

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A SOCIOLOGY DEGREE?



Employers are increasingly looking for people who can think critically and develop innovative ways to solve problems using evidence-based research.

The Sociology program prepares students for a wide variety of careers, professional degree programs, or graduate studies. Our graduates are working in a number of fields, including some of the following:

Social Services

- Social Worker
- Mental Health Support
- Addictions Counseling
- Poverty and Homelessness Research and Advocacy

Law, Security, & Enforcement

- Lawyer
- Correctional Officer
- Police or Customs Officer
- Mediator

Government and NGOs

- Statistics Canada
- First Nations & Indigenous Affairs
- Immigration Resettlement
- Policy Analysis

Health

- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Addictions Worker
- Occupational Therapist

Education

- Teacher, Professor
- Librarian
- Academic Counselor
- Researcher

Business

- Data Analytics
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Social Media

A PLACE TO BECOME



The Sociology program prepares students for a wide variety of graduate and professional study fields. Our graduates have gone on to:

GRAD SCHOOL

- Master of Arts in Sociology, University of Toronto & Memorial University
- PhD in Sociology, University of Toronto, University of Alberta, & Western University
- Master of Arts in International Affairs, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University
- JD, University of Ottawa Law School
- MBA, Ivey School of Business, Western University
- Master of Public Health, Western University
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Surveillance Studies Centre, Queen's University

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Lawyer, Health and Personal Injury, Learners LLP (London, Ontario)
- Police Constable, Toronto Police Service
- Assistant Professor, Dalai Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
- Assistant and Associate Professor, Sociology, Western University
- Psychologist, St. Joseph's Care Group
- Teacher and Principal, Thames Valley District School Board
- Evaluator, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Public Relations Supervisor, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority

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THE SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM
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WELLNESS RESOURCES
STUDENT AFFAIRS
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Interdisciplinary** academic program that focuses on real-world research and theoretical training
- **Strong focus on local, national, and global inequalities**
- **Practical and modern research training** that provides students with the tools needed to design and conduct academic and professional research
- **Experiential learning** opportunities in classrooms through applied research and through travel-based learning in Canada and beyond
- **Focus on new and social media** both in the classroom and beyond
- Option to complete **Certificate in Critical Security Studies**
- **Leading researchers in the field** who are dedicated and committed to teaching, mentoring, and collaborating with students

Sociology

The study of society and its social problems



What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society and its social problems. As a social science, Sociology gives us the tools and skills to understand and connect individual troubles, behaviours, and actions with broad social issues. Our program is founded on principles that aim to challenge social inequality and mechanisms of social exclusion that remain in the 21st century.

EXPERIENCE GUIDE



A Place to Be. A Place to Become.

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THE SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- Are interested in social problems, particularly issues related to local, regional, and global inequality and social exclusion
- Want to develop, enhance, and engage advanced qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, including survey design and regression techniques, interviewing, focus groups, and ethnographic research
- Are interested in expanding their understanding of complex social issues related to poverty and homelessness, drug addiction, crime, racism, sexism, colonization, disability, human security, environmental degradation, mental health, power and authority, and other forms of oppression and marginalization
- Wish to participate in local and regional experiential learning opportunities led by world-class faculty

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The classroom and experiential learning that takes place in the Sociology program is aimed at engaging the self and others in life-long, ongoing reflection of the taken-for-granted assumptions of human experience. Students who complete a Sociology degree will be well-prepared to take on challenging tasks and provide evidence-based solutions to a number of social problems that persist in the 21st century. With the knowledge and skills gained in the program, students will be particularly valuable in careers in government, education, health, social work, law and law enforcement, non-profit sector, and business. Through the completion of a degree in Sociology, students will build knowledge, skills, and experience:

KNOWLEDGE:

- Develop critical research skills to analyze and interpret the complexities of a variety of social issues
- Identify, explain, evaluate, and critique various systems of knowledge production about the social world
- Demonstrate the ability to critically assess the historical and continuing impact of injustice, colonialism, oppression, and various mechanisms of social exclusion

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- Think critically to understand social problems
- Understand and conduct qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Communicate their learning effectively through presentations, posters, and new media
- Write in a variety of forms, including research essays, critical reflections, policy analysis, and creative writing
- Synthesize multiple perspectives in innovative ways

EXPERIENCE:

- Work with local community-based organizations
- Participate in local, national, and international experiential learning or semester exchange programs
- Learn and develop new communication skills, including the use of social media and podcasting
- Collaborate with faculty on research projects, experiential learning trips, and policy briefs

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Sociology program combines evidence-based research, critical analysis, and practical application in order to understand and solve social problems at the local and global levels. The program centers on the critical examination of social structures that continue to be root causes of inequality, social injustice, and oppression. Students are urged to think critically and creatively about complex issues to develop alternatives to inequality, exclusion, and discrimination. As one of the largest programs at King's University College, Sociology is proud to deliver critical, practical, active, and innovative teaching and research to help our students engage, understand, and effect change in the social world.

