



## What can I do with a major in Sociology?

### Overview

- Sociology has focused especially on social and cultural institutions as they evolved in the technologically advanced societies of the world. Anthropology has been particularly concerned with societies of smaller scale, and has developed sophisticated methods for cross-cultural studies. Both sociology and anthropology endeavor to increase our understanding of the connections between culture, social institutions and individual personality. The field is necessarily very broad, taking account of the studies in many other fields, including economics, political science, history and social philosophy.

- Sociology has focused particularly on the development of the most developed societies of the world, and anthropology has been particularly concerned with societies of smaller scale. Both sociology and anthropology endeavor to increase our knowledge of the connection between individual personality, social interaction, culture and social institutions. Amateur understanding of the causes and effects of human beliefs, customs and institutions is essential to the achievement of moral wisdom.

- The St. Norbert College program in sociology provides students with the methods and knowledge needed to come to grips with the challenges and problems of rapid social and cultural change. Students will gain an understanding of the emergence of modern society, detailed knowledge of particular social problems (poverty, homelessness, crime or inequalities of opportunity) and research methods (statistics and computer-based data analysis).

### Career Titles

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| ▪ Academic Advisor/Counselor              | ▪ Employment Recruiter           | ▪ Park Service Supervisor/Director |
| ▪ Admissions Counselor                    | ▪ Ethnologist                    | ▪ Parole/Probation Officer         |
| ▪ Adoption Agent                          | ▪ Family Service Counselor       | ▪ Peace Corps Area Director        |
| ▪ Advertising Assistant                   | ▪ Field Archaeologist            | ▪ Peace Corps Volunteer            |
| ▪ Advocate                                | ▪ Financial Aid Director         | ▪ Physician                        |
| ▪ Aging Specialist                        | ▪ Foreign Affairs Officer        | ▪ Professor                        |
| ▪ Alcohol/ Drug Case Worker               | ▪ Forensic Anthropologist        | ▪ Program Coordinator/Assistant    |
| ▪ Anthropologist                          | ▪ Foster Care Worker             | ▪ Program Director                 |
| ▪ Archaeologist                           | ▪ Foundation Program Manager     | ▪ Public Administrator             |
| ▪ Archivist                               | ▪ Friend of the Court Caseworker | ▪ Public Health Educator           |
| ▪ Art Conservator                         | ▪ Fund Raiser                    | ▪ Public Opinion Surveyor          |
| ▪ Behavioral Science Advisor              | ▪ Genealogist                    | ▪ Public Relations Specialist      |
| ▪ Bilingual/Bicultural Program Specialist | ▪ Genetic Counselor              | ▪ Recreation Director              |
| ▪ Biographer                              | ▪ Gerontologist                  | ▪ Recreation Therapist             |
| ▪ Career Counselor                        | ▪ Head Start Program Director    | ▪ Rehabilitation Counselor         |
| ▪ Caseworker                              | ▪ Human Resources Manager        | ▪ Reporter                         |
| ▪ Child Welfare Officer                   | ▪ Immigration Inspector          | ▪ Research Assistant               |
| ▪ City Planner                            | ▪ Industrial Psychologist        | ▪ Researcher                       |
| ▪ Claims Representative                   | ▪ Insurance Agent/Broker         | ▪ Resident Assistant               |
| ▪ Clergy                                  | ▪ Labor Relations Representative | ▪ Rural Development Officer        |
| ▪ Collections Manager                     | ▪ Laboratory Assistant           | ▪ Sales Representative             |
| ▪ College Professor                       | ▪ Legislative Aide               | ▪ School Counselor                 |
| ▪ Community Development Specialist        | ▪ Librarian                      | ▪ Secret Service Agent             |
| ▪ Community Planner                       | ▪ Linguist                       | ▪ Social Scientist                 |
| ▪ Community Relations                     | ▪ Management Consultant          | ▪ Social Service Agency Planner    |
| ▪ Community Service Administrator         | ▪ Management Trainee             | ▪ Social Welfare Examiner          |
| ▪ Compensation/Benefits                   | ▪ Marketing Manager              | ▪ Social Worker                    |

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| ▪ Congressional Aide            | ▪ Marketing Research Analyst      | ▪ Statistician                |
| ▪ Consultant                    | ▪ Marriage and Family Therapist   | ▪ Substance Abuse Counselor   |
| ▪ Consumer Advocate             | ▪ Media Planner                   | ▪ Teacher                     |
| ▪ Convention Organizer          | ▪ Media Specialist                | ▪ Technical Writer            |
| ▪ Coroner/Medical Examiner      | ▪ Medical Anthropologist          | ▪ Trainer                     |
| ▪ Correctional Case Worker      | ▪ Medical Social Worker           | ▪ Translator                  |
| ▪ Corrections Officer           | ▪ Mental Health Worker            | ▪ Travel Agent                |
| ▪ Cultural Artifact Specialist  | ▪ Multicultural Program Leader    | ▪ Union Legal Counsel         |
| ▪ Curatorial Assistant          | ▪ Museum Education Director       | ▪ Urban Planner               |
| ▪ Day Care Worker               | ▪ National/State Park Interpreter | ▪ Veterans Affairs Specialist |
| ▪ Dietitian                     | ▪ News Correspondent              | ▪ Vocational Teacher          |
| ▪ Ecotourism Director           | ▪ Nutritionist                    | ▪ Welfare Counselor           |
| ▪ Employee Relations Specialist | ▪ Paleontologist                  | ▪ Writer/Editor               |

