

# What can I do with a major in... Sociology?

A major in sociology will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a sociologist or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains a sample of job titles of CMU graduates who majored in sociology. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

## **Career Titles for a Sociology Major:**

- Adoption Agent
- Aging Specialist
- Caseworker
- Child Welfare Officer
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Congressional Aide
- Consumer Advocate
- Corrections Officer
- Development Officer
- Family Services Specialist
- Foster Care Worker
- Government Worker
- Human Services Worker
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Public Administrator
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Researcher
- Social Worker
- Urban Planner
- Youth Counselor

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

## **Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Sociology**

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in sociology will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in sociology may include:

- Community resource knowledge
- Computer functionality
- Conflict resolution
- Critical thinking
- Facilitation
- Group dynamics insight
- Information analysis, synthesis, and interpretation
- Information gathering
- Intellectual curiosity
- Interacting well with diverse cultures/groups
- Knowledge of social structures and changes
- Research and planning
- Statistical application
- Understanding and improving human relationships
- Working well under pressure

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