

# Sociology

## Curriculum

The topics that sociologists examine encompass the world around us--families, schools, government, prisons, the world of work, cities and neighborhoods, and friendships. Some might say that the role of the sociologist is to render the unfamiliar familiar. Sociologists attempt to gain understanding of important social processes by way of a wide range of theories and methodological approaches. We utilize many different kinds of information sources in our work, including census data, historical documents, transcripts from interviews, survey results, and observations of group behavior.

## Sociology majors develop the following skills:

- Communication
- Interpersonal
- Leadership
- Analytical
- Statistics and Research Design
- Computer Literacy
- Cross-Cultural Understanding
- Business Sense
- Classical and Contemporary Theory
- Social Data Analysis
- Group Process
- Social Psychology
- Social Structure
- Social Problems
- Minority Groups and Race Relations
- Urban Sociology

## Get Involved

Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society)  
Sociology Club

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at:  
<https://campuslink.okstate.edu>

## College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East  
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources:  
<http://cascareers.okstate.edu>

## Job and Internship Websites

- American Sociological Association  
<http://www.asanet.org/>
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth  
<http://www.ok.gov/occy/>
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs  
<http://www.oja.ok.gov>
- Social Service Job Sites  
<http://www.socialservice.com>
- Society for the Study of Social Problems  
<http://www.sssp1.org/>
- Federal Bureau of Prisons  
<http://www.bop.gov>
- Law Enforcement  
<http://www.officer.com/>
- Chronicle of Philanthropy  
<http://www.philanthropy.com>
- Changing Our World  
<http://www.changingourworld.com>
- Market Research  
<http://www.marketingresearch.org/>
- State of Oklahoma Employment  
[http://www.ok.gov/oesc\\_web/](http://www.ok.gov/oesc_web/)
- Federal Government Employment  
<http://www.usajobs.gov>
- U.S. Department of State  
<http://www.state.gov/careers/>
- USA Jobs  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- Oklahoma State Legislature  
<http://www.okhouse.gov/Internship/>
- Non-Profit Job Boards  
<http://nonprofit-jobs.org/>  
<http://www.opportunityknocks.org/>

## Human Services:

Social and Human Service Assistants provide direct and indirect client services. They assess clients' needs, establish their eligibility for benefits and services, and help clients obtain them. Social workers often see clients who face a life-threatening disease or a social problem. Social workers practice casework, group work, social research, social planning, health administration, and community organization.

### Career Options

Vocational Rehabilitation	Social Worker
Human Services Worker	Case Manager
Advocate Youth Outreach	

### Potential Employers

Correctional Facilities	Hospitals
Child Welfare Departments	Nursing Homes
Rehabilitation Facilities	Advocacy Groups
Social Service Agencies	Religious Orgs
Non-Profit Organizations	Clinics
Adoption/Child Care Agencies	

## Demography:

Demographers collect, present and analyze data relating to basic life-cycle events and experiences such as birth, marriage, divorce, employment, aging, migration, etc. Demographers generally require an advanced Sociology degree.

### Career Options

Market Analyst	Epidemiologist
Research Sociologist	Sociologist
Clinical Sociologist	Medical Sociologist

### Potential Employers

Consulting Firms	Private Research Firms
Colleges/Universities	Federal & State Agencies
Advertising & Marketing	Firms Census Bureau

## Market Research:

Individuals engaged in market and survey research departments determine how people vote and why; who watches what in the media and why; and who buys what product and why.

### Career Options

Advertising Media Planner	Data Analyst
Consumer Researcher	Public Survey
Government Worker	Census Researcher

### Potential Employers

Advertising Agencies	Research Firms
Manufacturing Companies	Government Agencies
Communications Industries	Colleges/Universities
Public Opinion Research Firms	

## Scholarships

O.D. Duncan Award  
Richard Dodder Scholarship  
Mabel Dixon Looper Scholarship  
Benjamin Gregory Wood Scholarship  
Outstanding Senior Award

## Criminal Justice:

Through study of the legal, social, and political processes of social control, students examine law making, crime and deviance, issues of social and racial justice, societal responses to law violation, and the effectiveness of various crime prevention and punishment strategies.

### Career Options

Law Enforcement	Forensic Science
Corrections Officer	Private Security
Human Services	Investigator
Parole Officer	Special Agent

### Potential Employers

Correction Institutions  
Court Systems  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Services  
Federal, State & Local Government

## Social Science Research:

Social science research provides insights that help us to understand different ways in which individuals and groups make decisions, exercise power, and respond to change.

### Career Options

Social Research Assistant	Interviewer
Consumer Researcher	Market Research
Public Survey Worker	Labor Relations

### Potential Employers

Colleges/Universities	Labor Unions
Public Opinion Research	Public Relations
Newspapers/Magazines	Government

## Community Relations:

Plans, organizes, and coordinates programs with agencies and groups concerned with social problems of community: Promotes and coordinates activities of agencies, groups, and individuals to meet identified needs.

### Career Options

Housing Coordinator	Environmentalist
Community Organizer	Advocate
Public Administration	Fundraiser
Public Health Educator	Community Aide

### Potential Employers

Colleges/Universities	Labor Unions
Public Opinion Research	Public Relations
Newspapers/Magazines	Government

## Henry Bellmon Scholarship

Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

For more information visit 213 LSE