## Employers

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| ▪ Adoption and Child Care Agencies | ▪ Environmental Protection Agency      | ▪ National Institute Of Aging                  |
| ▪ Advertising and Marketing Firms  | ▪ Family Courts                        | ▪ National Institutes Of Health                |
| ▪ Advocacy Groups                  | ▪ FBI                                  | ▪ Newspapers, Magazines, News Agencies         |
| ▪ Banks                            | ▪ Federal, State, And Local Government | ▪ Non-Profit Organizations                     |
| ▪ Child Care Services              | ▪ Government Agencies                  | ▪ Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities     |
| ▪ Churches                         | ▪ Halfway Houses                       | ▪ Peace Corps                                  |
| ▪ Colleges and Universities        | ▪ Health Agencies                      | ▪ Private Foundations                          |
| ▪ Community Organizations          | ▪ Health And Human Services            | ▪ Public Opinion Research Polls                |
| ▪ Community Service Agencies       | ▪ Healthcare Organizations             | ▪ Religiously-Affiliated Service Organizations |
| ▪ Consulting Firms                 | ▪ Hospitals and Wellness Centers       | ▪ Research Institutes                          |
| ▪ Consulting Organizations         | ▪ Housing and Urban Development        | ▪ Retail Stores                                |
| ▪ Correctional Institutions        | ▪ Human Resources                      | ▪ United Way Agencies                          |
| ▪ Court Systems                    | ▪ Human Services                       | ▪ Veteran's Administration                     |
| ▪ Drug Enforcement Administration  | ▪ Insurance Companies                  | ▪ Vocational Services                          |
| ▪ Educational Information Services | ▪ IRS                                  | ▪ Welfare Department                           |
| ▪ Environmental Advocacy Groups    | ▪ Libraries                            |  |

## Skills

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| ▪ Ability to understand and improve human relationships | ▪ Interact well with diverse cultures/ groups       | ▪ Research and planning                   |
| ▪ Analyze, synthesize and interpret information         | ▪ Interpersonal communication (oral & written)      | ▪ Resolve conflicts                       |
| ▪ Communication across cultures and languages           | ▪ Interviewing surveying                            | ▪ Sampling, gathering and organizing data |
| ▪ Computer skills (data processing & analysis)          | ▪ Knowledge of community resources                  | ▪ Statistical abilities                   |
| ▪ Conducting field studies                              | ▪ Knowledge of social structures and change         | ▪ Summarizing results                     |
| ▪ Critical thinking                                     | ▪ Planning projects                                 | ▪ Work well under pressure                |
| ▪ Examining data and artifacts                          | ▪ Recognizing cultural differences and similarities | ▪ Writing grant proposals                 |
| ▪ Insight into group dynamics                           |   |   |



## Salary

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Summer 2008 Salary Survey Average Offers:

- Sociology Bachelor's Degree: \$27,734
- Social Work Bachelor's Degree: \$27,202

The job titles and employers listed below are a sample of the results from the annual St. Norbert College Career Services graduate follow-up survey for the Classes of 2003-2007.

## Graduate Information: Job Titles

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| ▪ Administrative Assistant      | ▪ Customer Service Representative | ▪ Program Coordinator                 |
| ▪ Admissions Counselor          | ▪ Group Fitness Instructor        | ▪ Quality Assurance                   |
| ▪ Adoption Coordinator          | ▪ Human Resources Associate       | ▪ Special Olympics Outreach Associate |
| ▪ Assistant Teacher             | ▪ Jewelry Designer                | ▪ Substitute Teacher                  |
| ▪ Care Coordinator              | ▪ Lead Program Coordinator        | ▪ Teacher                             |
| ▪ Claims Adjuster               | ▪ Line Therapist                  | ▪ Therapist                           |
| ▪ Client Service Representative | ▪ Parent Mentor                   | ▪ Youth Counselor                     |
| ▪ Crisis Counselor              | ▪ Program Assistant               |                                       |

## Graduate Information: Employers

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| ▪ AMEXPC                             | ▪ Enterprise              | ▪ Self-Employed           |
| ▪ Alternatives in Psychological Care | ▪ Family Services         | ▪ Special Olympics        |
| ▪ AmeriCorps                         | ▪ Green Bay Press-Gazette | ▪ St. Norbert College     |
| ▪ Aurora Bay Care                    | ▪ Humana                  | ▪ State Farm Insurance    |
| ▪ Boys and Girls Club                | ▪ Jesuit Volunteer Corps  | ▪ WI Early Autism Project |
| ▪ Chicago Public Schools             | ▪ RFDF Community Living   | ▪ YMCA Camp               |
| ▪ Children's World                   | ▪ Schneider National      |                           |

## Career Library Resources

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| ▪ Careers in Criminal Justice-The Inside Story  | ▪ Great Jobs for Sociology Majors      |
| ▪ Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services | ▪ Opportunities in Social Work Careers |
| ▪ Ferguson's Careers in Focus-Geriatric Care    |  |

For the most current information about Majoring in Sociology from Career Services, including links regarding Alumni Profiles, Career Information, Professional Associations, and Jobs and Internships, please visit:

<http://www.snc.edu/career/students/majors/sociology.html>