# Sociology

Sociologists investigate how societies work. We study social life at every level, from personal relationships to the functioning of institutions and nations, right up to global interconnections. Our department is widely known for its strengths in criminology and the law, media (informational and surveillance), and social inequalities and social justice. Studying Sociology at Queen's will help you understand the structures and dynamics of societies and the complex effects they have on human behaviour, public issues, everyday life, politics, and culture.



#### Alumni Story

Nicole Watson graduated from Queen's University in 2010 with her Masters in Sociology. She is currently the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Toronto South Local Immigration Partnership Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture where she manages a network of over 150 representatives from more than 60 different organizations.

### TOP ALUMNI JOBS

31 of alumni work in EDUCATION

of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT
of alumni work in HEALTHCARE
of alumni work in LAW & CONSULTING

#### add a CERTIFICATE

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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#### 2024-25 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit <u>quartsci.com/planselection</u>

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at <a href="mailto:asc.el@queensu.ca">asc.el@queensu.ca</a>.

### Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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## 2024-2025 Sociology MAJOR MAP

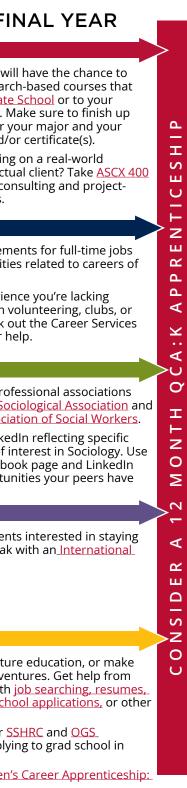
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR

