Sociology

MAJOR MAP

Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

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

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, influences 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.

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.

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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**1ST YEAR**

- 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.

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

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

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- 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 THINKING GLOBALLY**

- The Queen’s University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience. Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

**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.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Great Jobs for Sociology Majors. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

**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 UC 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 UC 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**

- SDYC Majors: complete 2, SOCY 400-level seminars plus remaining SDYC options. SDYC Medials: complete 1, SDYC 400-level seminar plus remaining SDYC 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.

**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.

**Where could I go after graduation?**

**Advising 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 rights
- 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

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