The skills gained in sociology can be transferred to diverse job settings. Such “crossover skills” include a knowledge of the workings of society, the ability to analyze social problems and to communicate these analyses to others, and interpersonal relations, as well as written and verbal communication, research methods, and analytical techniques.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
- Government Officers
- Policymaker/Analyst
- City Planner/Manager
- Urban Policy Planner
- Non-governmental Interest Group/Manager/Organizer
- Labor Relations Representative
- Advocate for Human Rights, Immigration Rights, Health Care, Social Services
- Corrections Officer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Educator/Teacher/Professor
- School Principal
- Superintendent

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Sociology is the scientific study of social life. It involves research and analysis of social problems and examination of the function, development, and structure of society.

The Sociology Department at SDSU offers both undergraduate and graduate programs. Diverse topics are covered in different areas in which faculty specialize: social theory, family, health and illness, immigration, education, race and ethnicity, popular culture, social movements, criminology, and urban sociology.

Students have the opportunity to learn from and study with 23 faculty members – 13 tenure and tenure-track and 10 lecturers. The department hosts multiple conferences and speakers each academic year, allowing students to participate in scholarly discussions and current research. Undergraduate students also have the chance to be a part of Alpha Kappa Delta, an internationally recognized sociological honors society, and the SDSU Sociology Club. Graduate students can be a part of the Sociology Graduate Student Committee, and organize a student-led event.

All students have opportunities to participate in field internships and earn scholarships. Faculty and advisors encourage student research and community engagement, and work to foster strong professional relationships with students.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR (9 UNITS)

- SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology: The Study of Society
- SOC 102: Introduction to Social Problems
- SOC 201: Elementary Social Statistics

THE MAJOR (30 UNITS)

All majors must complete 18 units of core requirements and 12 units of upper-division sociology electives. Major courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Core requirements
- SOC 301: Social Research Methods (must pass with C or better to take 406, 407, or 408)
- SOC 401: Classical Social Theory
- SOC 403: Contemporary Sociological Theory
- SOC 406, 407, OR 408: Intermediate Social Statistics, Survey & Experimental Research Methods, OR Quantitative Research Methods
- SOC 433 OR 455: Wealth, Status, and Power OR Sociology of Intersectionality
- SOC 457, 458, OR 459: Protests, Reforms, and Revolutions, Nonviolence, Peace, and Social Change, OR The American Labor Movement

MINOR (18 UNITS)

- SOC 101 (3 units)
- SOC 102, SOC 201 OR SOC 301 (3 units)
- SOC 401, SOC 403, SOC 406, SOC 407, SOC 408, SOC 433, SOC 455, SOC 457, SOC 458, OR SOC 459 (3 units)
- 3 courses of upper-division Sociology electives (9 units)

SOCIIOLOGY ALUMNA

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“Joining Dr. Minjeong’s research team helped me not only strengthen many of my skills, but it also helped me grow as a researcher. I had a wonderful experience during my internship and would like to encourage others to push themselves and sign up for an internship before they start their new journey.”