What can I do with a bachelor's degree in... **SOCIOLOGY**?

### WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of how society shapes us and how we shape society. Students who study sociology gain insights on topics ranging from the development of the self to the functioning of large institutions like religion and higher education. Students of the Department of Sociology at MSU seek ways to explain the complex and fascinating links between the individuals and groups, organizations, communities, and societies in which we live.

### POSSIBLE INDUSTRIES

Sociology majors go on to work in a variety of industries, including:
- Social Services
- Judiciary & Law
- Criminal Justice
- Business
- Education
- Government
- Nonprofit

### COMMON JOB TYPES

- **Court Clerk** - Perform clerical duties in courts of law; prepare dockets of cases to be called; secure information for judges; contact witnesses, attorneys, and litigants.
- **Fundraiser** - Organize activities to raise funds or otherwise solicit and gather monetary donations or other gifts for an organization.
- **Public Relations Specialist** - Engage in promoting or creating an intended public image for individuals, groups, or organizations.
- **Research Assistant** - Assist social scientists in laboratory, survey, and other social science research. May help prepare findings for publication and assist in laboratory analysis, quality control, or data management.
- **Social & Community Service Manager** - Plan, direct, or coordinate the activities of a social service program or community outreach organization. Work may involve directing social workers, counselors, or probation officers.
- **Social & Human Service Assistant** - Assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services.

For more information on these job types, visit mynextmove.org or mymajors.com
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### ALUMNI JOB TITLES

Every year, Career Services surveys recent alumni to find out what they are doing post-graduation. The full results of the Destination Survey can be found on the Career Services Network website. The following are selected job titles of recent Sociology alumni:

- Behavioral Health Technician
- College Adviser
- Community Account Manager
- Content Creator
- Family Case Manager
- Police Officer
- Program Coordinator
- Social Media Coordinator
- Support Analyst
- Youth Advocate

### GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The following is a list of selected graduate school program names that recent Sociology alumni have enrolled in based on results of the Destination Survey:

**Master's**
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- School Counseling
- Sociology
- Theological Studies

**Professional**
- Law
- Social Work

### ADDITIONAL CAREER RESOURCES

- [USAJobs](#)
- [State of Michigan Jobs](#)
- [Americorps](#)
- [Teach for America](#)
- [Paralegal Association Jobs](#)
- [Assoc. of Child Life Professionals](#)

- [Michigan Nonprofit Jobs & Internships](#)
- [Idealist](#)
- [Museum and Cultural Resource Jobs](#)
- [MyABAJobs](#)
- [iHire Social Services](#)
- [Social Work Job Bank](#)

[socialscience.msu.edu/careers](#)