Get to know SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of how societies work. We study social life at every level, from personal relationships to institutions, nations and global interconnections. Sociology enables us to understand the structures and dynamics of societies, and their intricate connections to patterns of human behaviour, public issues, everyday life, politics, culture and individual life chances. It examines how various social forces produce social order and social change and in so doing influence what we do and how we think.

With courses as diverse as Surveillance and Visibility to the Sociology of Crime and Delinquency to Consumer Culture, the Sociology department is reputed for its emphasis in Criminology and the Law, Media, Information and Surveillance, and Inequalities and Social Justice.

Our degree program is designed to enable international exchange opportunities in your third year, helping you to study Sociology overseas, expand your network, and gain unique experiences. A degree in Sociology from Queen’s University will provide you with extensive transferable skills, essential for a range of career opportunities from law to marketing, corrections to international development.

“Sociology at Queen’s offers a unique focus on criminology, digital society, and inequalities.”

Degree OPTIONS
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in Sociology
Bachelor of Arts (General)
Internship option available

Queen’s ADMISSIONS
Students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

A Common START
Students in our Faculty are admitted into Arts, Science or Computing but the focus is on a common first year. Through self-exploration, and while you settle into university life, you have the chance to work with our advisors and faculty to uncover where your real interests and opportunities for success are. Sometimes that discovery happens fairly quickly, and for other students it takes some work and time before the “ah-ha!” happens – either way your first year at Queen’s will be a great experience.

Course HIGHLIGHTS
Sociology offers a diverse and exciting range of courses that focus on contemporary social changes that are shaping the world in which you live such as Consumer Culture, Deviance and Social Control, and Social Psychology. Some popular courses within Sociology include Crime and Delinquency, Information and Communications Technologies, Cities: Urban Societies, Space, and Culture, and Race, Sex and the Body.

That is a degree from Queen’s.
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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) (MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR) | BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL) | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) (MINOR)**

**2016 - 2017 GRADUATION**

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

In first year take SOCY 122 (or BISC 100 and 101 at Herstmonceux Castle).

Each Plan will have at least one required first-year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.

Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in Sexual and Gender Diversity or explore other certificates available.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Sexual Health and Resource Centre and the Queen’s Project on International Development (QPID). Volunteer at nearby hospitals, Kingston charities, or organizations like Queen’s Health Outreach (QHO) and Student Wellness Services. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Half the Sky, Soul Food, and Community Literacy Centres.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

The Queen’s University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree where you would like to study abroad. Apply involved with other cultures or by practicing or environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Build your transferrable skills in time management, organization, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

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**2ND YEAR**

- Complete all required courses: SOCY 210, 211, 226, 227. Complete at least 2, SOCY 200-level option courses. Think about your area of focus: criminology and law, media, information & surveillance, inequalities & social justice, or a mixture. Ask your UG chair for advice on course selection.
- All Plans have additional required courses not listed above that include Care, Option, and Supporting Courses. Plans may also have Exclusions or Substitutions. Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.

**3RD YEAR**

- Take at least 6 SOCY option courses including 3, SOCY 300-level option courses this year.
- Attend the March information session. Think about whether you want to do a thesis in 4th year and ask your UG Chair for advice.
- Need help mapping all of your care, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

- SDCY Majors: complete 2, SOCY400-level seminars plus remaining SDCY options. SDCY Medals: complete 1, SDCY 400-level seminar plus remaining SDCY options.
- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.
- Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

**WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?**

- Advertising and marketing
- Child and youth care
- Communications
- Consulting
- Consumer research
- Corporate training and development
- Corrections
- Counselling
- Demography
- Editing
- Education
- Ethics
- Fundraising
- Gerontology
- Health research
- Human resources
- Immigration services
- Informatics
- Insurance
- International development
- Investment and pensions
- Journalism
- Law
- Professor
- Program evaluation
- Public administration
- Public relations
- Publishing
- Social policy and social services
- Social Work
- Statistician
- Urban and regional planning

Some careers may require additional training.

**CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP**

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services Skills workshop for help.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Sociological Association and the Canadian Association of Social Workers.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Sociology. Use the Sociology Facebook page and LinkedIn to see what opportunities your peers have pursued.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
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MAJOR MAP

How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

A balanced approach leads to long-term success. While you will learn a lot from your studies, taking time to get relevant experience outside of the classroom, build your network, and gain international experience, will position you to be more competitive in your job search or grad school applications.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need
Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Succeed in the workplace

What employers want
The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:
1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.

What can I learn studying SOCIOLOGY?
- Research skills to conduct research, use social scientific databases, explain and interpret social research data
- Research techniques to employ relevant qualitative and quantitative research techniques to produce and analyze data
- Ability to accurately and critically evaluate existing research and programs
- Reason and argument to develop coherent and reasoned argument; deconstruct and critique arguments and evidence
- Problem solving to approach an issue from several perspectives in a systematic manner
- Oral, written and media communication to write coherent reports, present information orally and visually in a range of media
- Resource and time management for effective prioritization of resources, skills, and time to complete projects

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