Sociology is the study of group life. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies. The goal is to understand the characteristics, causes, and consequences of human behavior and social relationships in various kinds of groups and settings. Because human behavior is diverse, the field of sociology covers a diversity of subjects. Sociologists may specialize in the family, the urban community, education, health and medicine, social movements, deviance, crime and law, religion, politics, work and occupations, sports and leisure, race and ethnic minorities, gender and sex roles, or other areas of human behavior. Sociology is a liberal arts/social science major that provides graduates with the scientific tools and the perspective necessary to better understand social issues and complex societal problems.

Career Areas/Job Titles:

**Management and Industry**
- Policy or Program Analyst
- Market Researcher
- Human Resources Manager
- Program Manager
- Customer Service Representative
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Public Relations Administrator

**Health Professions**
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Mental Health Service Worker
- Social Worker

**Science and Technology**
- Data Analyst

**Education**
- Professor
- School Administrator
- Non-Profit/Advocacy
- Community Relation Specialist
- Child Care Worker
- Social and Human Service Worker
- Development/Fundraiser
- Director
- Social Work

**Government/Politics**
- Court/Juvenile Service Agent
- Court Administrator
- Attorney
- Legal Assistant
- Politician
- Paralegal
- Judge
- Case Worker
- Public Administrator
- Researcher

Transferable Skills:

- Law and Government
- Listening Skills
- Written/Verbal Communication
- Counseling Skills
- Cultural Understanding
- Social Perceptiveness

- Teamwork
- Identifying Problems
- Research Skills
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Implementing Decisions
- Negotiating

- Organization Skills
- Clear and Logical Thinking
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Attention to detail

Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.

Professional Links:

- OSU Department of Sociology: [http://sociology.osu.edu/undergraduate-program](http://sociology.osu.edu/undergraduate-program)
- American Sociological Association: [http://www.asanet.org/employment/sociology.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/employment/sociology.cfm)

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)