



SOCIOLOGY ROUTES

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

CAREERS

Sociology is the study of society. It looks at how humans organise themselves and relate to

each other. You would consider issues such as crime, families, education, religion, power and inequality, often using statistical analysis. Studying this subject can help develop knowledge and skills that are useful for a range of careers, including:

- Advice worker
- Civil Service administrative officer
- Community development worker
- Equalities officer
- Family support worker
- International aid worker
- Lecturer / teacher
- Manager
- Police officer
- Policy adviser
- Probation officer
- Social researcher
- Social services director
- Social worker
- Youth / community worker
- Youth justice worker

SKILLS

Sociology can also help you develop wider skills such as:

- Analysis and reasoning
- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Debate and negotiation
- Evaluation
- Handling complex information
- IT
- Organising
- Problem solving
- Research
- Time management
- Using numbers / statistics
- Working independently
- Working with others

These skills are needed for a range of jobs with varied requirements and entry routes. Bear in mind that you may need other subjects too, particularly English, maths and in some cases, sciences.

- Actuarial analyst
- Administrator
- Advertising account executive
- Bid writer
- Care assistant
- Care home manager
- Careers adviser
- Charity fundraiser
- Civil Service executive officer
- Contract / purchasing manager
- Counsellor
- Data analyst
- Debt adviser
- Digital media manager
- Diplomatic Service officer
- Education welfare officer
- Events manager
- HR (Human resources) officer
- Health visitor
- Housing manager /officer
- Information scientist
- Journalist
- Learning mentor
- Legal executive
- Logistics manager
- Market research officer
- Marketing assistant / manager
- Museum curator
- Nurse
- Prison officer
- Public health officer
- Public relations officer
- Recruitment consultant
- Research assistant
- Residential care worker
- Retail manager
- Probation officer
- Sales assistant
- Solicitor
- Teaching assistant
- Town planner
- Transport planner
- UX (user experience) analyst
- Volunteer organiser

DID YOU KNOW?

Michelle Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jeremy Kyle and James Blunt are just some of the people who studied sociology while they were at university!

ROUTES

There are different routes into the careers listed here, including further education, apprenticeships and higher education. New higher and degree apprenticeships are currently in development; these involve working for a wage while you study for university level qualifications.

You can normally study sociology at university without a GCSE or A Level in the subject. A wide range of A Level subjects are acceptable but you may be asked for at least one subject that involves essay writing. Equivalent qualifications such as BTEC may also be acceptable if they're in a relevant subject but check the entry requirements for each course – some may ask for specific modules or an additional A Level. You normally need at least GCSE grade 4 / C in English and maths.

Sociology graduates enter a wide range of careers, including social and welfare services, education, criminal justice, central and local government, counselling, charities and the voluntary sector. But equally they can be found in sectors such as business, marketing and sales.

FIND OUT MORE

For more job ideas, visit nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople then follow links to 'Aged 13-19' and 'Do something you're good at'.

If you're thinking about higher education, visit: www.prospects.ac.uk to see what art and design graduates have done after their degree.

Other websites

sheffieldfutures.org.uk

ucasprogress.com

ucas.com

icould.com

britsoc.co.uk

skillsforcare.org.uk

basw.co.uk/