|                                      | 1ST YEAR  | 2ND YEAR  | 3RD YEAR   | 4TH OR FII   |
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| GET THE<br>COURSES<br>YOU NEED       | In first year you will have the chance to explore<br>the foundations of Sociology along with some<br>electives.<br>Attend <u>Majors Night</u> in the Winter term to learn<br>more about Plan options.<br>Interested in getting a head start in learning and<br>working in a digital world? Take <u>ASCX 150</u> and<br>develop future-ready skills!                                 | Start going deeper into the discipline of Sociology,<br>while considering a minor and/or certificate<br>such as Law or Media Studies. Learn more about<br><u>Certificates</u> and <u>Internship</u> options.<br>Want to make sure your academics are where you<br>want them to be? Visit <u>SASS (Student Academic</u><br><u>Support Services</u> ) and the Writing Centre for some<br>help.<br>Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating<br>in the <u>Dean's Changemaker Challenge</u> (ASCX<br>200/300). | A chance to start grouping courses in areas<br>of interest, or to keep it more general and<br>explore many areas of Sociology. Meet with<br>an <u>Academic Advisor</u> to make sure you are on<br>track and have planned out your courses for<br>next year.  | Interested in working<br>problem with an actu<br>and develop your cor<br>management skills.  |
| GET RELEVANT<br>EXPERIENCE           | Join teams or clubs on campus such as <u>Sexual</u><br>Health and Resource Centre and the Queen's<br>Project on International Development (QPID).<br>Volunteer at nearby hospitals, Kingston charities,<br>or organizations like Queen's Health Outreach<br>(QHO) and Student Wellness Services. See the<br>AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved<br>page for more ideas. | Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept.<br>or Career Services about work through <u>SWEP</u> or<br><u>Work-Study</u> .<br>Take more responsibility within different clubs<br>or extracurriculars. Think about applying to<br>positions in student services or the AMS.  | If interested, apply for an <u>Undergraduate</u><br><u>Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF)</u> .<br>Consider applying to do a 12-16 month <u>QUIP</u><br><u>internship</u> between your third and fourth year.<br>Ask your Professors about research and<br>volunteering opportunities in Corrections,<br>Criminal Justice, Media and Communications,<br>and Welfare. | Investigate requirement<br>or other opportunities<br>interest.<br>Assess what experien<br>and fill in gaps with v<br>internships – check of<br>skills workshop for he                    |
| GET ENGAGED<br>WITH THE<br>COMMUNITY | Volunteer on or off-campus with different<br>community organizations, such as the <u>Levana</u><br><u>Gender Advocacy Centre, Soul Food</u> , and<br><u>Community Literacy Centres</u> .  | Get involved with the <u>Departmental Student</u><br><u>Council (DSC</u> ). Make friends in your Major:<br>collaborate, seek support, or start study group.<br>Join the Sociology Facebook Page. Tutor or<br>assist other students at services like <u>ASUS Peer</u><br><u>Tutoring</u> and <u>Queen's Learning Commons</u> .   | Do targeted networking with alumni<br>working in careers of interest by joining the<br>LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Check<br>out Career Services <u>networking workshops</u> .<br>Connect with professors at networking,<br>trivia quiz, and other social events or<br>workshops hosted by the <u>Department</u> .<br><u>Student Council (DSC)</u> .                     | Consider joining prof<br>like the <u>Canadian Soc</u><br>the <u>Canadian Associa</u><br>Join groups on Linked<br>careers or topics of ir<br>the Sociology Facebo<br>to see what opportur |
| GET ENGAGED<br>GLOBALLY              | Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural<br>environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural<br><u>Competency Certificate</u> , and research possible<br>immigration regulations.<br>Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their<br>programs, events, and training opportunities.   | Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking<br>about where you would like to <u>study abroad</u> .<br>Apply in January for a third year exchange<br>through the <u>International Programs Office</u> .  | Build your intercultural competence by getting<br>involved with other cultures or by practicing or<br>improving your language skills.<br>Think about working overseas, possibly at<br>organizations like <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> .<br>Volunteer for one of the <u>Community Outreach</u><br><u>Committees</u> .  | International student<br>in Canada can speak<br><u>Student Advisor</u> .   |
| GET CAREER<br>READY                  | Grappling with program decisions? Go to <u>Majors</u><br><u>Night</u> or get some help <u>wondering about career</u><br><u>options</u> from Career Services.  | Explore different careers of interest in the<br>Career Services Information Area. For more<br>information check out <u>Career Cruising</u> or by<br>finding and connecting with alumni on <u>LinkedIn</u> .   | Start focusing on areas of interest. Research<br>education requirements for careers of<br>interest. If needed, prepare to take any<br>required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get<br><u>help thinking about Grad School</u> from Career<br>Services.  |  |

#### 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.





#### Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Sociology can equip you with:

- 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

#### Career Possibilities

A degree in Sociology can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's degree. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Communications
- Consumer research
- Criminal justice
- Data Analytics
- Health research
- Law
- Public administration
- Public relations
- Social policy and social services
- Social Work

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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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

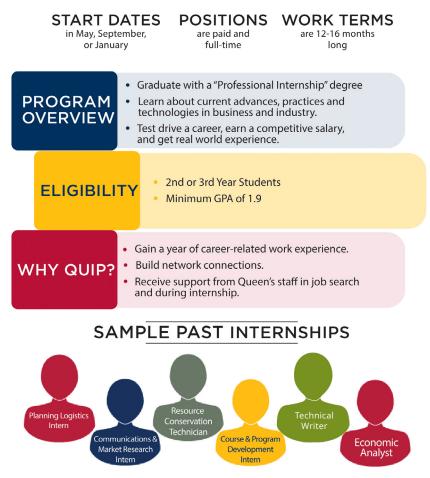
Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

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. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the <u>Student Affairs</u> <u>website</u> for available resources.



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Beijing / 15 hrs

San Francisco / 5.5 hrs

Vancouver / 5 hrs

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North Area

CANADA

Denver/3 hrs

Calgary / 4 hrs

Dallas / 3.5 hrs

in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

Toronto Kingston UNITED New York / 1.5 hrs STATES

Atlanta / 2 hrs

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London / 7 hrs

Bermuda / 2 hrs

Dubai / 14 hr.