Sociology

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 PLANS
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in Sociology
Internship option available

Queen’s ADMISSION

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. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s.

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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Sociology MAJOR MAP
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR

1ST YEAR
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED
In first year take SOCY 122 (or BISC 100 and 101 at Heronmonocrous Castle).
Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Join teams or clubs on campus such as Sexual Health and Resource Centre and the Queen’s Project on International Development (OPID). Volunteer at nearby hospitals, Kingston charities, or organizations like the Canadian Women’s Foundation and Student Wellness. 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 Levan Gender Advocacy Centre, Half the Sky, Soul Food, and Community Literacy Centres.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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.

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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEF or WorkStudy.
Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services or the AMS.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Make friends in your Major: collaborate, seek support, or start study groups.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through the International Programs Office.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
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.

3RD YEAR
Take at least 6 SOCY option courses including 3, SOCY 300-level option courses this year.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF). Consider applying to a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
Ask your Professors about research and volunteering opportunities in Corrections, Criminal Justice, Media and Communications, and Welfare.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
Identify the communities in which you want to work. Explore programs with community outreach commitments.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
SOCY Majors: complete 2, SOCY 400-level seminars plus remaining SOCY options. SOCY Medials: complete 1, SOCY 400-level seminar plus remaining SOCY options.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
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 SULUS.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
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.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, internships, grad school applications, or other decisions.

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone’s abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online My Major Map tool.

Where could I go after graduation?
Advertising and marketing
Child and youth care
Consulting
Consumer research
Corporate training and development
Corrections
Counselling
Demography
Editing
Education
Ethics
Fundraising
Gerontology
Health research
Human resources
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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MAJOR MAP

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

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top Intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city ‘the happiest place on the planet’. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you’re attending school? Queen’s has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be ‘fresh made daily’.

We’re closer than you think

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