



## CAREERS: SOCIOLOGY

The University of Maryland BA and BS Sociology graduates have been successful in many different fields post-graduation, including *law, business, education, consulting, medicine -- not to mention social work, politics, and public administration*. Sociology provides a rich fund of knowledge directly concerning each of these fields.

Using information from the annual University of Maryland Graduation Survey, we have compiled details about SOCY majors, such as their post-graduation adventures. Review additional resources at the [University Career Center @ BSOS](#) Your Career webpage.

### TITLES/INDUSTRY OF RECENT ALUMNI *(Sample)*

Explore career paths of SOCY majors with LinkedIn's [Alumni tool](#).

*Note: Must have a LinkedIn account to access.*

#### Education/Advising

##### Job Titles:

Academic Advisor  
Academic Program Specialist  
Advisor  
Assistant Coordinator  
Assistant Teacher  
English Teaching Assistant  
Field Instructor  
Lead Teacher  
LGBTQ+ Fellow  
Preschool Teacher  
Senior Program Assistant  
Teacher  
Teacher Resident

##### Organizations:

Capital Hill Cooperative Nursery School  
El Camino College  
French Government  
Hunt Valley Country Day  
National Academy of Sciences,  
Engineering and Medicine  
Prince George's County Public Schools  
Rosslyn Children's Center  
Swarthmore College  
Teacher for America  
The Academy at SOAR  
The Goddard School  
The Shefa School  
University of Maryland University  
College  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Urban Teacher Center  
Bright Beginnings, Inc.

##### Entry tips:

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* communication, organizational, and creativity skills.

Apply for experiences working with youth while in school to demonstrate and test your interest.

Public school teachers at the K–12 level must be certified by the state in which they teach.

Learn more about [school social work](#).

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide to [Education](#).

#### Law/Legal

##### Job Titles:

Background Investigator  
Conflict Analyst Assistant  
Legal Administrative Assistant  
Legal Assistant  
Paralegal  
Patent Clerk  
Police Officer

##### Organizations:

CACI International  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore  
District of Columbia Government  
Hogan Lovells  
McCabe, Weisberg and Conway  
New York Department of Transportation  
Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein, and Fox  
The Law office of D.M. Harris LL  
U.S. Department of Justice

##### Entry tips:

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* communication, interpersonal, organizational, research, analytical, speaking, problem solving and writing skills.

*Apply for internships.* Gaining experience in the field will test your interest and demonstrate interest to law school programs.

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide to [Law Careers](#).



## Business/Management/Marketing

### Job Titles:

Account Executive  
Analyst for Organizational Development  
Assistant Property Manager  
Associate Client Success Manager  
Campaign Assistant  
Client Support Representative  
Consultant  
Consultant- Entry Level  
Contracts Administrator  
Cyber Risk Consultant  
Development Assistant  
Development Coordinator  
Executive Assistant  
Financial Leadership Program  
Fundraising Associate  
General Manager  
HR Administrative Assistant  
HR Associate  
Human Resources Specialist  
Junior Consultant  
LAC Peer Editor  
Management Associate  
Marketing Team Associate  
Recruiting Assistant  
Recruiting Coordinator  
Sales Development Representative  
Securities Analyst II  
Senior Sales  
Social Media and PR Coordinator  
Social Media Supervisor  
Supply Chain Associate  
Support Services Specialist  
Territory Representative

### Organizations:

Abt  
Aerotek  
American Eagle Outfitters  
Ankura Consulting Group  
Bozzuto Group  
CoStar  
Deloitte  
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
Financial Leadership Program  
Girl Scouts Nation's Capital  
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)  
Market Bridge  
Mayson-Dixon Strategic Consulting  
Miriam's Kitchen  
Monumental Sports and Entertainment  
MullenLowe U.S.  
National Center on Education and the Economy  
Okta, Inc.  
PepsiCo, Inc.  
Power Connections  
Public Welfare Foundation  
Sierra Club  
The Sak Group  
Transit Employees Federal Credit Union  
Tremor Video DSP  
Trivergent Health Alliance MSO  
United Technologies Corporation  
University of Maryland Hillel  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Wells Fargo  
World Bank Group  
Yelp

### Entry tips:

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* analytical, communication, creativity, decision making, interpersonal, and organizational skills.

