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**

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 asc.el@queensu.ca.

**2023-24 Plan Thresholds**

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s. queensu.ca/sociology
**Sociology MAJOR MAP**

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

### 1ST YEAR

**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!

**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.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Lambda Gender Advocacy Centre, Soul Food, and Community Literacy Centres.

**GET THINKING GLOBALY**

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.

**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

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

Start going deeper into the discipline of Sociology, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Law or Media Studies. Learn more about Certificate 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 (ASCS 201-300).

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Make friends in your Major, collaborate, seek support, or start study group.

JOIN the Sociology Facebook Page. Tutor or collaborate with other students at services like ASUS Peer Tutoring and Queen’s Learning Commons.

**GET THINKING GLOBALY**

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.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Explore different careers in interest in the Career Services Information Area. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

### 3RD YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Sociology. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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

Ask your Professors about research and volunteering opportunities in Corrections, Criminal Justice, Media and Communications, and Welfare.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.

Connect with professors at networking, trivia quiz, and other social events or workshops hosted by the Department Student Council (DSC).

**GET THINKING GLOBALY**

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

Think about working overseas, possibly at organizations like Habitat for Humanity, or one of the Community Outreach Committees.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

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

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

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.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

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 GLOBALY**

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP Internship.

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### 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.

### What will I learn?

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
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.

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 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.