

# SOCIOLOGY

## MAJOR MAP

## WHO WE ARE

- The Sociology program can help us to better understand our own minds, emotions, and actions, as well as those of other peoples and groups.
- Sociologists use the scientific method and other accepted processes to identify, describe, and explain patterns pertaining to the relationships that form within these groups.

## CAREER OUTCOMES:

- Human resources
- Sales and marketing
- Researcher
- Data Analyst
- Management and leadership
- Law (e.g., lawyer) and law enforcement

## AREAS OF STUDY:

There are no concentrations, minors, specializations, or other academic options available in the program.



## What skills will students learn throughout this program?

- Understand the connections between politics, the economy, religion, race, gender, distribution of resources, etc.
- Plan and conduct research projects to create new information.
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data
- Extract relevant information from complex datasets.
- Present ideas clearly and concisely
- Manage and lead people and processes.

## WHAT SKILLS ARE YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

- Ethical Awareness
- Research and Analytical Skills
- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Empathy and Cultural Competence
- Knowledge of Sociological Theories and Concepts
- Project Management
- Interpersonal Skills
- Problem-Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Policy analysis



For more information, click here  
<https://www.tnstate.edu/sociology/>

# Undergraduate Experiential Major Map: Sociology



## First Year/Freshman

- Complete your Handshake Profile.
- Complete your four-year educational plan in UNIV 1000 during the fall semester.
- Focus on your studies and earn good grades.
- Visit the [Office of Student Success \(OSS\)](#) and connect with your advisor for help navigating college life and your classes. Make an appointment using the student planner app and view the OSS page for other hours and services.
- First Generation students connect with your [First Generational Specialist](#).
- Get to know professors. The best time to connect outside of class is during their office hours.
- Visit the [Academic Achievement and Retention Center](#) for access to study tips, connecting to academic coaches, tutoring, and other helpful resources.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Get involved - Attend organizational fairs, special/corporate events, and volunteer on and off campus.

## Sophomore & Junior

- Update your resume and remove high school activities. Have it critiqued by the [Career Development Center](#).
- Review and update LinkedIn and Handshake profiles.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Explore graduate school options.
- Begin preparing for GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and other exams for graduate school admissions.
- Begin building your professional wardrobe.
- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Attend institutional and departmental internship workshops.

## Senior

- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Apply for [Graduate and Professional School](#) or jobs that fit your interests, skills, and career goals. Follow up on applications and keep a record of the status of each.  
*\*pay attention to due dates*
- Draft a cover letter that can be adapted for a variety of employers. Have it critiqued.
- Complete the Senior Exit Exam and First Destination Survey. ([Testing Center](#))

## Academic Success Checklist

- Book an appointment with your academic advisor for pre-registration and advising.
- Discover library resources.
- Visit the math, reading, writing, and tutoring center.
- Complete FAFSA and academic scholarship applications.

## Educational Planning Checklist

- Ask your academic advisor about High Impact Practices
- Participate in at least two High Impact Practices at TSU
- Join a student group.

## Career Development Checklist

- Create your HandShake Profile.
- Visit [What Can I Do With This Major](#)
- Attend the career fair to expand your network.
- Attend Academic Department workshops and seminars.

### Think

Engaging in critical thinking and inquiry inside the classroom.

### Work

Pursue experiences that will allow you to grow as a leader and professional.

### Serve

Explore opportunities to contribute to the broader community and global marketplace.