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide on...

- [Business Administration Jobs](#)
- [Consulting](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Consulting Jobs](#)
- [Case Interviews](#)

*Apply for internships.* Employers recruit full-time employees from their internship programs.

Consider applying for post-grad management or rotational programs to gain experience and build relationships.

### Consulting:

- Be willing to learn and take the initiative to learn.
- When you first start, you are mostly a generalist, so be open to joining any training classes.
- Diversify your experiences – there is no just clear-cut path.
- Prepare for case interviews.



## Human Services/Advocacy/Government

### Job Titles:

Assistant  
Budget Analyst  
Case Manager  
Certified Medical Technician  
Child Psychiatric Specialist  
Children's Bereavement Services  
Community Integration Specialist  
Essential Needs Program  
Fellow  
Government Transformation and  
Agency Partnerships  
International Missionary  
Management and Program Analyst  
Mental Health Associate  
Police Officer  
Program and Training Coordinator  
Rehab Therapist  
Residential Instructional Associate  
Scheduling Assistant  
Staff Assistant

### Organizations:

A Wider Circle  
AmeriCorps  
Children's National Medical Center  
Community Support Services  
Creative Family Connections  
Cru  
District of Columbia Government  
General Service Administration  
Johns Hopkins University  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
North Brooklyn Coalition Against  
Family Violence  
Partnership for Public Service  
Service Source  
SOS Children's Villages USA  
The Arc  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Senate  
University of Maryland Medical Center

### Entry tips:

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* creativity, communication, and attention to detail skills, as well as being flexible and patience.

Gain experience through internships/volunteering working with the population of interest.

Learn more about the field of

[Human Services](#).

Federal opportunities:

- [USAJobs](#)
- [Application tips](#)

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide to [Politics, Public Policy, and Activism Jobs](#)

## Research

### Job Titles:

Crime Data and Intelligence Analyst  
Data Specialist  
General Associate  
Jr Data Analyst  
Lab Manager  
Marketing Researcher  
Program Assistant: International  
Dissertation Research Fellowship  
Program  
Research Analyst  
Research Assistant  
Research Associate  
Research Interviewer  
Syndicated Research Analyst

### Organizations:

American Institutes for Research  
CoStar Group  
Court Watch Montgomery  
Eureka Facts, LLC  
Hagerstown Police Department  
Hearst Magazines  
ICF International, Inc.  
IMPAQ International  
Leed Management Consulting  
Population Reference Bureau  
Social & Scientific Systems for the  
National Institute of Environmental  
Health Sciences (NIEHS)  
Social Science Research Council  
START  
U.S. Department of Education  
UMD Group Processes Lab  
Vocus

### Entry tips:

Start building relationships and gaining experience as a student with faculty on campus.

Best search strategy: *Networking*. [Examine](#) who is conducting the type of research you are interested in pursuing and reach out to them. [Share](#) that you are a student/recent grad and that you think you can help them in their pursuits because of your (insert skills).

A popular post bac research program with UMD students is the [NIH Postbac Program](#).



