

**Achieving an excellent education is about many things:** becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, to name a few. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

**Depth of knowledge** generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly versatile set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Sociology majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

**Many Possibilities.** Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it requires you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

**Ready for the Work World.** The top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey included:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize
- Problem-solving / Decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information

*You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.*

**JOB SKILLS RELATED TO MAJORING IN SOCIOLOGY**

*Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:*

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| Read/interpret/synthesize complex material           | Comprehend ethical issues and implications                              |
| See situations from multiple perspectives            | Integrate sociological/demographic viewpoints                           |
| Produce well-balanced, persuasive writing            | Understand power dynamics, inequality, agency                           |
| Design and implement engaging presentations          | Identify issues and target them for improvement                         |
| Understand nuance and subtlety                       | Understand influence of social, natural, and technological environments |
| Understand sociological influences on present/future | Propose and support recommendations                                     |
| Comprehend long-term trajectories                    | Simultaneously see big picture and details                              |
| Understand research designs & statistical analyses   | Engage intellectual curiosity   |
| Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving     | Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative                   |
| Adeptly access vast range of informational resources | Work well individually and on teams                                     |
| Evaluate the validity of information sources         | Understand & appreciate cultural diversity                              |
| Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data            | Explore social, cultural, scientific implications                       |
| Link abstract concepts to practical applications     | And many more   |
| Understand effects of people functioning in groups   |   |

**EXAMPLES OF JOBS FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS (5 Categories):**

1. Sociology is required/preferred & job duties are directly related to Sociology (Entry-level)
2. Sociology/Social Science is required/preferred but some job duties aren't directly related (Entry-level)
3. Sociology isn't required or preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)
4. Examples of job titles that real UW Sociology graduates have secured
5. "Career Trajectory" positions (Sociology jobs you might apply for one to several years after you graduate)

**1. SOCIOLOGY degree is *required or preferred* & primary duties directly relate to your major (Entry Level)**

Statistical Analyst (Nielsen)  
Community Advocate (Southern Poverty Law Center)  
Research Scientist I (University of New Mexico)  
Project Assistant, Homelessness and Housing (Center for Social Innovation)  
Community Support Specialist -Children & Youth (Centerstone)  
User Experience Research Assistant (Hitachi America)  
Survey Statistician (Department Of Commerce, Bureau of the Census)  
Program Coordinator, AGEnts for Change (HealthTrust)  
Data and Evaluation Coordinator (Zone 126)  
Research Specialist (University of Wisconsin)  
Research Study Assistant (University of Washington Medical Center)  
Probation Counselor (City of Seattle)  
Case Manager (Children's Home Society of Washington)  
Victim Witness Program Specialist (St. Croix County)  
Associate Analyst (Gallup)  
Statistician [Social Sciences] (U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs)  
Community Support Specialist- Child & Youth (Centerstone)  
Program Evaluation/Research Assistants/Field Survey Administrators (Comprehensive Research & Evaluation)

**2. SOCIOLOGY / SOCIAL SCIENCE degree is required/preferred but the job's primary responsibilities aren't directly related to Sociology: Entry-Level**

Research Analyst -- Digital, Ad (GfK)  
Research Coordinator-Pop Health (NYU School of Medicine)  
Prison Counselor (State of Michigan)  
Health Insurance Specialist (Center for Health Care Rights)  
Program Assistant - Global Health  
Social Science Tech Writer (Constellation West)  
Group Life Counselor/Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee (Sea Mar Community Health Centers)  
Juvenile Justice Specialist (State of Oklahoma)  
PR and Community Growth Manager (Knozen)  
Quality Assurance Specialist (State of Virginia)  
Editorial Assistant (ABC-CLIO)  
Market Research Analyst (Ipsos)  
Production Assistant (Macmillan Higher Education--Publishing)  
Human Resources Professional (University of Colorado)  
Academic Advising Professional (Anoka-Ramsey Community College)  
Product Analyst - Social Studies (IXL Learning)  
Community Navigator (Tri-City Mental Health Center)  
FOCUS Specialist (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth)  
Employment Specialist (Porter Starke Community Support Services)  
Child Care Services Compliance Consultant (State of Georgia)  
Victim Advocate (Zeiders Enterprises)

### 3. Your major *isn't* required or preferred but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified:

Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute)      Associate Account Strategist, SMB SalesFinancial  
Advisor (ING Financial Partners)      University Graduate (Google)  
Service Coordinator (Choice Program)      Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)  
Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds)      Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)  
Marketing Coordinator (Yext)      Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)  
Asst Organizing Director (Work for Progress)      Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)  
Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm)      Executive Team Leader (Target)  
Marketing Assistant (University Enterprises)      Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)  
Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)  
Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)  
City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)  
Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)  
Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)  
Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)  
*More:* Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, FBI/CIA Agent

### 4. Actual job titles that real UW Sociology graduates have secured (Examples)

Solutions Analyst      Director, U.S. Corporate Human Resources  
Logistics Coordinator      HR Operations Analyst  
Director of Data Integrity      Financial Advisor  
Corporate Trainer      Licensed Real Estate Agent  
Marketing Communications Manager      Legislative Assistant  
Academic Counselor      Project Manager  
Director of Operations      Patient Services Representative  
Child Development Coordinator      Research Analyst  
Account Manager      Senior Technical Recruiter  
Program Manager      Employment Specialist  
HR Generalist      Case Manager  
Coordinator for International Relations

### 5. "Career Trajectory" positions (SOC jobs you might apply for one to several years after you graduate)

Emerging Threat/Social Science Tech Writer (SAIC)  
Social Network Analysis Programmer/Analyst (RAND Corporation)  
Research Assistant II (Harvard Medical School)  
Researcher 2--Social Behavioral Science (University of Houston)  
Deputy Neighborhood Services Director (City of Phoenix)  
Quality Assurance Auditor (Kaiser Permanente)  
Drug Court Case Manager (State of Georgia)  
Qualitative Researcher (MetLife)

***These represent just a few examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!***