

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Sociology.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Anthropologist
- Arbitrator
- Archaeologist
- Archivist
- Case Manager
- Child Welfare Social Worker
- Clergy
- Community Development Administrator
- Community Organization Worker
- Community Relations Worker
- Consultant
- Correctional Treatment Specialist
- Corrections Officer
- Council on Aging
- Counselor (guidance, vocational, rehabilitation)
- Criminologist
- Curator
- Customs Inspector
- Demographer
- Economist
- Education Administrator, Postsecondary
- Ethnologist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Geographer
- Guard
- Health Educator
- Historian
- Human Resource Manager
- Industrial Sociologist
- Interviewer
- Journalist
- Labor Relations Consultant
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Lawyers, Civil/Criminal
- Management Trainee
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Mediator
- Medical Social Worker
- Medical Sociologist
- Opinion Poll Statistician
- Park Naturalist
- Penologist
- Personnel Analyst
- Police Officer
- Political Scientist
- Preschool Teacher
- Private Detective
- Probation Officer
- Professor
- Public Policy Analyst
- Recreation Worker
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Reporter
- Researcher
- Rural Sociologist
- School Counselor
- School Social Worker
- Securities Broker
- Social and Community Service Manager
- Social Psychologist
- Social Science Statistician
- Social Worker
- Sociologist
- Special Librarian
- Statistician
- Student Personnel Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Teacher/Professor
- Training & Development Specialist
- Urban or Regional Planner
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Possible Professional Settings:

- Adoption Agencies
- Childcare Facilities
- Colleges/Universities
- Community Service Organizations
- Consulting Firms
- Consumer Rights Organizations
- Correctional Institutions
- FBI/Secret Service
- Hospices/Hospitals
- International Industries
- Legal Organizations
- Market Research Firms
- Military
- Penal Institutions
- Recreational Centers
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Research Institutes
- Social Service Agencies
- Welfare Organizations
- Business Corporations
- Churches
- Religious Organizations
- Court Systems
- Government Agencies: Consumer Affairs Division, Department of Education, Federal Communications Community, Federal Housing Administration, National Labor Relations Board
- Labor Unions
- Public Opinion Agencies
- Women's Shelters
- Youth Centers
- Public Policy Institutes
- Think Tanks
- WA State DSHS
- Substance Abuse Clinics
- World Bank
- United States Census

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.

Websites Related to this Field

- Community Career Center: www.nonprofitjobs.org
- GuideStar: www.guidestar.org
- Idealist.org: www.idealists.org
- Social Service Jobsite: www.socialservice.com
- Washington State Institute for Public Policy: <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/>
- The Heritage Foundation: <http://www.heritage.org/>
- The Brookings Institution: <http://www.brookings.edu/>
- Government Accountability Office: <http://www.gao.gov/>

Professional Associations - Samples

- American Sociological Association: www.asanet.org
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology: www.aacsn.org/wp
- Association of Black Sociologists: www.blacksociologists.org
- Gerontological Society: www.geron.org
- National Organization for Human Service Ed.: www.nationalhumanservices.org
- Rural Sociological Society: www.ruralsociology.org
- Society for the Study of Social Problems: www.sssp1.org

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- <http://www.spu.edu/depts/cdc/students/internships/documents/SociologyandWomensStudiesInternshipSites.pdf>

General Career Information

- Washington Occupation Information System: www.wois.org Site Key: KTX478
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/oco
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetcenter.org

SPU Resources

- Sociology Department Website: <http://spu.edu/depts/soc/index.asp>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx
- On Track Degree Planner: <http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/>

SPU Student Groups

- Sophia: <http://spufeminists.weebly.com/index.html>
Sophia is a group of SPU students (both male and female) who explore issues surrounding gender and what those mean for our lives today.

* Websites are current as of September 2011. If any go inactive, please let us know.

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