



EXPERIENCE MAP

# Sociology



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OF PROMISE.**



University  
of Windsor

**SOCIOLOGY**

**SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY**

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# Skills and Knowledge of Sociology Graduates

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Sociology

Sociology is the study of societies, social life, and social change. It investigates social, cultural and demographic issues in Canada and around the world. A degree in sociology offers you rigorous training in fundamental research, analytical, and communication skills, research ethics, social research techniques and design, and theory. Our program is research-driven and attentive to global, national, and local dynamics and issues. A foundation for a career in immigration, social service and community agencies, business, or advanced research.

### Sociology and Criminology

This program combines sociological and criminological thinking and approaches to understand social relations, social institutions, organizations, interpersonal interactions, criminal activity, legal issues, and the criminal justice system and challenge common sense assumptions.

## FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Understanding human behaviour, communication, and interaction from a social perspective
- Appreciating contemporary social, community and ethical issues and related public policy
- Understanding and applying behavioural components of sociological theory
- Understanding the ways in which various social, cultural, and community groups interrelate
- Conducting, explaining, and interpreting sociological research and applying the findings
- Appreciating the respective roles of various governmental, community, and social institutions

Degree Title / Program	Minimum Average	Admission Requirements
<b>SOCIOLOGY</b>	70%	<b>ENG.</b> required.



- Courses of study specific to each program**
- Activities and experiences that complement coursework** (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)
- Activities falling outside of the scope of set curriculum** (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

## Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

## Career Planning Guide

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



# Explore Opportunities Using This Guide

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don’t have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success:

- **Academics**
  - Your coursework
- **Experience**
  - Ways to get involved
- **Career**
  - Plan ahead for what’s next

HIP

High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take required courses including Understanding Social Life and Social Dilemmas: Social Science Perspectives and Effective Writing I and II</li><li>• Review degree course requirements</li><li>• Enrol in a variety of social science courses to determine your core interests</li><li>• Meet with an academic advisor</li><li>• Receive peer mentorship from members of the <b>Sociology and Criminology Student Association</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path</li><li>• Look into completing a research project in final year <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Begin taking courses in accordance with an Anthropology minor or a minor in another discipline</li><li>• Seek out courses that offer field experience <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school</li><li>• Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements</li><li>• Complete all required courses for your degree</li><li>• Apply to graduate through <b>MyUWindsor Portal</b></li><li>• Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Take a final year practicum course in Sociology with a focus on the city <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Take a field work course to culminate your senior experience <b>HIP</b></li></ul>
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore available Criminology and Sociology potential research assistantships or field placements <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Apply for a co-curricular experience such as <b>VIP</b> <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Volunteer with local government, non-profit or a social justice community organization</li><li>• Investigate research opportunities as part of the <b>Outstanding Scholars</b> program <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Research student exchange opportunities for middle years <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Join clubs such as the <b>Sociology and Criminology Student Association</b>, <b>Social Science Society</b> or <b>UWSA</b></li><li>• Participate in the <b>Bystander Initiative</b> workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Join a professional association in your field such as the <b>Canadian Sociology Association</b> or <b>Canadian Anthropology Association</b></li><li>• Join the <b>Debate Team</b> to compete locally and internationally</li><li>• Participate in <b>UWill Discover</b> undergraduate research conference <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Volunteer with a community organization such as <b>Hiatus House</b> or <b>Children’s Aid Society</b></li><li>• Apply for student exchange program <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position</li><li>• Look for a leadership role in a club or society</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Become a teaching assistant or research assistant with a faculty member <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Run for a <b>UWSA</b> executive position</li><li>• Conduct field research with faculty member <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Become a tutor for <b>Students Offering Support (SOS)</b> <b>HIP</b></li><li>• Join the <b>UWindsor Model NATO</b> or <b>Model United Nations</b></li></ul>
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills</li><li>• Meet with a career advisor in <b>Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)</b> for help developing a plan for your future years</li><li>• Consider a career assessment workshop or appointment to help you identify possible career paths</li><li>• Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship</li><li>• Attend <b>CDEL</b> workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a resumé and cover letter</li><li>• Drop in to meet with one of <b>CDEL</b>’s peer advisors to get answers to your career and job search questions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research career fields and occupations with the help of a <b>CDEL</b> career advisor</li><li>• Explore opportunities and meet employers through job fairs and employer networking events</li><li>• Explore further educational opportunities by attending the <b>Graduate and Professional Schools Fair</b> and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in</li><li>• Attend <b>CDEL’s Using Social Media to Leverage Your Career</b> workshop</li><li>• Create a <b>LinkedIn</b> profile and have it critiqued</li><li>• Take part in informational interviews and use sources like <b>LinkedIn</b> and <b>Ten Thousand Coffees</b> to meet people in your targeted profession</li><li>• Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines</li><li>• Meet with <b>CDEL</b> to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to</li><li>• Attend an <b>Interview Skills Workshop</b> and <b>Job Search Tips Workshop</b></li><li>• Use <b>InterviewStream</b> to practice your interview skills online</li><li>• Set up an in-person mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications</li><li>• Meet employers at the annual job fair in January</li><li>• Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience</li></ul>

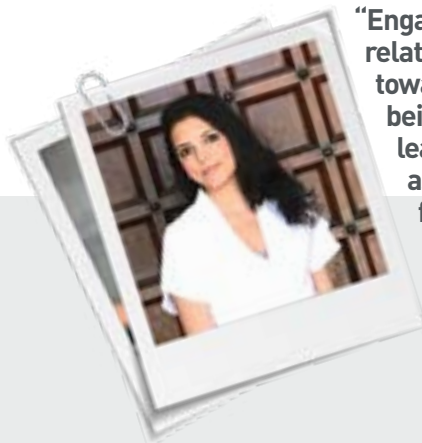


# Sociology

## Life After Graduation

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Number of Sociology  
Graduates (2017)



“Engaging in various campus club activities relating to my major was the greatest asset towards improving my resumé. From being able to network with United Nations leaders from all over the world, as well as becoming a well-rounded candidate for job applications, I can confidently say that getting involved with University of Windsor campus clubs could be every students’ peak of their educational career.”

*Alaina Jraige – BA (Honours)  
in Sociology [2018]*

# 95.7%

Employment rate of graduates  
2 years following degree  
completion (OUGS Social Sciences, 2014)



## COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES

- **Academia:** advanced social research
- **Business:** research and analysis, human resources, project management
- **Education:** advising, counseling, corporate training
- **Government:** research and policy development
- **Healthcare:** administration, counselling
- **Law and law enforcement**
- **Immigration and community integration**
- **Social research agencies**
- **Social service and community agencies**

## CAREER TRACKS\*

Border services  
Business advisor  
Case worker  
Child and youth worker  
Community relations worker  
Consultant  
Court monitor

Demographer  
Development analyst  
Educational assistant  
Human resources manager  
Immigration officer  
Journalist  
Law enforcement officer

Lawyer  
Legal consultant  
Mediator  
Paralegal  
Policy analyst  
Probation officer  
Professor

Project manager  
Public relations  
Research co-ordinator  
Social worker  
Support worker  
Teacher  
Youth worker

\* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

## CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions



### Teamwork and Collaboration

Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals



### Professionalism and Work Ethic

Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour



### Communication

Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences



## Campus Resources

- Research scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Improve study skills through the **Skills to Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Apply to **VIP** to get involved in a community service learning experience
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting **Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**

### Student Recruitment

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