

Social Science

Typical Career Fields:

Aging Studies (projected growth of 22% or higher)

- Retirement Planning
- Activities Director
- Public Relations
- Banking
- Travel Programs

Economist (projected growth 8% to 14%)

- Financial Analyst
- Market Analyst
- Research Assistant
- Bank Officer
- Appraiser
- Investment Analyst
- Government Consultant

Education (projected growth 8% to 14%)

- Secondary Teacher
- Community Development
- Advocacy

Environmental Affairs (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Environmental Manager
- Land Use Planner
- Real Estate Development
- Industrial Developer

International Affairs (projected growth 3% - 7%)

- Foreign Service Officer
- Economic Developer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Political Risk Analyst
- Research Assistant
- Tourism
- International Aid

Public Administration (projected growth 8% to 14%)

- Organization Mgt.
- Nonprofit Mgt.
- Program Evaluator
- Purchasing Specialist
- Emergency Mgt.
- Policy Research

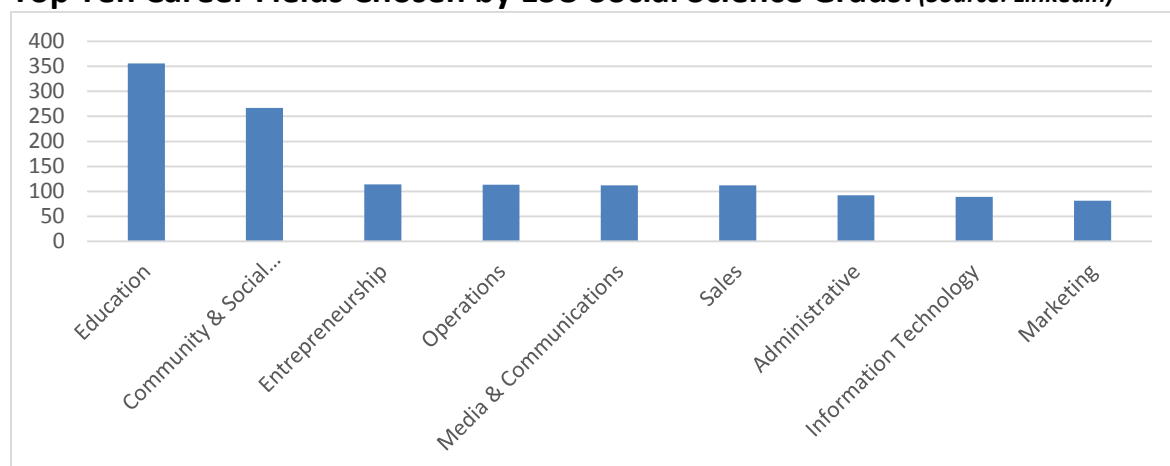
Sociology (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Criminologist
- Community Organizer
- Corrections Officer
- Market Research Analyst
- Opinion Pollster
- Industrial Sociologist
- Demographer

☀️ = Bright Outlook

Source: O*NET

Top Ten Career Fields Chosen by ESU Social Science Grads: (Source: LinkedIn)



Where Our Grads Go (top ten):

- Olathe School District
- Kansas State Univ.
- Shawnee Mission School District
- Mid-Continent Public Library
- Social Security Administration
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- US Army
- Walmart
- Cerner Corporation
- Kansas Dept. of Education

Social Science Majors

Strategies on how to become more marketable at graduation

Aging Studies (Retirement Planning, Activities Director, Public Relations, Banking, Travel Programs)

- Develop helping skills through volunteer positions with an emphasis on team work.
- Seek out research opportunities with faculty.
- Show an understanding of ethical issues, standards, and public responsibility in relation to professional practice.

Economist (Financial Analyst, Market Analyst, Research Assistant, Bank Officer, Appraiser, Investment Analyst, Government Consultant)

- Gain experience working with diverse populations.
- Can you show examples of numeracy and statistics?
- Consider membership with the American Economic Development Council or the Council for Urban Economic Development for internship and job listings.

Education (Secondary Teacher, Community Development, Advocacy)

Environmental Affairs (Environmental Manager, Land Use Planner, Real Estate Development, Industrial Developer)

- Employers will be looking for examples of data collection, analysis and interpretation, this is the capacity to collect, organize, critically assess, and present information.
- Attending conferences related to environmental development will strengthen your resume.

International Affairs (Foreign Service Officer, Economic Developer, Intelligence Analyst, Political Risk Analyst, Research Assistant, Tourism, International Aid)

- It is always marketable is can show an interest in other languages.
- Membership with professional organizations relevant to your area of expertise is important for showing interest and motivation.
- An international position teaching English as a second language for a semester or one year, will help establish your multi-cultural skills.
- Become familiar with employment standards of other countries to demonstrate an appreciation of cultural diversity and sensitivity towards vulnerable and indigenous groups.

Public Administration (Organization Management, Nonprofit Management, Program Evaluator, Purchasing Specialist, Emergency Management, Policy Research)

- Look for opportunities that provide project management experience.
- Include the ability to structure and present logical arguments, critically analyze material and opinions, and make informed decisions.
- Show examples of working autonomously and collaboratively, including effective leadership skills, and program management capabilities.
- Consider a minor in Leadership.

Sociology (Criminologist, Community Organizer, Corrections Officer, Market Research Analyst, Opinion Pollster, Industrial Sociologist, Demographer)

- Work to develop your quantitative and qualitative research skills with “hands-on” experience.
- Review resources for mental health and social work services and consider joining a professional organization within your field of interest.
- Any social service web site can get a free link to increase your job search reach.