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.

**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**

**5 REASONS to study SOCIOLOGY**
1. Engage with cutting-edge research in criminology, media, 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.

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**SAMPLE YEAR BY YEAR**

1ST YEAR
- SOCY 122/6.0 or (BISC 100/3.0 and BISC 101/3.0)
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- SOCY 210/3.0
- SOCY 211/3.0 or one of STAT_Options
- SOCY 226/3.0
- 6.0 units of SOCY at the 200 level or above; SOCY Options 2.C.
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- 18.0 units from of SOCY Options
- 90 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- 18.0 units from SOCY Options
- 7.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at [QUarts.com/academic-calendar](http://QUarts.com/academic-calendar)

**2018-19 THRESHOLDS**
- **2.0** cGPA
- **AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE**
- min C in SOCY 122 or BISC 101
- **OPEN**
- **PENDING LIST**

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit [QUarts.com](http://QUarts.com)*
SOCIOLUM MAJOR MAP

1ST YEAR
In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Sociology along with some electives. See the back page for specific courses to consider. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

2ND YEAR
Start going deeper into the discipline of Sociology, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. Attend Degree 4 in the Fall term to 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.

3RD YEAR
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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

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).

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Join teams or clubs on campus such as the International Development Office (QIHO), 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. Join the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Half the Sky, Soul Food, and Community Literacy Centres.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QU’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
Grappiling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

What will I learn?
A degree in Sociology can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
• 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, and reconstruct 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
• Criminology
• Demography
• Health research
• Informatics
• 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.