

Sociology



What Can a Sociology Major Do?

A major in sociology prepares you for the challenges of the 21st century. Critical thinking, research and data analysis, communication skills, and intercultural and global perspectives are in demand in the workplace as well as in the world at large. Sociology equips you with the sophisticated understanding of complex issues necessary in an increasingly diverse and interconnected global society. Sociology prepares you to understand how individuals' biographies or their personal troubles are connected to and shaped by history and public issues.

Our courses are organized around the themes of law, justice, and society; power, inequality, and social change; sexuality, health, and the life course; culture, identity, and the media; and organizations, work, and the economy. The new interdisciplinary criminology/criminal and juvenile justice minor helps

Sociology Might Be the Major for You If...

- You seek transformative experiences
- You want to make a difference in the world
- Justice is an important concept for you
- You want to understand how the world around you can influence individual lives and structures in societies

you understand the impacts of the criminal justice system on vulnerable and marginalized populations.

Careers & Jobs

Sociology provides a broad social science training that prepares you for a wide [variety of careers](#) ranging from public service to human resources to education and marketing. Many of our majors go on

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to professional or graduate school in law, social work, public administration, and other fields. Recent graduates are

working as educators, attorneys, legislative analysts and professional staff, policy analysts, and social workers. [Visit our website for videos of three alumni.](#)

Service-Learning & Study Abroad

You have the opportunity to deepen your understanding of social problems and issues through experiential learning. Individually designed [service-learning courses](#) give you the opportunity to study an area of interest at a related professional worksite.

We encourage our majors to take advantage of Mizzou's [study-abroad opportunities](#) to broaden their education in an international setting.

[Mizzou Alternative Breaks](#) are another option for travel in the U.S., and they offer you the chance to serve a community in need. Past participants have made a difference doing work in animal shelters, camps, disaster recovery situations, abuse shelters, and many other areas.

Research & Internships

You also have the opportunity to work one on one with faculty on research projects. You can learn by assisting faculty on their research, or undertake your own projects through the departmental honors thesis, the College of Arts and Science [Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program](#), or other university programs supporting undergraduate research.

Advanced undergraduates are encouraged to undertake professional internships with local non-profits, government, or businesses. Students have recent-

ly interned at Columbia Public Schools, Artists First, DeafLEAD, and the Missouri Crisis Line.

Department Community

The department regularly schedules Sociology Conversations, an informal gathering of faculty and students (with pizza!) to discuss important social issues of the day. Recent conversations have included the student protests of fall 2015, issues of higher education in the 21st century, and the so-called alt-right demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017. Sociology majors are also eligible for membership in the international sociology honor society, [Alpha Kappa Delta](#).



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