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## SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Sociology

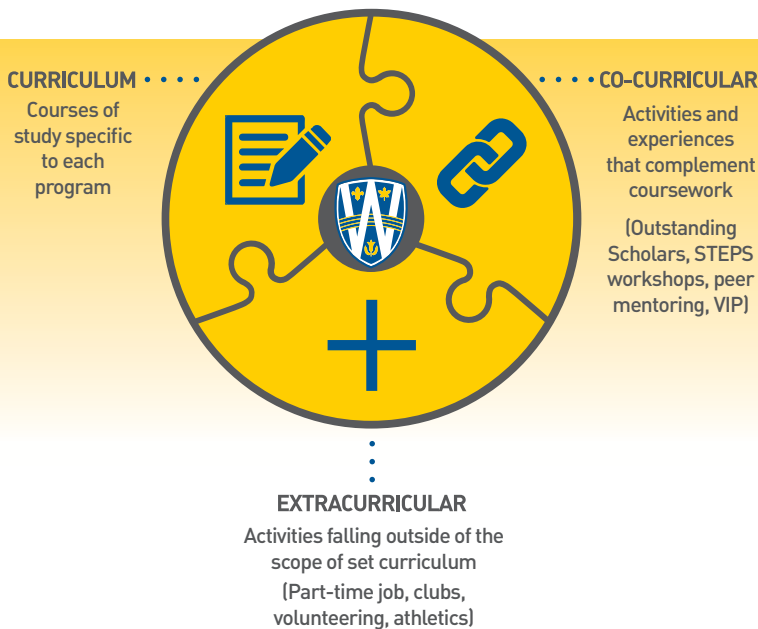
Sociology is the study of societies, social life, and social change. It investigates social, cultural and demographic issues in Canada and around the world. A degree in sociology offers you rigorous training in fundamental research, analytical, and communication skills, research ethics, social research techniques and design, and theory. Our program is research-driven and attentive to global, national, and local dynamics and issues. A foundation for a career in immigration, social service and community agencies, business, or advanced research.

#### Sociology and Criminology

This new program provides the breadth of sociological thinking and approaches to help you connect personal experiences with broader social relations, organization and interaction in our contemporary world, to understand the social world in greater depth and challenge common sense assumptions.

### FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Understanding human behaviour, communication, and interaction from a social perspective
- Appreciating contemporary social, community and ethical issues and related public policy
- Understanding and applying behavioural components of sociological theory
- Understanding the ways in which various social, cultural, and community groups interrelate
- Conducting, explaining, and interpreting sociological research and applying the findings
- Appreciating the respective roles of various governmental, community, and social institutions



### BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

### CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to help you explore various opportunities throughout the course of your UWindsor experience. It is intended to help you link academics, co-curricular, extra-curricular and career planning activities by suggesting some of the options available to you. This is to help you see what you can do, rather than what you are required to do!

## First Year

### Academics



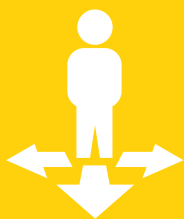
- Take required courses including Understanding Social Life and Social Dilemmas: Social Science Perspectives and Effective Writing I and II
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in a variety of social science courses to determine your core interests
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Receive peer mentorship from members of the Sociology and Criminology Student Association

### Experience



- Explore available Criminology and Sociology potential research assistantships or field placements\*
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)\*
- Volunteer with local government, non-profit or social justice community organization
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program\*
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years\*
- Join such clubs as the Sociology and Criminology Student Association, Social Science Society or UWSA

### Career



- Create a list of activities that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and skills you have
- Meet with Career & Employment Services (CES) to develop a plan for your future years
- Consider taking an interest assessment to help you identify possible career paths
- Attend a CES workshop to learn how to find a summer or part-time job
- Become familiar with the mySuccess online job search tool
- Attend a CES resumé and cover letter workshop to get your resumé critiqued

## Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into completing a research project in final year ★
- Begin taking courses in accordance with an Anthropology minor or a minor in another discipline
- Seek out internships and courses that offer field experience ★
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization

