300 Using Statistics in Sociology
Socl 302 Strategies of Social Research
Socl 304 Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society

One course to be selected from the following:

Elective Courses—15 Credit Hours

Socl 210 Interaction: Self and Society
Socl 220 Marriage and Family
Socl 230 Deviant Behavior
Socl 232 Introduction to Law Enforcement
Socl 240 Contemporary Social Problems
Socl 260 Minority Relations
Socl 312 Collective Behavior
Socl 324 Sociology of Sport
Socl 330 Criminology
Socl 332 Juvenile Delinquency
Socl 340 Aging in Society
Socl 345 Popular Music
Socl 350 Social Inequality
Socl 355 Sociology of Gender
Socl 359 Sexuality and Society
Socl 362 Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender
Socl 363 Population and Society
Socl 404 Qualitative Analysis
Socl 408 Survey Applications
Socl 410 Socialization
Socl 430 Penology
Socl 432 Sociology of Criminal Law
Socl 433 Community Corrections
Socl 434 Organized Crime
Socl 435 Family Violence
Socl 440 Medical Sociology
Socl 450 Occupations and Professions

Minor in Sociology

The minor in sociology requires a minimum of 21 semester hours of course work. Courses required are: Socl 100, 300, 302, and 304. At least 12 hours earned in the minor must be in upper division courses (courses numbered 300-499).

Minor in Criminology

The minor in criminology requires a minimum of 21 semester hours of course work. Courses required are: Socl 230, 330, 332, and 430.

An additional 9 elective hours are to be selected from approved courses in sociology, government, social work, psychology, health and safety, management, history, chemistry, or anthropology.

Why strive for the knowledge of reality if this knowledge cannot serve us in life?

Emile Durkheim