

# explore majors with OAAS!

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## Major: Sociology, BA

**We study how systems (education, criminal justice, family) affect the experiences and outcomes for different groups, particularly based on gender, race, class, immigration status, and other relevant categories.**

### ***What skills do students develop in this program?***

We are a very balanced major, with some technical skills (Statistics and Research Methods), and all transferable skills, including intercultural fluency (marginalized groups), knowledge-based ethics, written and oral communication, among others.

### ***What kind of student is a good fit for Sociology?***

Those who want to use their skills to become a transformational force in any job or industry can fit in well within Sociology.

### ***Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?***

- SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
- Soc 105: Social Problems

Both courses would be a good starting point to explore Sociology. The first is about theories to explain how society and social systems work; the second is about areas of social improvement. Furthermore, any 200-level SOC class in an industry or topic of your choice (youth, education, gender, health services, policing) would also provide great exploration.

### ***What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?***

We have students doing internships in Child Development programs, mental health services, the State Department, PAWS (animal shelter), Feeding America, Chicago AIDS Foundation, Youth Villages, state congress campaigns, and human resources.

### ***What are students doing after graduation?***

Sociology graduates find employment in a wide variety of fields: harm remediation, community relations, human resources (recruitment, selection, and training), social research, marketing research, program evaluation research, membership services, law school and public service law, university admissions and student services, social media communication, lobbying, grant writing, non profit management, fundraising.

***Other interesting facts about the Sociology major?***

We have the best career development curriculum for sociologists in the US, and finding both a career path and a job after graduation is embedded in our curriculum.