## Final Year

- Meet with faculty and academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses in order to fulfill your degree audit
- Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication ★
- Take a final year practicum course in Sociology with a focus on the city
- Take a field work or capstone course to culminate your senior experience ★

- Join a professional association in your field such as the Canadian Sociology Association or Canadian Anthropology Association
- Join the Debate Team to compete locally and internationally
- Participate in UWill Discover undergraduate research conference★
- Volunteer with a community organization such as Hiatus House or Children's Aid Society
- Apply for student exchange program★
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Become a teaching assistant or research assistant with a faculty member★
- Run for a UWSA executive position
- Conduct field research with faculty member★
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS)
- Join the UWindsor Model NATO or Model United Nations

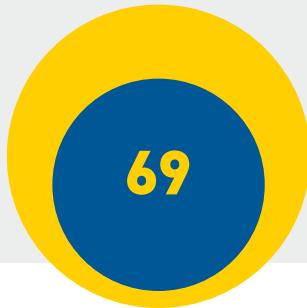
- Research career fields and occupations of interest to you
- Explore opportunities and meet employers through a job fair or employer information session
- Attend the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair to explore further educational opportunities
- Analyze the requirements for graduate or professional schools of interest
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through sources such as Ten Thousand Coffees

- Consider applying to graduate or professional school and be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare application documents such as a resumé, CV or personal statement
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience



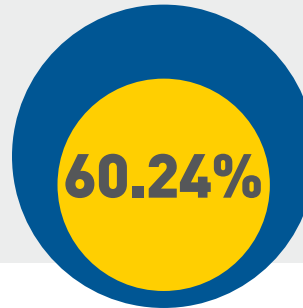
## LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

2016



Number of University of Windsor graduates from Sociology in 2016.

2013



Percentage of Canadian university social and behavioural sciences graduates who continued their studies post-bachelor degree. (National Graduates Study 2013)



### COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES

- Academia: advanced social research
- Business: research and analysis, human resources, project management
- Education: advising, counseling, corporate training
- Government: research and policy development
- Healthcare: administration, counselling
- Law and law enforcement
- Immigration and community integration
- Social research agencies
- Social service and community agencies

### CAREER TRACKS\*

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| Border services            | Demographer             | Lawyer            | Project manager       |
| Business advisor           | Development analyst     | Legal consultant  | Public relations      |
| Case worker                | Educational assistant   | Mediator          | Research co-ordinator |
| Child and youth worker     | Human resources manager | Paralegal         | Social worker         |
| Community relations worker | Immigration officer     | Policy analyst    | Support worker        |
| Consultant                 | Journalist              | Probation officer | Teacher               |
| Court monitor              | Law enforcement officer | Professor         | Youth worker          |

\* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

### CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



#### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions

- Recognizing and incorporating potential solutions or applications to given problems
- Thinking creatively to solve problems by identifying and considering all sides of an issue
- Approaching diverse topics and problems from different perspectives to analyze problems multi-dimensionally



#### Professionalism and Work Ethic: Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour

- Setting priorities, meeting deadlines, and managing time, data, and resources
- Overseeing contributions to a project; determining outcomes, planning details, delegating and completing tasks
- Concentrating on relevant resources when presented with multiple sources of information



#### Teamwork and Collaboration: Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals

- Understanding how to successfully identify, plan, and contribute to the goals of a project
- Leading and interacting with diverse people with different approaches and backgrounds
- Identifying your role on a team and contributing to its success in a leadership, decision-making capacity



#### Communication: Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences

- Debating, persuading, mediating, and presenting thoughts
- Developing attractive, substantial reports and resources using best available technology
- Preparing informative and creative presentations to engage diverse audiences



## CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** on the main floor for help with academic assignments
- Improve study skills through the **Skills To Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Apply to the **Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)** to get involved in the community
- Look into the **Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career & Employment Services**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services, Lancer Recreation** and the **Student Counselling Centre**

### Recruitment Office

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### Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology

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### Career and Employment Services

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