

Linking Majors to Careers

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology

Sociology analyzes the nature of society and its problems. At Regis University, a critical analysis of the causes of racism, sexism and political and economic inequality is emphasized. Sociologists also do research to help identify the causes of social problems such as crime, divorce, poverty, and racism.

- Basically, most sociology majors are employed in four fields: (1) teaching and research, (2) business, (3) helping professions, and (4) public administration.
- Students interested in going into teaching will want to acquire a Ph.D. Usually, college or university teaching is combined with research and writing.
- Students studying sociology as preparation for a business or public administration career should gain a strong work background and acquire a broad educational background. In addition, strong skills in the following areas will be beneficial: public speaking, writing, statistics, computer technology, and research methods.
- Most business careers will focus on personnel, industrial relations, management, marketing, or public relations.

Students who want to work in the helping professions will often need a masters degree in counseling or social work, but there are entry level positions in this field such as working at community centers, half-way houses, VISTA, Peace Corps, job interviewer for the state employment agency, etc.

SKILLS: The person who majors in **Sociology** at Regis University has the opportunity to learn a variety of essential **skills** such as:

- writing skills
- understanding of people
- developing ideas
- interpersonal & intrapersonal skills
- communication skills
- critical thinking and analysis
- problem solving
- computer skills
- research design

SOME TIPS ON GETTING A JOB IN THIS FIELD:

1. Do an internship in the area you are interested.
2. Do volunteer work or a special project in your field of interest.
3. Attend a national or local professional meeting recommended by your professor.

RELATED JOBS: Listed below are some career fields someone with a Sociology major may enter:

- market research analyst
- probation/parole officer
- extension services specialist
- community service worker
- penologist*
- cottage parent
- school counselor*
- financial aid counselor
- career counselor*
- public opinion interviewer
- community relations dir.**
- hospice coordinator**
- real estate agent*
- underwriter
- trade show layout coordinator
- caseworker
- public relations specialist
- admissions counselor
- correctional officer*
- political systems researcher
- correctional caseworker
- clergy*
- social worker*
- prose, fiction(non) writer
- sales representative
- job analyst
- trainer
- congressional aide
- insurance agent
- insurance claims adjuster
- consumer advocate**
- demographer
- urban/regional planner
- police officer**
- Peace Corps/VISTA
- criminologist*
- public health statistician**
- rehab counselor*
- sociologist*
- personnel interviewer
- fundraiser/development officer
- legal assistant
- customs/immigration agent
- day care worker
- nursing home administrator
- customer service assistant
- convention planner**
- foreign service worker

*Usually requires a higher degree beyond the bachelor's level.

**Requires work experience.

WEB SITES RELATED TO SOCIOLOGY:

- **American Sociological Association**
www.asanet.org
- **Association for Humanist Sociology**
www.humanistsoc.org
- **International Sociological Association**
www.ucm.es/OTROS/isa/
- **Society for Applied Sociology**
www.appliedsoc.org/
- **ASA Resources for Students**
www.asaging.org/students/resources
- **Careers In Sociology via the American Sociological Association**
www.asanet.org/student/career/
- **Employment Links for Sociologists via the American Sociological Association**
www.asanet.org/employ/.htm
- **Internet Resources for Sociology and Social Work**
www.lib.auburn.edu/socsci/
- **Social Service Jobs**
www.socialservice.com
- **SocioLog**
www.sociolog.com
- **Sociology Job Listings**
www.appliedsoc.org
- **The Sociology Major: As Preparation for Careers in Business and Organizations**
www.asanet.org/pubs/brochures/businessread
- **The Socio Web**
www.socioweb.com

CAREER RESOURCES IN:

- CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CS)
 - DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (DM)
 - ON THE INTERNET
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Career and Occupational Information

Occupational Outlook Handbook (CS, DM, and <http://www.bls.gov/oco>)

ONET <http://online.onetcenter.org>

Adams Jobs Almanac (CS, DM)

Dictionary of Occupational Titles (CS, DM)

Great Careers for... series (CS)

Careers for ... series (CS)

Careers in ... series (DM)

Encyclopedia of Career and Vocational Guidance (DM)

Liberal Arts Career News (CS)

Professional Organizations

National Directory of Non-Profit Organizations (DM)

Denver Meets (DM)

Encyclopedia of Associations (link on DM online catalog)

Internet Public Library listing at: <http://www.ipl.org/div/aon>

Employer Directories

Reference USA (link on DM online catalog)

Denver Business Journal Top 25 Book of Lists (CS, DM)

Colorado Business Directory (DM and available via link on DM online catalog)

Directory of Colorado Manufacturers (DM)

Rocky Mountain High Tech. Directory (DM)

Almanac of American Employers (DM)

Job Banks for US cities (CS, DM)

Standard & Poor's Register of Corp. Directory (link on DM online catalog)

Thomas Register of American Manufacturers
<http://www.thomasregister.com>

Directory of Colorado Non-Profits (DM and <http://www.coloradonoprofits.org>)

Employment Outlook

Occupational Outlook Quarterly (CS, DM)

Job Rated Almanac (DM)

CAM report (CS)

Employment Outlook for Colorado (DM)

Internships

Internships are placements with employers that give Regis College students with a GPA of 2.5 or better the opportunity to combine coursework with real-life experience while earning academic credit. Internships enhance academic knowledge, personal development and professional preparation. In addition, a successful internship can give students an edge when hiring decisions are made because employers seek applicants with practical experience in their field. Students interested in an internship need to register with the **Academic Internship Program** for help with determining a site placement, learning objectives and academic criteria.

Graduate School Information

Real Guide to Grad School (CS, DM)

Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs (CS, DM and <http://www.petersons.com>)

Gorman Report (CS)

Graduate School Admissions Advisor (CS)

Getting what you came for (CS)

Educational Rankings Annual (DM)

College Blue Book (DM)

Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions (DM)

Salary Information

Colorado Occupational Wages
(<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/wages/wages.asp>)

Compensation & Working Conditions (DM)

NACE Salary Survey (CS)

Salary.com - <http://Salary.com>

Alumni Career Network

One of the best resources for career information is people who work in the field you are considering. Contact information for Regis Alumni who have agreed to talk with students investigating career fields is available on the Alumni Career Network, a program located under "Alumni" at <http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/regis>

World Wide Web Sites

Regis Career Services: <http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>

Dayton Memorial Library article and research database:
<http://www.regis.edu/libdatabase.asp?sctn=lib&p1=empty>

JobWeb (NACE): <http://www.jobweb.org>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com>

America's Job Bank: <http://www.ajb.dni.us>