



# SOCIOLOGY CAREER GUIDE

The 21st century labor market is fast-changing, increasingly global, and technology driven. The skills you need to succeed in the 21st century include: creativity, innovation, critical thinking, analytic problem-solving, communication, collaboration, global understanding, and excellent written expression.

The good news for sociology majors is that your studies are uniquely suited to help you develop the skills you need for a successful 21st century career.

Sociologists study social life, social change, diverse communities and their interactions, and they use scientific methods to find empirical answers to complex social questions.

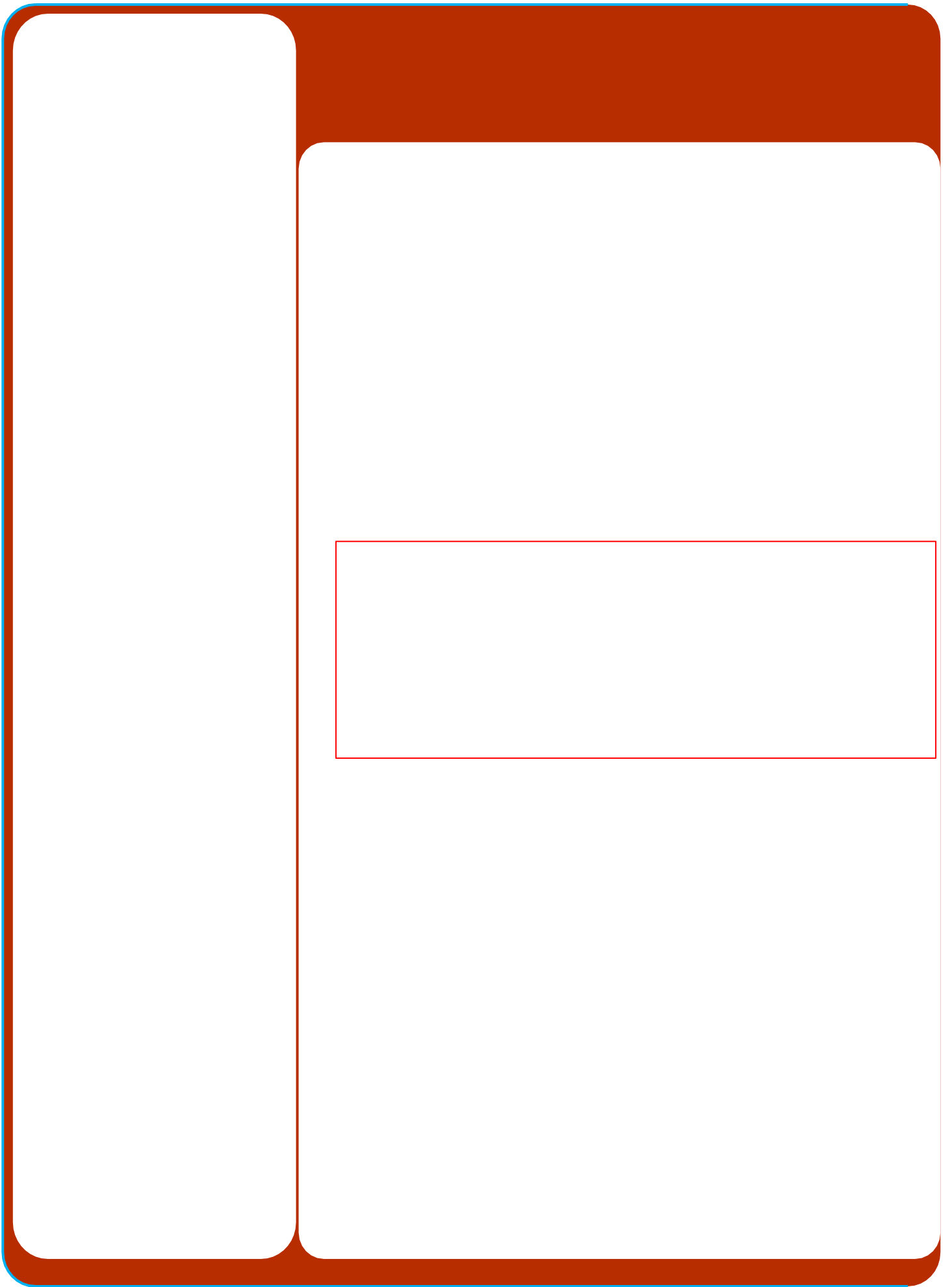
## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SOCIOLOGY DEGREE?

