

Sociology

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SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY



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**Sociology
Experience Map**



**University
of Windsor**

Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Sociology **G****H****C**

Society today is complicated. You'll learn how to unravel its most urgent issues in this program that is focused on research, analysis and communication — skills relevant to a wide range of fields. You can tailor your degree by picking courses that match your interests. The department is small, ensuring you'll get lots of personal attention.

Sociology and Criminology **H**

See how criminal activity, legal issues, and the criminal justice system fit within larger sociological trends. Customize your degree by selecting courses that match your interests. You'll love our small class sizes and the personal attention you'll get from our faculty.

MIN. AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required.

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

G General – 3-year program **H** Honours – 4-year program **C** Combined Honours programs available * Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

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.



CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)



EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

Career Planning Cycle

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



Explore Opportunities Using This Chart

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.

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

Academics



Your Coursework





First Year

- Take required courses including Understanding Social Life and Social Dilemmas: Social Science Perspectives and Effective Writing I and II
- Review degree course requirements
- Explore possibilities of a second major, a minor or a certificate and/or to satisfy breadth requirements
- Meet with an academic advisor

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into completing a research project in final year 
- Begin taking courses in accordance with an Anthropology minor or a minor in another discipline
- Seek out courses that offer field experience 
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization




Final Year



- Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses for your degree
- Apply to graduate through **UWinside Student Portal**
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication 
- Take a field work course to culminate your senior experience 




Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Explore available Criminology and Sociology potential research assistantships or field placements 
- Volunteer with local government, non-profit or a social justice community organization
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years 
- Join clubs such as the **University of Windsor Criminology Association, Social Science Society** or **UWSA**
- Participate in the **Bystander Initiative** workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus

- Join a professional association in your field such as the **Canadian Sociology Association** or **Canadian Anthropology Association**
- Participate in **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Volunteer with a community organization such as **Hiatus House** or **Children's Aid Society**
- Apply for student exchange program 
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as **VIP - Community Service Learning**

- Become a teaching assistant or research assistant with a faculty member 
- Run for a **UWSA** executive position
- Conduct field research with faculty member 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Join the **UWindsor Model NATO** or **Model United Nations**

Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next



- Start by making a list of things that you enjoy and areas in which you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a career assessment appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship
- Attend **CDEL** workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a university-level resumé
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet potential employers by participating in **Job Shadow Experience**, job fairs and industry networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers

- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to
- Attend **CDEL's workshops** on interview skills and job search strategies
- Use **InterviewStream** to practice your interview skills online
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs, including those organized by **CDEL**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**

Life After Graduation



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

61 Number of Graduates
(2019)

93% Employment Rate of Graduates
Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Social Sciences, 2018)

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.



Common Industries For Graduates

- **Academia:** advanced social research
- **Business:** research and analysis, human resources, project management
- **Education:** advising, counselling, 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-Readiness Competencies



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving



Professionalism & Work Ethic



Teamwork & Collaboration



Communication





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
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- 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
- 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**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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