Understand Social Dynamics, Contexts & Consequences
You learn to understand the structures of societies, institutions and organizations, understanding how these shape individuals’ choices, practices and life chances. You take social context into account in decision making and strategy.

Global & Multicultural Competency
You understand social inequalities, group dynamics, and diverse perspectives, developing an awareness of traditional stereotypes. You understand the ways events and processes in one country are linked to those in other countries.

Critical Thinking
You learn to define and analyze problems, identify factors that contribute to outcomes, and analyze the connections.

Research & Research Design
You know how to define a problem, design a study to find answers, identify strengths and weaknesses of methods and approaches, design surveys, conduct interviews and field work, report findings, and make recommendations.

Qualitative & Quantitative Data Analysis
You learn to code and analyze qualitative and quantitative data, utilizing appropriate tools and software, interpret results of data gathering, identify ethical issues, present data.

Written & Oral Communication
You have skills to articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written communications and through oral communications.

Supplement Your Skills With:

Leadership Experience
Volunteering or Service-Learning
Career & Self Development
Collaboration Experience
Internships & Part-Time Positions

Chart Your Path Forward
Activate Your Handshake Account for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Sociology major into success.

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- Accountant
- Analyst
- Attorney
- Business Development Manager/Consultant
- Business Owner/Founder
- Consultant
- Director
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- Project Manager
- President/CEO
- Principal
- Registered Nurse
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- Professor
- Teacher

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- American Medical Association
- Aurora Healthcare
- Best Buy
- Boeing
- Chicago Public Schools
- Children’s Wisconsin
- City of Madison
- City Year
- CUNA Mutual Group
- Delta Airlines
- Epic
- Exact Sciences
- Madison Area Technical College
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3. Information Technology
4. Finance
5. Government
6. Non-Profit
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Avery S. Jackson, 2009
Civil Rights Analyst, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Washington, DC

“My Sociology major taught me how to best identify qualified and accurate data to answer the challenges of the day. The data’s source and accuracy of assessment are vital in my current role and life.”

Kingsley Goubourne (he/him/his), 2004
Director of Global Inclusion & Diversity, SC Johnson
Owner, Artemis Provisions and Cheese
Mt. Horeb, WI

Career Communities for Sociology Majors
SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Sociology majors can start.

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