

B.A. Sociology | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 80% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

100% Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

POPULAR CAREERS

- **Human Services:** counselor, mental health counselor, social worker, therapist, youth outreach worker, volunteer coordinator
- **Criminal Justice:** probation officer, rehabilitation counselor, criminal justice specialist, police officer
- **Law:** prosecutor, defense lawyer, lobbyist
- **Education:** teacher, school counselor, student affairs professional, public health educator
- **Government:** foreign service officer, legislative aide, peace corps volunteer, human rights officer
- **Research:** population analyst, statistician, consultant
- **Business:** human resources manager, trainer, recruiter, public relations specialist, market analyst, banker
- **Health Care:** public health, health care administration, patient advocacy
- **Environmental Sociology:** ecotourism consultant, conservationist

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Social service agencies, nursing homes, school districts, government agencies, prisons/jails, law firms, staffing agencies, health care organizations, National Park Service, resorts & marinas

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Internships

- Alzheimer's Association
- Augustana Research Institute
- Boys and Girls Club of the Sioux Empire
- Active Generations
- Children's Home Society of South Dakota
- DakotAbilities
- Iowa State Patrol
- LEAD South Dakota
- Lutheran Social Services
- Multicultural Center
- Minnehaha County State's Attorney
- Sequel Transition Academy
- Sioux Falls Police Department
- South Dakota Bureau of Personnel
- South Dakota Department of Corrections
- Volunteers of America

• Example Research Topics

- Racial Disparities in Native American Cardiovascular Health
- From Delhi to D.C. — How India's Healthcare Innovations Can Revolutionize American Care

• Study Away

- AU Faculty-Led: Changing Identities: England from Londinium to Brexit



WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

Virtually every career benefits from employees who understand the complex intersections between social systems and individual lives. Sociological training enables students to identify, understand and critically examine these connections through courses exploring a broad range of social systems, including family, religion, medicine & health care, gender, race, gerontology, crime and social class. A sociology major equips students for diverse career paths, including community development, human services & social work, law & advocacy, criminal justice, health care, ministry, public policy and research.

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EMPHASIS OPTIONS

Criminology & Deviance | Family & Community Services | Medicine & Health Care Systems

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in SOCI 110.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore related minors such as aging studies, gender studies or children & youth.
- Use your sociology elective credits toward an emphasis in criminology & deviance, family & community services or medicine & health care systems.
- Enroll in PSYC 270 and SOCI 340.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Engage in research in SOCI 350, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Enroll in SOCI 360.
- Apply sociology through an internship in a profession that excites you in SOCI 395.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus clubs and organizations such as Serving and Learning Together (SALT), Lost & Found, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, Augie Green, PEACE Club, Encompass Humanity and Augie Feminist Equality Movement.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in job shadowing, campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Connect with employers who offer internships at the BIG (Business, Industry, Government) Career Fair.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry & Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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