Sociology

SOCY-M-BAH  Major (Arts) Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

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 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.

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

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.

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: QUartsci.com

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Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their immigration regulations.

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Consider joining professional associations like 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.

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.

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 a 12-16 month QUIP internship. International students interested in staying in Canada can participate in the Undergraduate Student Internship Program (QUIP).

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 Health Outreach (QHO) and Student Wellness Services. For more information on job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions. Apply in the fall for 550RC and DGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

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. Volunteer for one of the Community Outreach Committees.

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).

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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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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
- SOCY 227/3.0
- 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 SOCY Options
- 9.0 units of electives and/or minor

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

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**PLAN:**
60.0 units plus electives (or a combination of a minor and electives) to a total of 120 units.

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