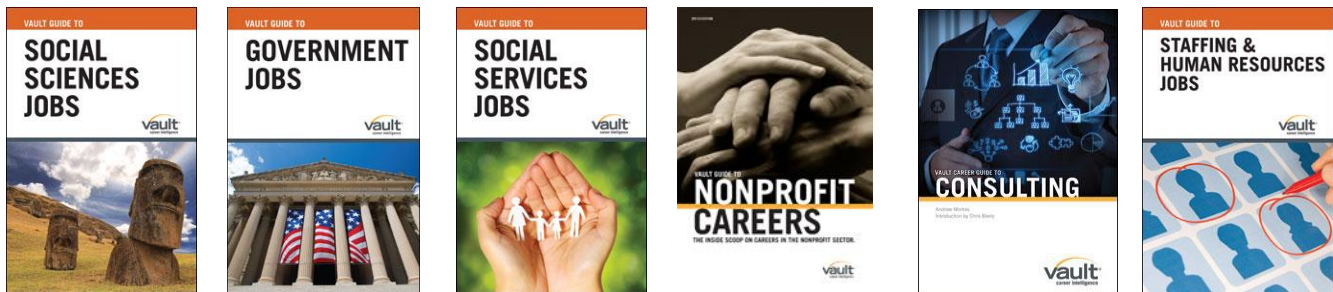
## EXPLORE CAREER PATHS: RESOURCES

Use the sample job titles listed in this document to start exploring career paths.

The links below provide search boxes for you to locate more information on the titles as well as search for other options.

- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), a career title dictionary
- [O\\*NET Online](#), the nation's primary source of occupational information
- [FOCUS2](#), explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- [Terrapins Connect](#), talk with professionals working in the field through UMD's alumni network
- [Federal positions by major](#), research career titles with the federal government related to your major

[Vault Guides](#) - browse 100's of industry guides to gain inside tips (*see examples below*).



Note- Access Vault through your [Careers4Terps](#) account for FREE.

## GAIN EXPERIENCE

The links below will be a helpful starting point in locating opportunities. [Identify the type of experience](#) that meets your needs.

Sample list of opportunities:

- [BSOS Engagement Opportunities](#) - browse links on out of the classroom experiences
- [Careers4Terps](#) - check out job and internship openings for off-campus positions for UMD students
- [UMD National Scholarships Office](#) - review a listing of opportunities for UMD
- [Federal government internships](#) - links to openings and application tips
- [Start your search with these tips](#) - provided by the University Career Center @ BSOS
- [Browse positions](#) - featured in Careers4Terps
- [SOCY E-News Blog](#) - lists current research position openings

The UMD Department of Sociology offers:

- [Internship](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Study abroad](#)
- [Honors programs](#)

### Did you know?

“Whether or not one has an internship impacts short-term and longer-term career success. Survey takers who completed at least one internship received a job offer more quickly and had a higher first position salary than those who did not.”

-[NACE 2018](#)

The [President's Promise](#) ensures that the University of Maryland is chock-full of opportunities outside the classroom to help you identify your passions and gain a competitive edge.



## WHERE ARE SOCY MAJORS INTERNING?

Internships are a great way to try out an interest, regardless if they are directly related to your major. Employers tend to favor job seekers who have had an internship in the field they are hiring for. Review [inspiring internship stories](#) from BSOS students to gain ideas.

### Sample internship sites/title

- American Planning Association, *Public Relations Intern*
- ANH Refractories Company, *HR Intern*
- Cold Spring Elementary School, *Child Development Intern*
- Columbia Heights/Shaw Collaborative, *Quality Assurance Intern*
- Common Ground Multicultural Dialogue Program, *Peer Dialogue Leader*
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, *Policy Assistant- Pathway Intern*
- Korea Institute for Future Studies, *Program Intern*
- Majestic Relations Inc., *Intern*
- Montgomery County Correctional Facility, *Intern*
- Montgomery County State's Attorney, *Gang Prosecution Intern*
- National LGBTQ Task Force, *Research Fellow*
- Orbital TMS, *Human Resources Intern*
- Rural Migrant Ministry, *Intern*
- U.S. Dept. of Justice: DEA Newark Division, *Intern*
- U.S. Investigative Services, *Student Intern/Record Searcher*
- USIS, *Intern/Record Searcher*
- Washington National Cathedral, *Project Manager*
- Women's Right Information Center, *Intern*

## SKILLS DEVELOPED AS A SOCY MAJOR

Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess?

- [Assess your](#) skills, abilities, interests, and values and explore how they relate to career options.
- Complete this [skills inventory](#) to get started.

Sample [list of skills](#) developed in class by Sociology majors.

