



# ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

## Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

### ABOUT THE B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists understand social inequality, patterns of behavior, forces for social change and resistance, and how social systems work. The field also offers a range of research techniques that can be applied to virtually any aspect of social life, including street crime and policing practices; disparities in income and family resources; poverty and unemployment; problems of peace and war; and the forces that lead to globalization and its consequences for groups and communities around the world. Because sociologists address the most challenging issues of our time, it is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of career paths.

The B.A. in Sociology at St. John's University offers a solid theoretical background in sociology, along with the analytical and practical skills necessary for meaningful careers in a wide variety of fields. As a sociology major, you gain an understanding of social dynamics and their impact on human relations at both the community and global level. You also develop valuable communication and writing skills that are vital to professional success in any field.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY?

Graduates with a B.A. in Sociology from St. John's are prepared to pursue careers in social services as advocates for the poor, disabled, children, and the elderly; community work in nonprofit organizations; government research, policy analysis, and administration; program evaluation; and other social science endeavors. Basic skills in research design, data analysis, and conceptualization of problems help our graduates compete for jobs across all sectors of the economy.

Sociology is a great undergraduate major if you are considering going to law school or pursuing a master's or doctoral degree because of the analytical and research skills you learn as part of the program.

As a St. John's student, you have the option to combine the B.A. in Sociology with graduate degrees in Business Administration, Sociology, and Criminology and Justice through our combined degree programs, finishing both the undergraduate and master's degrees in five years of full-time study.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We live in exciting and challenging times. There is a growing realization that we must increase our attempts to understand, ameliorate, or solve problems in the United States and around the world—problems that affect both individuals and societies. Our students bring the richness of their multicultural life experiences into the classroom. Together, they develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills and become better writers and oral communicators. Our faculty members bring our research and expert knowledge—as well as our passion for social justice—into the classroom.

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## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To prepare for your career, you have the advantage of St. John's location in dynamic New York City, as well as the support of our faculty and University Career Services, which maintain strong ties to employers and internship opportunities.

You also have the opportunity for an international academic experience through the University's extensive study abroad courses and locations during the academic year, as well as winter and summer sessions. For more information, please visit [stjohns.edu/global](https://stjohns.edu/global).

St. John's offers a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Delta international honor society for sociology, connecting students who achieve success in the field with networking, internship, and other professional and academic opportunities.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

St. John's University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than \$500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit [stjohns.edu/services/financial](https://stjohns.edu/services/financial).

## PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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