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

- 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.
- 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

2023-24 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? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at ass.el@queensu.ca.

add a CERTIFICATE

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

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2023-2024

Sociology MAJOR MAP

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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Sociology along with some electives. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Start going deeper into the discipline of Sociology, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Law or Media Studies. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the Dean's Changemaker Challenge (ASCX 200/300).	A chanc of inter explore an <u>Acac</u> track an next ye
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GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	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.	Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services or the AMS.	If intere Student Conside internsh Ask you volunte Crimina and We
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GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Soul Food, and Community Literacy Centres.	Get involved with the <u>Departmental Student Council (DSC)</u> . Make friends in your Major: collaborate, seek support, or start study group. Join the Sociology Facebook Page. Tutor or assist other students at services like <u>ASUS Peer Tutoring</u> and <u>Queen's Learning Commons</u> .	Do targ workinş Linkedl out Car Connec trivia qı worksh Studen
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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. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.	Build you involved improve Think a organiz Volunte <u>Commi</u>
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 in the Career Services Information Area. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.	Start fo educati interest require help thi Service:

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.



RD YEAR

hance to start grouping courses in areas interest, or to keep it more general and plore many areas of Sociology. Meet with Academic Advisor to make sure you are on ck and have planned out your courses for ct year.

iterested, apply for an <u>Undergraduate</u> dent Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). isider applying to do a 12-16 month <u>QUIP</u> ernship between your third and fourth year.

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targeted networking with alumni rking in careers of interest by joining the kedln group Queen's Connects. Check: Career Services networking workshops.

nnect with professors at networking, ia quiz, and other social events or rkshops hosted by the <u>Department</u> <u>Ident Council (DSC)</u>.

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rt focusing on areas of interest. Research ucation requirements for careers of erest. If needed, prepare to take any juired tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get p thinking about Grad School from Career vices

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

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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 <u>Canadian Sociological Association</u> and the <u>Canadian Association</u> of <u>Social Workers</u>.

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.

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

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 decisions.

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

Apply for the <u>Queen's Career Apprenticeship:</u> Kingston (QCA:K).

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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

Where can I go?

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.



ARTS AND SCIENCE

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QUIPQUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE

START DATES

in May, September, or January

are paid and

POSITIONS WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9



- 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?

For 175 years, 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 guick drive

versity doser 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 London / 7 hrs CANADA Oueen's the experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree Halifax / 2 hrs that is globally San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston recognized Denver/3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs Bermuda / 2 hrs