

THE CARDINAL PLAN FOR: **SOCIOLOGY**

A plan for a successful college experience.

BEYOND GRADUATION

Few people advertise the need for a “sociologist,” but our graduates hold desirable skills in organizational analysis, research abilities, planning, and interpersonal skills honed to working in diverse contexts.

We’re organizers; we’re managers; we’re analyzers. The jobs that sociology graduates hold can range from government jobs that involve planning or policy creation and evaluation at the local, state, and national level; non-profit advocacy and administration jobs; organization and management in businesses; and the handling of “big data” for large corporations.

Nationally, entry-level positions for sociology graduates offer starting salaries of \$50,000.



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
COURSEWORK	<p>Take SOC-111 and SOC-112 and general education classes</p> <p>Meet with the chair of the department about planning your Sophomore year</p>	<p>Take SOC-225 and one Sociology elective</p> <p>Finish general education classes</p> <p>Meet with the chair about electives for next two years</p>	<p>Take SOC-326 and SOC-327</p> <p>Take two Sociology electives</p> <p>Begin taking courses in your minor and meet with the department chair</p>	<p>Take the remaining required classes and one elective</p> <p>Finish taking courses in your minor and complete the requirements for graduation</p>
GLOBAL VIEWS	<p>Attend the Study Abroad Fair and consider the options and opportunities for learning more about other cultures</p>	<p>Attend the Study Abroad Fair again and create a short list of international experiences you’re considering</p> <p>Take SOC-280, Global Cultures</p>	<p>Study abroad, either on a short-term faculty led trip or a semester-long study, as in Japan or South Korea</p>	<p>Volunteer as a peer mentor for international students who are new to SVSU and to the US</p>
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<p>Participate in volunteer activities with the Sociology Club</p> <p>Join RSOs that work in the local communities</p>	<p>Participate in volunteer activities with the Sociology Club</p> <p>Consider taking SOC courses with service learning components</p>	<p>Participate in volunteer activities with the Sociology Club</p> <p>Consider taking SOC courses with service learning components</p>	<p>Participate in volunteer activities with the Sociology Club</p> <p>Assist faculty in their service learning activities and their community-based research</p>
CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT	<p>Get involved with the Sociology Club</p> <p>Attend talks given by invited speakers on topics related to the social sciences or cultural diversity</p>	<p>Help organize an initiative that is sponsored by the Sociology Club</p> <p>Volunteer with an advocacy or outreach group on campus, like the Cardinal Food Pantry</p>	<p>Take a leadership position in the Sociology Club</p> <p>Volunteer with an advocacy or outreach group on campus</p>	<p>Mentor one of the new leaders in the Sociology Club</p> <p>Volunteer with an advocacy or outreach group on campus</p>
CAREER PREPARATION	<p>Attend a professional conference, like the Michigan Sociological Association meeting held each October</p>	<p>Attend another professional conference and perhaps serve on its governing board as a student representative</p>	<p>Research grad school programs & application requirements</p> <p>Take the GRE</p> <p>Work with a faculty member on research — or conduct your own study</p>	<p>Have the Sociology department place you in an internship with a local business, non-profit, or government office</p> <p>Present research at a conference</p>