**What is Sociology?**

Sociology is the study of human social behaviors, societies, cultures, and policies. Through teaching,

research, and service learning, the Sociology program provides critical understanding of ways

people relate to one another through the organization of society and how its structures and

cultures influence our lives. Some areas of focus can include language, gender, sexuality, religion,

social class and social mobility. It provides students with the tools needed to understand how and why our society functions, the impact of social institutions on individual lives, and the challenges of social interaction between individuals and society.

**LAMC Degrees & Certificates Offered:**

* **Associates of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)** Sociology

**Areas of Interest**

* Conducting research
* Reading and writing
* Working with diverse groups
* Learning about human behavior
* and social structures
* Helping people
* Solving social inequality

**Skills**

* Interact well with diverse cultures/groups
* Knowledge of social structures and change
* Statistical Abilities
* Knowledge of community resources
* Ability to work well under pressure
* Leadership and communication skills
* Recognize ethical issues in research

**Transfer Related Majors**

* **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Sociology
* **CSU Fullerton:** Sociology of Deviance and Crime, Sociology, Health and Social Welfare
* **CSU Long Beach:** Sociology
* **CSU Los Angeles:** Sociology
* **CSU Northridge:** Sociology
* **Cal Poly Pomona:** Sociology - Criminology or Social Work
* **UC Berkeley:** Sociology
* **UC Irvine:** Sociology
* **UC Los Angeles:** Sociology
* **UC Santa Barbara:** Sociology

**Potential Job Titles**

* Sociologists
* Community organization workers
* Correctional officers
* Police patrol officer
* Law enforcement officers
* Mental health counselors
* Psychologists
* School counselors
* Social workers
* Clinical research
* Coordinator

**Potential Employers**

* Colleges/ universities
* Government
* agencies
* Private industries
* Advocacy groups
* Adoption/child care
* agencies
* Hospitals & wellness
* centers
* Non-profit
* organizations
* Family services

**Work Environment**

* Use computers for processing and analyzing data
* Their schedules are fairly flexible
* Teaching Sociologists work in a classroom setting
* Sociologists do a lot of desk work
* Governmental agencies or private firms have a structured work schedule
* Overtime mat be required to meet deadlines

**Earnings:**

Earning can vary by occupation and experience. The following are average annual wages as of 2019 in California based on *California Career Zone* <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

**Helpful Resources:**

* LAMC Career Center: [www.lamission.edu/careercenter](http://www.lamission.edu/careercenter)
* CSU Majors: degrees.calstate.edu
* UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
* Career Exploration: cacareerzone.org

For more detailed guidance on degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC  
Career Center at [**careercenter@lamission.edu**](mailto:careercenter@lamission.edu).