Are you interested delving into questions like: What are the causes of crime? What causes people to join cults? What are the reasons for high rates of teenage pregnancy? Why is poverty a continuing problem in our society? How can we better understand the issue of binge drinking on college campuses? Why are there income disparities based on gender and race? Why are some people able to attain social mobility from low income neighborhoods while others cannot? All of these questions and many more are of concern to the sociologist and the criminologist, and the discipline of sociology can provide you with the tools to provide answers.

The Department of Sociology has three main objectives for its majors and minors. The first of these is that students who successfully complete the Sociology program will be able to apply a scientific approach to groups and institutions surrounding them, and, in addition, will be able to link this scientific approach to a humanistic understanding of pressing social problems. The second objective is to assist Sociology majors to lay a broad and solid foundation for pursuing a career in a wide number of possible fields. Such a foundation enhances occupational flexibility required by a changing and unpredictable labor market. Finally, the department aims to foster critical thinking and aid students in developing their oral and written communications skills.

The Department of Sociology provides students with opportunities for intellectual growth both inside and outside of the classroom. Our major curriculum is designed to insure that Sociology students are prepared to immediately take their place in the world of work and service as soon as they graduate. With experience conducting social research, graduates find wide-ranging opportunities to apply their skills in the world of work. In addition, the Sociology Department provides all of its students with several opportunities to engage in “Service Learning” courses that give them direct experience with some of our society’s most serious social problems.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR:

- Visit the Sociology Department Website: [www.sju.edu/academics/cas/sociology](http://www.sju.edu/academics/cas/sociology)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the Sociology Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1640
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center 610-660-3100

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY?

Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Human Resources Manager:** Plans, directs, and coordinates human resource management activities of an organization to maximize the strategic use of human resources and to maintain functions such as employee compensation, recruitment, personnel policies, and regulatory compliance.
**Sociologist:** Studies human society and social behavior by examining the groups and social institutions that people form, as well as various social, religious, political, and business organizations. May study the behavior and interaction of groups, trace their origin and growth, and analyze the influence of group activities on individual members.

**Social Services Program Coordinator:** Plans, organizes, or coordinates the activities of a social service program. Oversees the program or organization's budget and policies regarding participant involvement, program requirements, and benefits. Work may involve directing social workers, counselors, or probation officers.

**Social Worker:** Provides social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the family well-being and the academic functioning of children. May assist single parents, arrange adoptions, and find foster homes for abandoned or abused children. In schools, addresses issues such as teenage pregnancy, misbehavior, and truancy.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN SOCIOLOGY OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM?**

- Amnesty International
- Community Day
- Hawks Against Hunger
- Students for Peace and Justice
- Best Buddies
- Hand in Hand
- Philadelphia Service Immersion Program
- Summer Scholars Research Program

**OUTCOMES - A CLOSER LOOK AT GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN SOCIOLOGY:**

As depicted in the chart below, recent graduates have started their careers in a variety of industries.

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**Sociology Majors' Chosen Industries**

- Consulting: 14%
- Consumer Products/Retail/Wholesale: 11%
- Education: 11%
- Human & Community Service: 16%
- Marketing/Sales: 13%
- Non-Profit: 11%
- Service/Volunteer: 5%
- Other: 11%

*Other includes Health & Medicine, Finance, Government, Sports/Recreation and Technology*
Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

Addictions Counselor  
Behavior Modification Counselor  
Branch Sales Representative  
Care Manager  
Case Worker  
Child Abuse Education Coordinator  
Claims Adjuster  
Designer Specialist  
Director of Admissions  
Donor Relations Associate  
Emerson Hunger Fellow  
Long-term Volunteer  
Management Trainee  
Manager  
Medical Analyst  
Medical Imaging Specialist  
Page  
Professional Basketball Player  
Program Coordinator  
Research Associate  
Residential Assistant  
Sales Associate  
SCOH Worker  
Supports Coordinator  
Teacher, English as 2nd Language  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Workshop Assistant

Some of the organizations that have hired our graduates:

A Women's Place  
ACB League  
AIDS Help  
Bay Area Food Bank  
Bryn Mawr Hospital  
Capital Imaging  
Cardinal Dougherty High School  
Children's National Medical Center  
Congressional Hunger Center  
Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland  
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service  
Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
Gap Incorporated  
Heritage Vineyards  
ICT Group, Inc.  
Jesuit Volunteer Corps  
L'arche Communities  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Liberty Resources, Inc.  
National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health  
New York Public Library  
NJ Department of Youth & Family Svs  
Nordstrom  
Pearson Education  
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office  
Police and Fire Federal Credit Union  
Procura Management, Inc.  
SAGE Eldercare  
Senior Community Services  
SLS Healthcare  
TD Bank  
The Nielsen Company  
United States Federal Government  
Victim Services Center

Some of the graduate schools in which our students have continued their education, in programs including Business, Education, Humanities/Arts, Law, Medicine & Health Care and Social Sciences:

Boston College  
Bryn Mawr College  
George Washington University  
Lehigh University  
Loyola College (MD)  
Neumann College  
Saint Joseph's University  
Temple University  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University of Delaware  
University of Maryland  
University of Pennsylvania  
Villanova University

Average Starting Salary – Sociology Majors – Classes of 2008 – 2012

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FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

GETTING THE JOB—SAMPLE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR RESUME (SEE BELOW)
Education

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Graduated May 2013
Minor: Faith Justice
- Presidential Scholarship
- Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society
- cum laude (GPA 3.65/4)

Academic Projects

Sociology Seminar
- Conducted interviews with residents and staff at St. Elizabeth’s Recovery

Related Experience

Rape Education Prevention Program, Saint Joseph’s University Sept. 2010 – May 2013
Group member
- Completed training as a peer crisis counselor
- Organized events and information sessions

Volunteer
- Served dinner to formerly homeless male residents overcoming substance abuse
- Engaged in conversation and recreational activities

Intern
- Shadowed case-manager at My Brother’s House, a safe haven shelter
- Participated in Philly Farmers program

Volunteer
- Assisted meal preparation for formerly homeless male residents suffering from mental illness and substance abuse
- Recognized by management for providing excellent customer service and relations

Work Experience

Sociology Department at Saint Joseph’s University Sept. 2009 – May 2013
Student Worker
- Completed office related assignments for professors

Scranton Country Club, Clarks Summit, PA 2010 – 2012 (Seasonal)
Server
- Communicated guest’s orders to kitchen during grill restaurant hours and banquet events