

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Sociology

College of Liberal Arts

Mission of the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a rich variety of courses, majors and interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and the social sciences. Being well educated involves developing an array of intellectual skills, having the ability to use a variety of methodologies to understand our changing world, and having a broad base of diverse knowledge. Our courses and degree programs are designed to provide such a foundation and to create life-long learners who can adapt to the inevitably changing environments they will encounter.

Visit this site for more information:
<http://www.unlv.edu/liberalarts>

About the Sociology Major

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior and investigates the structure of groups, organizations, and societies. Sociology provides a broad area of study that offers students the opportunity to strengthen their critical thinking skills, writing skills, and people skills. Many students are drawn to sociology because it provides a unique view of the world and attempts to understand how society works and doesn't work, who benefits from social arrangements, and how social change happens.

Organizations Hiring Sociology Majors

- Advertising & public relations firms
- Corporations of all sizes and industries
- Federal, state and local governmental agencies
- Educational institutions (e.g., Colleges & Universities)
- Hospitals and rehabilitation centers
- Non-profit agencies

UNLV Academic Advising for Sociology Majors

Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

College of Liberal Arts Wilson Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1997
Campus Location: WRI B131
<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/WAC/>

Sociology Career Options

- Athletic Administrator/Coach
- Biographer
- Child Care Worker
- City Manager/Urban Planner
- College/University Administrator
- Community Organization Manager
- Consumer Affairs Advocate
- Counselor
- Criminologist
- Demographer
- Educator
- Field Supervisor/Researcher
- Gerontologist
- Hospital Administrator
- Independent Living Trainer
- Lawyer
- Market Researcher
- Member of Clergy
- Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer
- Police Officer
- Probation Officer
- Public Opinion Pollster
- Public Relations Manager
- Recreation Worker
- Sociologist
- Social Caseworker

Honor Society in Sociology

Alpha Kappa Delta is the International Sociology Honor Society and UNLV has a local chapter. AKD provides opportunities for sociology majors to network and socialize, as well as take advantage of professional development and leadership opportunities.

Alpha Kappa Delta: <http://www.unlv.edu/sociology>

Professional Association in Sociology

American Sociological Association: <http://www.asanet.org>

Graduate Program in Sociology

The Department of Sociology at UNLV offers a Ph.D. in Sociology, either for students coming directly from their bachelor's ("Fast Track"), in which an MA is awarded en route, or for students who already have a master's. The department does not offer a terminal master's degree.

<http://www.unlv.edu/sociology/graduate-program>

Also visit the UNLV Graduate College website at:
<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

MEDIAN SALARIES BY OCCUPATION 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Hospital Administrator	\$61,560 - \$166,400	\$99,180
Probation Officer	\$30,920 - \$80,750	\$47,200
Public Relations Manager	\$49,720 - \$166,400	\$91,810
Statistician	\$42,220 - \$121,890	\$75,560
Sociologist	\$43,280-\$129,760	\$74,960
Urban Planner	\$40,410 - \$96,420	\$63,040

Salary range can depend on level of education

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways. Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employers information sessions, resume book database, and dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerlink.html>

Sociology majors can also contact the Sociology Internship Program Coordinator by going to the department website at:

<http://www.unlv.edu/sociology/internships>

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