

# 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.

## TOP 5 REASONS to study SOCIOLOGY

- 1 Engage with cutting-edge research 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.
- 3 Gain transferable skills, from critical analysis to problem-solving, to leadership, research, and communication.
- 4 A flexible plan: take advantage of one of the many opportunities for international exchange.
- 5 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**

**7%** of alumni work in **LAW & CONSULTING**

add a **CERTIFICATE**

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](https://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](https://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.

[queensu.ca/sociology](https://queensu.ca/sociology)

# Sociology MAJOR MAP

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



CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

## 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.

## 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.

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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.

# QUIP

## QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**START DATES**  
in May, September,  
or January

**POSITIONS**  
are paid and  
full-time

**WORK TERMS**  
are 12-16 months  
long

### 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

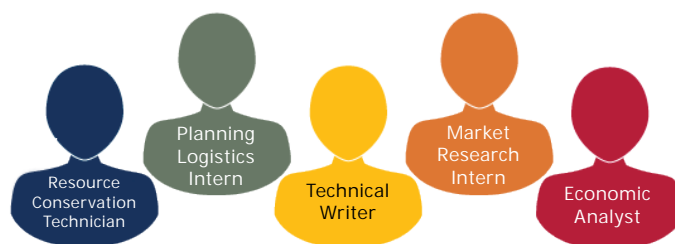
### ELIGIBILITY

- 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](mailto: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 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 the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

*We're closer than you think.*



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