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A PLACE TO BE

THINK Imagine, Create

FIRST YEAR

- Make an appointment to meet with Faculty during office hours
- Participate in the KAMP Program to meet upper year student mentors
- Join the King's Sociology and Criminology Association and participate in social and academic events
- Review your program requirements and plan for a successful degree path
- Sign up for the Co-Curricular record

MIDDLE YEARS

- Reach out to Faculty about possible undergraduate research opportunities
- Explore options for community-based and experiential learning courses
- Become a notetaker through King's Accessibility Services
- Consider a work-study position at The Write Place or elsewhere on campus
- Attend department, KSCA, and KUCSC sponsored events

GRADUATING YEAR

- Attend graduate school and law school information sessions
- Prepare graduate school or law school applications
- Prepare your résumé, CV, or portfolio for the job market
- Sign up for Life After King's mentoring program
- Look for opportunities to start your working career by attending employer information sessions and career fairs

DISCOVER Possibilities

- Make an appointment to meet with the Indigenous Cultural Educator or Campus Ministry Development and Peace Group
- Learn how to use the resources in the Cardinal Carter Library
- Make appointments with The Write Place to review your work
- Sign up for intramurals and explore Western Mustang sporting and social events
- Attend the King's Undergraduate Research Conference

- Check out the Life After King's series to learn about Alumni pathways
- Become a "Soph" or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students
- Explore your interests by volunteering on or off campus
- Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions
- Write for the Regis or Western Gazette
- Review leadership roles offered by King's and Western through the Club System

- Meet with faculty to discuss graduate school, professional programs, or the job market
- Discuss reference letters with faculty who know you and your work
- Meet with career services to review your résumé and learn about job search tools
- Participate in on campus leadership programs and events

ENGAGE In Local and Global Community

- Attend King's International Intercultural Events
- Volunteer at community-based organizations, such as the John Howard Society or St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre
- Consider joining the KUCSC as a first year or program representative
- Join the student-run club "King's Soc/Crim Association"

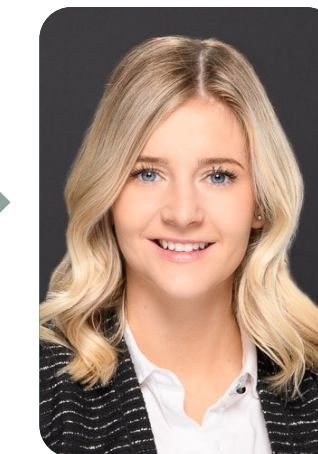
- Ask about opportunities to work as a research assistant or in a work-study
- Get involved with the KSCA or KUCSC
- Participate in the King's Undergraduate Research Conference

- Check out internships offered by governmental or non-governmental organizations
- Meet with alumni for informational interviews
- Consider contributing to the King's Undergraduate Research Journal

THE KING'S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Meet regularly with the Academic Dean's Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
- Check our programs offered by Student Affairs
- Continually review your financial aid
- Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus throughout your degree
- Volunteer and support your community at King's
- Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
- Check out Career Connect on a regular basis
- Meet with Faculty during their office hours

ALUMNI PROFILE



Sasha Kulczycki
 BA - Hons. Criminology and Sociology
 Graduation Year: 2016

“Criminology and Sociology have a strong focus on group work and collaboration. In my career, I am constantly collaborating with others. King's taught me how to adapt to new environments and personalities on the fly.”

CURRENT CAREER

Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist, Info-Tech Research Group

CAREER OVERVIEW

As Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist, I work with stakeholders and hiring managers to understand their hiring needs and implement sourcing strategies. I source and evaluate talent, and successfully manage large recruitment portfolios under tight timelines. I research, analyze, and apply recruitment best practices, continually seeking out better and more effective strategies.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI

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