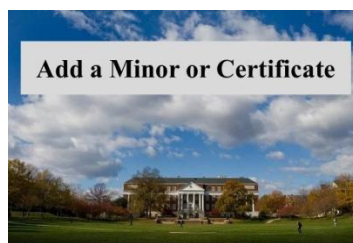
- Critically thinking
- Assessing/examining information
- Use of sociological concepts and a social science mode of argument
- Ability to use research tools to conduct and assess research literature
- Understanding of the role of theory in the construction of sociological inquiry
- Ability to apply statistical concepts

### What skills are in demand?

Check out these ["Must Have" Career Readiness Competencies](#), according to employers - NACE

- Knowledge of social science model of evidence and argument
- Social science statistical techniques
- Data analysis
- Organizing and presenting information
- Lead research project

Add to your skill set with these courses or videos...





## GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS SOCY MAJORS ARE PURSUING

Start researching your career path of interest to identify the educational requirements. The list below offers a brief overview of some of the more popular graduate degree programs and institutions our SOCY undergraduates have attended.

### Graduate programs listed by topic:

#### Sociology

North Carolina State University, Ph.D.  
The Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D.  
The Ohio State University, M.A/ Ph.D.  
University of Maryland, College Park, Masters  
University of Maryland, College Park, Ph.D.  
University of Maryland, Baltimore Clinical Social Work, Masters

#### Law

Harvard, J.D.  
University of Delaware, J.D.  
University of Baltimore, J.D.  
The University of Denver, J.D.

#### Medical

Nursing, Masters: Johns Hopkins University  
Therapeutic Herbalism, Masters: Maryland University of Integrative Health

### Graduate programs listed by area, degree, & institution:

Business and Management, MBA: University of Maryland  
Clinical Psychology, Masters: Walden University  
Counseling, Masters: Johns Hopkins University  
Counseling, Masters: Niagara University  
Criminology and Criminal Justice, Masters: University of Maryland  
Education, Masters: Johns Hopkins University  
Education, Masters: University of Maryland  
History, Masters: University of Maryland  
Pastoral Studies, Masters: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Public Policy, M.P.P: University of Maryland  
Public Policy, Masters: University of Maryland  
Public Policy, Masters: University of Southern California  
Rabbinical Ordination, Masters: Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
School Counseling, Masters: Trinity Washington University  
School Counseling, Masters: John's Hopkins University  
Social Work, Masters: Widener University

### Graduate School Resources

#### Researching programs:

- [LCSW vs. MSW \(Master of Social Work\)](#)

#### Learn about the Licensing process:

- [Maryland Social Work Licensing Requirements](#)
- [Licensure information by state](#)

#### Application tips:

- [UMD Pre-Health Advising](#), offers guidance related graduate school
- [Questions to consider](#) before applying
- [Application timeline](#): stay on track with your graduate school application
- [Tips](#) for completing the application
- [Financing](#) ideas for graduate school

*\*Reported by University of Maryland undergraduate Sociology graduates. Sample list only.*



## CONNECT & GROW YOUR NETWORK

Meet professionals in your field of interest to learn about the field, establish new networking contacts, and conduct [informational interviews](#).

### Did you know?

“Studies reveal 85% of all jobs are filled via networking.”

-[LinkedIn](#)

### Start connecting: Engagement Opportunities (sample)

- [Connect with alumni](#) - gain tips on specific career paths using **Terrapins Connect** to review a listing of alumni who have volunteered to share career information, review resumes, etc.
- [Employer networking events](#) - attend on-campus events to meet professionals and gain knowledge of openings
- [UMD Event Calendar](#) - review a listing of career exploration panels and career readiness workshops on-campus
- [Join LinkedIn groups](#) to meet alumni. Connect with other BSOS alumni in the UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences LinkedIn group
- [Tips for using LinkedIn](#) to make industry specific connections

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Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a [career consultation appointment](#) with the University Career Center & The President's Promise. Get started mapping your [career action](#) plan today!



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