

# Sociology

## Typical Career Fields:

*Human Services* (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Counseling
- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Mental Health
- Programming
- Administration

*Criminal Justice* (projected growth 0% - 2%)

- Corrections
- Rehabilitation
- Law Enforcement
- Immigration
- Judiciary

*Government* (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Social Statistics
- Public Admin.
- Policy Analysis
- Research
- Family Services
- City Planning

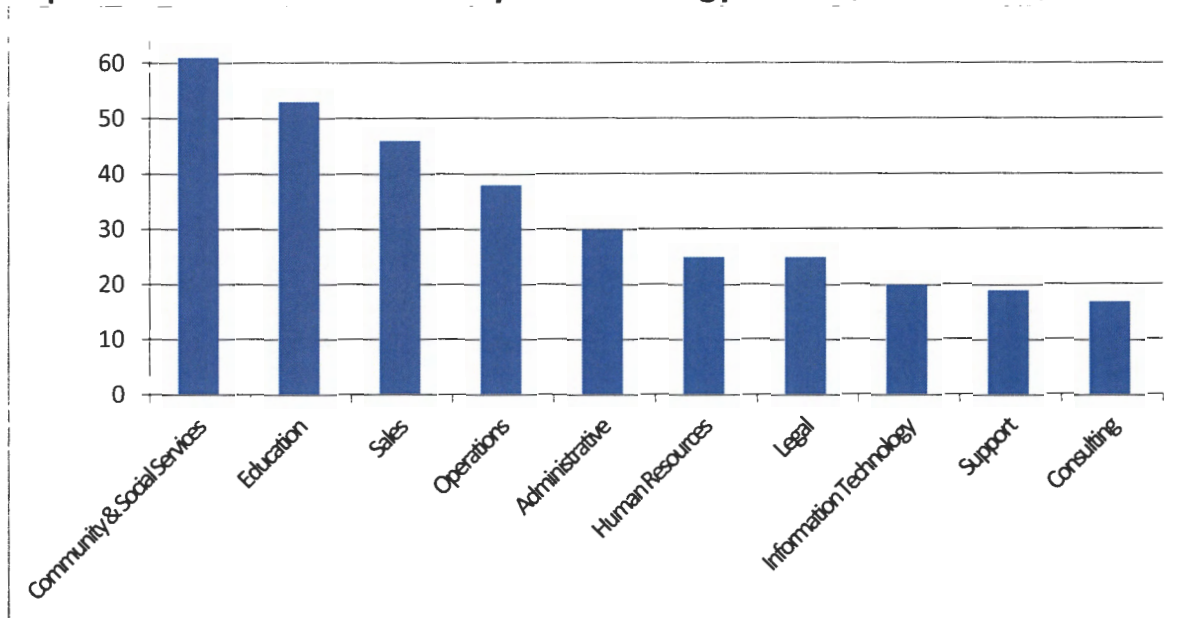
*Education* (projected growth 8% - 14%)

- Teaching
- Special Ed Teacher
- Research

☀️ = Bright Outlook

Source: O\*NET

## Top Ten Career Fields Chosen by ESU Sociology Grads: (Source: LinkedIn)



## Where Our Grads Go (top ten):

- Univ. of Kansas
- City of Olathe
- Wolf Creek
- Farmers Insurance
- Swiss Re
- Barnes & Noble
- UMB Bank
- State of Missouri
- Children's Mercy Hospital
- Baker University

View a list of required courses for this major at <http://www.emporia.edu/sac/list-of-majors.html>.

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## Sociology Majors

Strategies on how to become more marketable at graduation

### Human Services (Counseling, Case Management, Crisis Work, Advocacy)

- Develop helping skills through volunteer positions.
- Spend summers working at camps, YMCA's, or other social service agencies.
- Serve as a Peer Mentor, Resident Assistant, or other student leader.
- Gain experience with diverse populations.
- Learn a second language in order to interact with non-English speakers and increase marketability.
- Relate your background to what the employer needs. Earn a master's degree in social work, counseling, or other related field to increase employment opportunities.

### Criminal Justice (Corrections, Rehabilitation, Victim Services, Probation)

- Volunteer to work with at-risk youth and families.
- Gain experience working with diverse populations.
- Consider obtaining experience in a branch of the military.
- For forensics, take a significant number of science classes and plan to earn a master's degree in forensic science or related discipline.
- Learn a second language for increased marketability.

### Education (Teaching, Student Affairs, School Counseling)

- Obtain teaching certificate/license for desired subject area and/or grade level. Requirements for certification/licensure vary by state.
- Gain multiple certifications to increase employability.
- Private schools may not require certification or licensure. Obtain master's degree in subject area for increased employability.
- A master's degree in school counseling and appropriate certification are required to practice counseling in the schools.
- Participate in research as an undergraduate. Take research coursework, become involved with faculty research, get to know graduate students.
- Join appropriate professional organization and attend conferences as a student.
- Gain related experience on campus through student leadership opportunities such as Peer Mentors, Resident Assistants, or Orientation Leaders.

### Government

- Supplement curriculum with coursework in statistics and social research.
- Develop exceptional computer, communication, and research skills.
- Gain work experience via government internships, part-time jobs, or summer work.
- Seek leadership roles in relevant student groups.
- Become involved in student government.
- Participate in cross-cultural organizations. Interact with the international community on campus.
- Research government agencies and identify federal job titles that are right for your combination of education and experience.
- Maintain a strong grade point average.
- Obtain a graduate degree for advanced positions.
- Learn the federal job application process and seek assistance from campus career centers.
- Consider beginning a career with the government by joining the military or Peace Corps. Such experiences can open doors to government positions.