WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY

SOCIOLOGY

DEGREE?

UMBC - CAREER SERVICES CENTER



HUMAN SERVICES

Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals

≡ Community Service Agency Worker ≡ Race Relations Specialist ≡ Social Service Administrator

≡ Recreation Coordinator
 ≡ Family Services Specialist
 ≡ Community Outreach Worker
 ≡ Community Outreach Worker
 ≡ Activities Leader
 ≡ Eligibility Specialist
 ≡ Youth Counselor

CORRECTIONS / REHABILITATION / LAW

Courts, Prisons, Private Practices, Government

 ≡ Probation/Parole Officer
 ≡ Police Officer
 ≡ Corrections Officer

 ≡ Correctional Caseworker
 ≡ Investigative Assistant
 ≡ Legal Assistant

≡ Court Appointed Special Advocate ≡ Paralegal ≡ CIA/FBI Special Agent

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

≡ Legislative Research Assistant
≡ Legislative Correspondent
≡ Communications Director

 \equiv Campaign Staffer \equiv Constituent Aide

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)

 ■ Public Opinion Interviewer
 ■ Lobbyist
 ■ Public Policy Analyst

 ■ Community/Field Organizer
 ■ Membership Coordinator
 ■ Project Manager

 ■ Program Developer/Coordinator
 ■ Political Organizer
 ■ Legislative Liaison

 ■ Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
 ■ Convention Organizer
 ■ Conference Coordinator

≡ Office Manager ≡ Government Affairs Specialist

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)

≡ Project Assistant ≡ Research Associate ≡ Public Policy Analyst

Foundations

GOVERNMENT

Local, State and Federal Agencies (i.e. Transportation, Housing, Commerce)

■ Population Studies Researcher
 ■ Contract Administrator
 ■ Contract/Grants Officer
 ■ Urban/Regional Planner
 ■ Researcher/Statistician
 ■ Labor Analyst
 ■ Program Evaluator
 ■ Survey Analyst

≡ Civil Rights Investigator
≡ Quality Assurance Specialist

CROSS-CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Government, Consulting Firms, Educational Organizations

≡ Peace Corps Volunteer
 ≡ Customs/Immigration Officer
 ≡ Int'l Exchange Program Coord.
 ≡ Foreign Service Officer
 ≡ ESL Instructor
 ≡ International Visitor Escort
 ≡ Bicultural Program Specialist
 ≡ Tourism Development Officer

≡ Consular Assistant ≡ UN Guide

ANTHROPOLOGY

Museums, Government, Consulting Firms

≡ Museum Technician
 ≡ Field Archaeologist
 ≡ Archaeological Surveyor
 ≡ Archaeological Surveyor
 ≡ Cultural Artifacts Specialist
 ≡ Forensic Technician

■ Archaeological Field Technician
 ■ Socio-Cultural Impact Assessor

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

HEALTH

Hospitals, Insurers, Government, Non-Profits (Family Planning, Substance Abuse)

■ Public Health Statistician
 ■ Insurance Customer Service Rep.
 ■ Medical Admissions Staff
 ■ Community Educator/Activist
 ■ Caseworker

= Family Planning Educator/Counselor = Nursing Home Activity Leader = Health Facility Evaluator

BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

≡ Marketing Research Analyst ≡ Public Relations Specialist ≡ Consumer Survey Supervisor

■ Media Buyer
 ■ Assistant Traffic Manager
 ■ Assistant Events Coordinator
 ■ Fund Raising Associate
 ■ Communications Assistant

Human Resources

 = Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
 ≡ Benefits Coordinator
 ≡ Trainer

 ≡ EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
 ≡ Payroll Officer
 ≡ Recruiter

 ≡ Interviewer
 ≡ Staffing Specialist
 ≡ Job Developer

Insurance

≡ Claims Representative/Examiner ≡ Insurance Agent ≡ Underwriter

Banking / Finance

■ Branch Manager
 ■ Representative
 ■ Property Manager
 ■ Real Estate Analyst
 ■ Trust Officer
 ■ Mortgage Officer

Retail / Sales

≡ Assistant Buyer ≡ Store/Department Manager ≡ Sales Representative

Publishing / Journalism

 ≡ Editorial Assistant
 ≡ Salesperson
 ≡ Publicity/Promotions Assistant

 ≡ Reporter
 ≡ Technical Writer
 ≡ Circulation Asst. Manager

KEEP IN MIND...

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is *not* a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as a sociology major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

- (1) **obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CSC about their part-time, major-related job announcements and the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities *and*
- (2) **supplement your sociology course work** with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Internet sites: that allow you to explore career options for Sociology degree:

E Career Services Center - Links by Major: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php

CSC Career Resource Center (MP 212):

= 100 Jobs in Social Change

National Associations:

- = American Sociological Association (http://www.asanet.org)
- = American Anthropological Association (http://www.aaanet.org/)