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.

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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.

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

7% of alumni work in LAW & CONSULTING
8% of alumni work in HEALTH CARE
16% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT
31% of alumni work in EDUCATION

Add a CERTIFICATE to your degree

Employment Relations
Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity
Data Analytics
Disability and Physical Activity
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

2021-22 major 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

That is a degree from Queen’s.
## Sociology MAJOR MAP

### 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.

### 2ND YEAR

- **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 Levine Gender Advocacy Centre, Soul Food, and Community Literacy Centres.

- **Get Thinking Globally**
  - Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
  - Speak to a QUC 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.

### 3RD YEAR

- **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

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- **ConsideR A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP**
  - 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.

- **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.

### Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
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.

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.

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.