What are some alumni doing now?

Sociology is the scientific study of social groups and social relations. Sociologists seek to understand how societies, institutions, organizations and other social forces shape and are shaped by individuals. One of the department’s primary aims is to provide students with the analytical critical skills needed to understand and evaluate social institutions and social change more effectively.

What is the study of Sociology?

MAJOR: Sociology

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO WITH THIS MAJOR?

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WHO HIRES SOCIOLOGY MAJORS?

SOCIOLGY IN ACTION

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE THE BEST SOCIOLOGY MAJOR?

• Consider becoming fluent in a foreign language spoken by multi-cultural clients.
• Interest in Government: familiarize yourself with hiring procedures.
• Interest in marketing or media: look for internships in TV or radio.
• Develop strong quantitative & statistical skills conducting research.
• Interest in politics and nonprofit: seek internships in planning, grant writing, fundraising or political canvassing.
• Realize you will need to obtain a graduate degree for counseling work or research.

• Take courses in Sociology, Politics and Economics.
• Volunteer through the Center for Community Based Learning or the Office of Community Engagement.
• Run for an Associated Students of Occidental College (ASOC) position.
• Apply to become a Resident Advisor or Programming Assistant for the Intercultural Community Center.
• Apply for independent study through the Richter Fellowship or study abroad.
• Develop presentation skills by applying to the Summer Research Program.