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.

REASONS to study SOCIOLOGY

- In criminal justice, media, work diversity, data, and a range of contemporary inequalities.
- 2 Learn to critically evaluate common sense assumptions about the societies you live in.
- Gain transferable skills, from critical analysis to problem-solving, to leadership, research, and communication.
- A flexible plan: take advantage of one of the many opportunities for international exchange.
- A small, collegial department, offering lively discussion and committed mentorship.

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

16% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT

8 % of alumni work in HEALTHCARE

of alumni work in LAW & CONSULTING

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Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

QUartsci.com/certs

2025-26 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 quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Sociology MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



1ST YEAR 2ND YEAR **3RD YEAR** 4TH OR FINAL YEAR **GET THE** Start going deeper into the discipline of Sociology, A chance to start grouping courses in areas **COURSES** In first year you will have the chance to explore while considering a minor and/or certificate. Learn the foundations of Sociology along with some of interest, or to keep it more general and **YOU NEED** more about <u>Certificates</u> and <u>Internship</u> options. explore many areas of Sociology. Meet with electives. Want to make sure your academics are where you an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic track and have planned out your courses for more about Plan options. Success Services) for some help. next year. Interested in getting a head start in learning and H S working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills! Z ~ **GET RELEVANT** Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. If interested, apply for an **Undergraduate** Join teams or clubs on campus such as Sexual **EXPERIENCE** or Career Services about work through SWEP or Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF) Health and Resource Centre and the Queen's Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP interest. Project on International Development (QPID). Work-Study. internship between your third and fourth year. ۵ Volunteer at nearby hospitals, Kingston charities, Take more responsibility within different clubs Assess what experience you're lacking or organizations like Queen's Health Outreach Ask your Professors about research and or extracurriculars. Think about applying to (QHO) and Student Wellness Services. See the positions in student services or the AMS. volunteering opportunities in Corrections, AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved 0 Criminal Justice, Media and Communications, skills workshop for help. page for more ideas. and Welfare. I **GET ENGAGED** Z Get involved with the **Departmental Student** Volunteer on or off-campus with different Do targeted networking with alumni WITH THE community organizations, such as the Levana Council (DSC). Make friends in your Major: 0 working in careers of interest through COMMUNITY Gender Advocacy Centre, Soul Food, and literary collaborate, seek support, or start study group. LinkedIn. Check out Career Services centres such as KL&S. networking workshops Join the Sociology Facebook Page. Tutor or assist other students at services like ASUS Peer Connect with professors at networking, Tutoring. trivia quiz, and other social events or workshops hosted by the **Department** 7 pursued. Student Council (DSC) **GET ENGAGED** Build your intercultural competence by getting Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking International students interested in staying Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural involved with other cultures or by practicing or **GLOBALLY** environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural about where you would like to study abroad. improving your language skills. Student Advisor. Awareness Certificate, and research possible Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office. immigration regulations. Think about working overseas, possibly at organizations like Habitat for Humanity. S Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their Volunteer for one of the ASUS Community programs, events, and training opportunities. Z Outreach Commission's clubs 0 **GET CAREER**

Explore different careers of interest in the

using the Queen's Career Guide to the UN

Sustainable Development Goals.

<u>Career Services</u> Information Area. For more

information check out **Career Cruising** or by

finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Find impactful work that aligns with your values

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research

required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get

help thinking about Grad School from Career

education requirements for careers of

interest. If needed, prepare to take any

Services.

How to use this map

READY

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.

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors

Night or get some help wondering about career

options from Career Services.

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of

and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services

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

in Canada can speak with an International

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other

Apply in the fall for **SSHRC** and **OGS** scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Sociology can equip you

- 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 Student Affairs website for available resources.



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QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES

in May, September, or January

POSITIONS

are paid and full-time

WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months lona

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

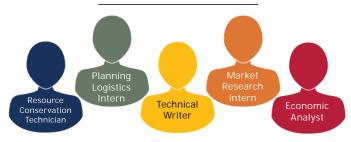
- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY QUIP?

- · Gain a year of career-related work experience
- Build network connections
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

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

London / 7 hrs

Halifax/2 hrs

New York / 1.5 hrs

Bermuda / 2 hrs

STATES

Atlanta / 2 hrs

Dallas / 3.5 hrs

Dubai / 14 hrs

versity closer than you think 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 America - you will have CANADA Oueen's the experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston Toronto recognized Denver/3 hrs among UNITED