ABOUT THE MAJOR

Human beings are social animals. As a student of sociology, you will study what influences what people think, say, and do and how they are influenced by others. In sociology, you will study the patterns of interaction between people in all sorts of settings: at work, at play, at home, and more. You will learn systematic ways to examine how humans interact with their surroundings by studying families, criminals, and other sub-populations while learning about social problems such as crime, poverty, racial inequality, and political change.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and research (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

Graduates who majored in Sociology will have a variety of opportunities upon graduation including: public relations, nonprofit work, business development, and more. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017) social work which is anticipated to grow 12% through 2024, substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors will grow 22%, and survey researchers have an anticipated growth of 12% through 2024.

Salary Information

The average starting salary for IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates was $50,000 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths


WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Sociology Department
Cavanaugh Hall 303
liberalarts.iupui.edu/sociology

American Sociological Association
www.asanet.org

The Society for the Study of Social Problems
www.sssp1.org

Sample Coursework:

- Introduction to sociology statistics
- Social psychology
- Families and society
- Sociology of work
- Juvenile delinquency and society
- Women and health
- Sociology of death and dying

Possible Careers:

- Attorney*
- Community development
- Communications specialist
- Human resources
- Lobbyist
- Marketing
- Nonprofit program coordinator
- Professor*
* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?

- Adult and child services
- Community and social services
- Education
- Eskenazi Health
- Nonprofits
- State of Indiana

Complementing Interests:

Social, Artistic, Enterprising

Get your interest code at go.iupui.edu/interests

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