

# What Can I Do With a Major in...

# S O C I O L O G Y

Sociology is a perspective and set of techniques for analyzing social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists pay special attention to the structure of groups, organizations, and societies and to how these structures shape interactions and relationships among people (*American Sociological Association 2008*). The sociological perspective encourages students to observe and think critically about their own and other societies and to become more sensitive to behavioral and value difference among people.

Sociology majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in Social Problems, Psychology, Sociological Theory & Research, Culture, Ethnicity, Gender and Aging. Students will receive hands-on training by researching a topic like the following by former students: *women who tend bar, rituals that baseball players follow, why people dance, and the effects of divorce on children*. The research is presented at the Penn York Undergraduate Research Conference with the possibility of publication.

## REQUIRED SKILLS

- Research
- Communication
- Human Relations
- Statistical Abilities
- Critical Thinking
- Insight into Group Dynamics
- Knowledge of Social Structures
- Interact Well with Diverse Groups

## POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

- Federal Government
- Non-Profit Organization
- Research Firm
- Newspapers & Magazine
- Social Service Agency
- Hospital
- Business & Industry
- College/University

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Adoption Agencies  
Adult Education  
Advertising Firms  
Advocacy Groups  
Community Service Agencies  
Consulting Organizations  
Correctional Institutions  
Court Systems  
Health and Human Services  
Environmental Protection  
Halfway Houses

Health Agencies  
Healthcare Organizations  
Hospitals  
Insurance Companies  
Law enforcement Agencies  
Manufacturing Companies  
National Institute of Aging  
National Institute of Health  
Nonprofit Organizations  
Nursing Homes  
Peace Corps

Private Foundations  
Public Opinion Polls  
Service Organizations  
Research Institutes  
United Way Agencies  
Universities and Colleges  
Veteran's Administration  
Vocational services  
YMCA's

*\*Some occupations will require additional training, certification and/or education*

# SOCIOLOGY

## University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Sociology Major Curriculum

**Degree: Bachelor of Arts**

**Division: Behavioral & Social Science**

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The Sociology major consists of a 120-credit curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Consistent with the overall mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, the Sociology major includes a liberal arts general education, much of which is taken during the first two years of study.

### Course Requirements in the Major

SOC 0101 Introduction to Sociology  
 SOC 1310 Sociological Theory  
 SOC 1401 Social Research  
 SOC 1451 Capstone: Sociological Analysis  
 PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology  
 PSY 0201 Statistics OR  
 ECON 0204 Statistical Methods

### AREA REQUIREMENTS IN SOCIOLOGY

#### The Individual in Society (2 courses)

SOC 0204 Sociology of Deviance  
 SOC 0205 Death and Dying  
 SOC 0209 Social Problems  
 SOC 1302 Socialization  
 SOC 1303 Society and the Individual  
 SOC 1304 Small Groups  
 SOC 1316 Social and Cultural Change

#### Inequalities and Social Differences (2 courses)

SOC 0201 Sociology of Gender  
 SOC 0207 Racial and Ethnic Groups  
 SOC 1308 Inequality in Society  
 SOC 1313 Sociology of Aging  
 SOC 1314 Images of Women and Men

#### Social Institutions (2 courses)

SOC 0202 Sociology of Sport  
 SOC 0206 Criminology  
 SOC 0235 Environmental Sociology  
 SOC 1301 The Family  
 SOC 1305 Organizational Behavior  
 SOC 1306 Work and Society  
 SOC 1307 Medical Sociology

#### Psychology (2 courses)

PSY 0202 Child Development  
 PSY 0203 Social Psychology  
 PSY 0206 Abnormal Psychology

**Total credits required for the major: 43**

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association  
 Society for Applied and Clinical Sociology  
 American Counseling Association  
 National Association of Social Workers

[www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org)  
[www.appliedsoc.org](http://www.appliedsoc.org)  
[www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)  
[www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)

### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN SOCIOLOGY AT:

ASA Centennial  
 UniXL Education & Career Information Portal  
 Occupational Outlook Handbook  
 Career Services

[www2.asanet.org/student/career](http://www2.asanet.org/student/career)  
[www.unixl.com/dir/humanities/sociology/](http://www.unixl.com/dir/humanities/sociology/)  
[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos314.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos314.htm)  
[www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx](http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx)