



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](#)

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.

Internship Spotlight:



[SHRADDHA GOPAKUMAR '19](#)

Clinical Intern, Kennedy Krieger Institute,
Center for Diversity/Specialized
Transition Program

How did your coursework help you in your internship?

Having a strong background in sociology made it easy to have perspective on health equity during our discussions, and to understand the various patients we worked with in regard to their economic situations, health insurance, immigration status, etc.

Additionally, having a strong background in biology and previous experience working in clinical settings made it easy to learn about the patients and treatment methods at my internship.



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
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
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](#).

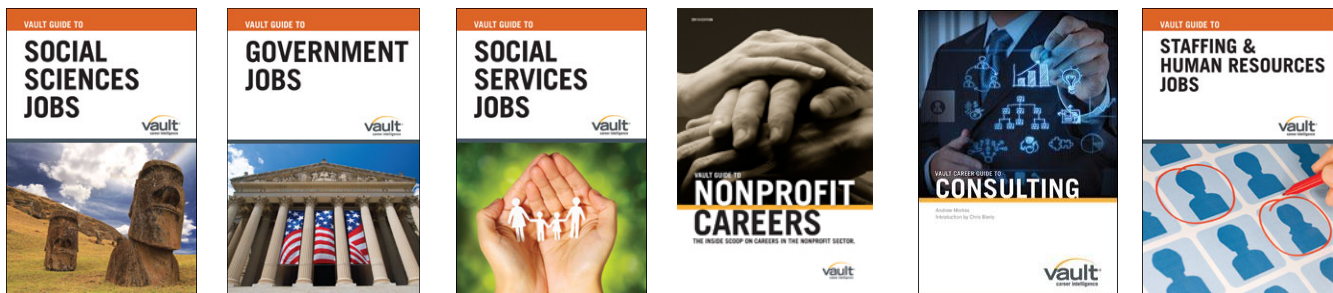
EXPLORE CAREER PATHS: RESOURCES

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
 - [Browse positions](#) - featured positions in Careers4Terps for BSOS majors
- [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
- [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.”

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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
- 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](#) learning videos/courses.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS SOCY MAJORS ARE PURSUING

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.*



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

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

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