As a graduate with a Sociology degree, you will have a foundation for better understanding and engaging with the globalizing world. You will be equipped with the tools needed to make sense of the shifting social world and contribute solutions to difficult social problems.

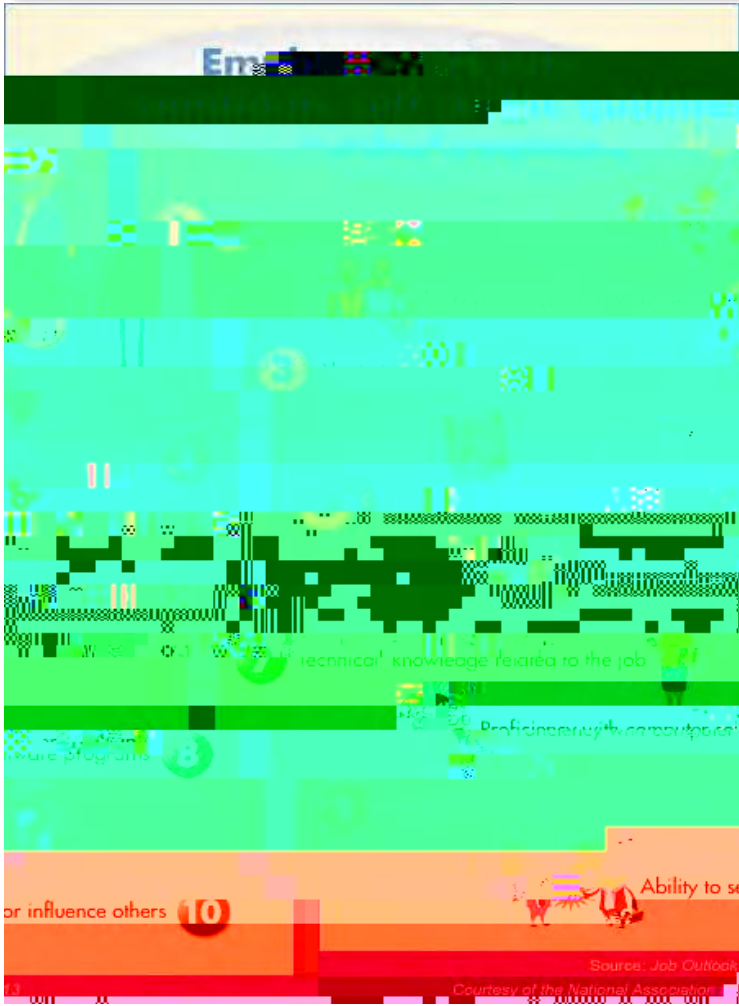
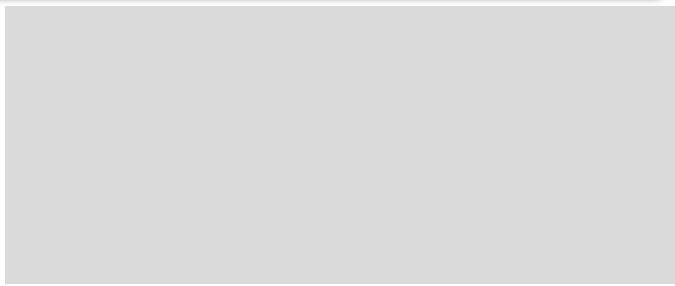
Studying sociology can help foster your creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and analytic problem solving and communication skills.

Social Services	Community Work	Law	Education
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advising</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth/Elderly services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Probation/Parole</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alumni Relations</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal justice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judicial affairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K-12</li> </ul>

*Adapted from Careers in Sociology, a publication of the [American Sociological Association](#).  
[What are they Doing with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology](#)*



# Helpful Career Information



## MEDIAN SALARIES BY OCCUPATION 2020-2021

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Probation Officer	\$36,990 - \$98,510	\$55,690
Public Relations	\$66,740 - \$208,000	\$118,430
Statistician	\$61,130 - \$170,150	\$110,860
Sociologist	\$52,640 - \$143,020	\$86,110
Urban Planner	\$46,830 - \$118,210	\$75,950

\*Salary range can depend on level of education\* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor,

## Doctorate in Sociology Programs

- Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- Ph.D. programs in Sociology are research based
  - Research topic of choice has a big influence on what you learn and the types of courses you take
  - Experience depends heavily on area of interest and course of study
- Curriculum is likely to include courses centered on research practices and methodology
- Dissertation required
- Trains future scholars for skills in the discipline of sociology
- Acquire advanced knowledge of sociological theory and research in chosen area
- Graduates pursue research and/or post-secondary teaching positions
- Roughly takes four-eight years to complete