What I Can Do With a Major In...  

Sociology is the study of human behavior and interaction in the context of culture and society within families, communities and formal organizations. Sociology studies the social institutions formed by mankind and the influence these institutions have had upon the individual as well as groups. There are many specialties in sociology including but not limited to marriage and family, community, gerontology, criminology, demography, rural & urban studies, juvenile delinquency, social & political organizations and many more.

Associated Job Titles:
Community Organization Director
Police Officer
Delinquency Caseworker
Criminologist
Rural Sociologist
College Professor
Researcher
Social Ecologist
Social Pathologist
Urban Sociologist
Lawyer
Therapist
Minister
Missionary
Peace Corps Volunteer
Anthropologist
Gerontologist
Labor Relations Specialist
Market Research Analyst
Public Relations Manager
Urban Planner

Associated Skills:
Ability to communicate effectively with others
Ability to conduct and explain research
Ability to interact with a diverse population in various situations
Knowledge of community resources
Proficiency in reading comprehension, writing and speaking

Associated Personal Qualities:
Desire to help others
Resourcefulness
Enjoyment of scholarly pursuits
Sensitivity to and understanding of social problems
Strong interest in people, culture and social interactions
Commitment to work with the poor
Demonstration of ethical behavior
A growing relationship with Christ
Empathy
Integrity

Career Library Resources:
Great Jobs for Sociology Majors
A Guide to America’s Federal Jobs
10 Steps to a Federal Job
Liberal Arts Jobs
What Color Is Your Parachute?
Career Planning Today
Majoring in the Rest of Your Life
Do What You Are
Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance

The Kuder Book of People Who Like Their Work
The Enhanced Guide for Occupational Exploration
The Dictionary of Occupational Titles
The Occupational Outlook Handbook
FOCUS Computer Guidance System

Places To Contact For More Information:
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Society for Applied Sociology
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Alumni Contacts:
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