

Sociology, Bachelor of Arts

Sociology is commonly defined as the scientific study of society. It provides the student with the theoretical and analytical tools to better understand the complex social forces which affect our lives, contributing in this way to personal enrichment and more effective citizenship. It is also valuable preparation for advanced study in the social sciences, as well as for careers in the professions, management, education, law, medicine and health-related areas, social work, and communications in both the public sector and private industry.

What you can be with your Sociology, Bachelor of Arts Degree:

Actuary #2161	Adoption Project Officer #4164	Campaigner	Census Clerk #1454
Child Welfare Worker #4212	City Manager	Community Organizer	Community Relations Manager #4212
Community Worker #4212	Corrections Officer	Elections Officer #4168	Employment Counsellor
Foreign Service Officer #4168	Fundraiser #5124	Immigration and Demographic Analysis Officer #4164	Journalist
Junior Statistician #2161	Labour Relations Researcher	Mediator	Public Health Statistician #2161
Sociologist	Social Advocate #4212	Social Policies Analyst #4164	Volunteer Coordinator #4212
Youth Care Worker #4212	Program Director	Public Relations Consultant	Risk Assessment Manager
Academic Advisor	Teachers Assistant #6472	Social Pathologist	Caseworker
Criminologist	Consultant	Veterans Affairs Specialist #4212	Community Centre Director #0314
Community Development Planner #4163	Group Home Manager #0314	Hospital Director #0014	Medical Records Worker
Outreach Worker	Nursing Home Manager	Urban Planner #2153	Recreation Worker
Demographer	Legislative Assistant #1222	Public Administrator #0411	Technical Writer #5121

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Department Information: Sociology, Bachelors of Arts rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts

Potential employers:

Adoption and Child Care Agencies	Advertising and Marketing	Career Centres	Charity Services
Colleges/Universities	Community Organizations	Counselling Services	Development Organizations
Education Foundations	Foster Care Services	Human Resources	Skills Development Canada
Immigration Assistance	Libraries	Inter-governmental Agencies	Philanthropic Services
Public Relations	Statistics Canada	Research Centres	Law Firms

Major Skills Obtained from Sociology, Bachelor of Arts Degree Program

- Ability to design and construct social surveys
- Analytical Thinking
- Awareness of how our individual and collective ways of thinking, feelings and acting are shaped by our social experience
- Capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others
- Conduct and explain sociological research clearly
- Determine the significant aspect of a multi-dimensional problem
- Evolve new perspective on a problem
- High proficiency in reading, writing and speaking
- Knowledge of community resources, the functioning of human groups, such as religious groups, educational systems, families and deviant groups
- Make critical observations, evaluations and appropriate decisions
- Skill in applying a complex set of criteria in order to make an evaluation
- Think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis, reasoning, and detail description
- Work well under pressure
- Write carefully reasoned reports, essays, locating sources of information, both in research libraries and in the community
- Effective note taking

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

American Sociological Association - www.asanet.org

Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology - www.appliedsoc.org

Association for Humanist Sociology - www.humanistsoc.org

Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals - www.carpnational.org

Canadian Association of Social Workers - www.casw-acts.ca

Canadian Council on Social Development - www.ccsd.ca/home.htm

Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association - www.csaa.ca

International Sociological Association - www.ucm.es/info/isa

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population www.iussp.org

Rural Sociological Society - www.ruralsociology.org

Sociologists Without Borders - www.sociologistswithoutborders.org

The Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics - www.sase.org/homepage.html

World Federation for Mental Health - www.wfmh.org