

# INTERESTED IN AN EDUCATION CAREER?

Steps to maximize your career readiness

- Obtain teaching licensure for desired subject area and/or grade level for public school positions.
- Obtain a master's degree in college student personnel, student development, or counseling for student affairs or administrative positions.
- Obtain a master's degree in school counseling to become a professional school counselor.
- Gain related experience on campus through student leadership opportunities such as Peer Mentors, Resident Assistants, or Orientation Leaders.
- Get experience through Upward Bound, Project Grad, California Conference for Equality and Justice, etc.
- Earn a Ph.D. to teach and research at four-year institutions. A master's degree or Ph.D. is required to teach at two-year schools.

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- School Counseling
- School Administration
- Student Affairs
- Teacher/Instructor/Professor
- Adult learning/Community instruction (e.g., GED classes, life skills)
- Prevention Educator
- Curriculum development and programming
- Student Support Services
- Education policy-maker/analyst
- Education organizer/advocate
- Education researcher
- Youth development professional

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

SOC 415: Sociology of Education  
SOC 346: Race, Class, Gender  
SOC 335: Social Psychology  
SOC 345: Youth, Policing, and Justice  
SOC 495: Internship

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# INTERESTED IN A CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER?

Steps to maximize your career readiness:

- Volunteer to work with agencies serving youth and families.
- Gain experience working with diverse populations that are affected by the criminal justice system.
- Become familiar with the government application process and seek assistance from the campus career center.
- Find out needed application entrance exams for government related positions, such as any professional certifications that would be helpful in your career.
- Minor in Criminal Justice Studies, Political Science (legal studies certificate)

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Prisoner or Court Advocate
- Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Rehabilitation and Reentry Services
- Family Violence Prevention Programming
- Sexual Assault Victims Service Support
- Youth Intervention Specialist (i.e. reducing school suspensions)
- Restorative Justice Facilitator
- Attorney
- Criminal Justice Policy Analyst
- Forensics (e.g. Innocence Project)
- Immigration Legal Services and Advocacy

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

SOC 342: Critical Criminology  
SOC 345: Youth, Policing, and Justice  
SOC 423: Child Abuse and Prevention  
SOC 449: Sociology of Human Rights and Social Justice  
SOC 463: Mental Health and Society  
SOC 495: Internship

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# INTERESTED IN A HUMAN SERVICES CAREER?

Steps to maximize your career readiness

- Develop helping and communication skills through volunteer positions.
- Obtain essential practical experience through an internship, part-time or summer job with a non-profit or social service organization.
- 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.
- Many entry level positions require some related experience. Volunteering, part-time jobs, and internships can typically fulfill this requirement.
- Obtain a graduate degree in a social service discipline such as social work, counseling, or psychology to increase employment opportunities.
- Most states require licensure or certification for positions involving the direct provision of therapeutic services to clients.

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Counselor
- Case management supervisor
- Crisis and trauma response liaison
- Intake coordinator
- Community relations and programming
- Fundraiser, grantwriter
- Non-profit management and administrator
- Volunteer coordinator
- Employment Development Specialist

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

SOC 460: Poverty and Public Policy  
SOC 320: Sociology of Families  
SOC 423: Child Abuse and Prevention

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# INTERESTED IN A RESEARCH CAREER?

## Steps to maximize your career readiness

- Perform well in sociology coursework that focuses on statistics, research methods, and/or analysis.
- Consider applying to the Honors Program in Sociology or seek Research Assistantships with your professors.
- Develop exceptional quantitative, statistical, writing, and organizational skills.
- Learn to use statistical software packages as well as database, spreadsheet, and presentation programs.
- Volunteer to help a professor with a research project or complete original research through the honors program or an independent study class.
- Develop an area of expertise through relevant experience, coursework, or advanced degree.
- Obtain an advanced degree in sociology for research administration positions.
- Earn certification in applied social research by The American Sociological Association.
- Network with professionals working in areas of interest.
- Gain experience working on teams and communicating ideas with others from varying disciplines

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Research
- Data analysis
- Policy or program analysis
- Demographics
- Market research
- Information sourcing
- Statistics
- Community needs assessment
- Program Evaluation

## SOME POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Federal, state, local government agencies (CDC, Census Bureau, etc.)
- Universities, think tanks, nonprofits
- Consulting, marketing firms

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

SOC 270: Intro to Research Methods  
SOC 354: Qualitative Research  
SOC 355: Quantitative Research  
Sociology Honors  
Internship

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# INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN NONPROFITS, PUBLIC POLICY, or GOVERNMENT?

Steps to maximize your career readiness

- Develop exceptional computer, communication, and research skills.
- Gain practical experience through government internships, part-time jobs, or summer work.
- Develop a specialty such as aging, family, criminal justice, or healthcare.
- Seek leadership roles in relevant student groups.
- Become involved in student government.
- Participate in cross-cultural organizations. Interact with the international community on campus.
- Consider earning a graduate degree for advanced positions, e.g. public administration (MPA), public policy (MPP), urban planning (MUP)
- Research government agencies at the local, state, and federal level that are right for your combination of education and experience.
- Apply for Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) summer institute and other leadership development programs

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Nonprofit leadership and program development
- Public administration
- Policy analyst
- Urban/City planning
- Grassroots and Issue Advocacy
- Program analysis and evaluation
- Demographer
- Social Justice Campaign Organizer

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

SOC 420: Social Stratification  
SOC 427: Social Order and Social Change  
SOC 449: Sociology of Human Rights and Social Justice  
SOC 460I: Poverty and Public Policy

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