Sociology Program Day
What Do Sociologists Do?

Sociologists study the ‘big issues’ of the day

- **Inequalities** based on race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, etc.
- **Institutions** such as families, workplaces, prisons, states, etc.
- **Processes** such as globalization, democratization, immigration, etc.
- **Policies** related to health, multiculturalism, incarceration, the arts, etc.
Why Choose Sociology as a Program of Study?

1) Sociology teaches you to both analyze data & to write well. These are the two skills employers and graduate schools want most.

2) U of T Sociology is ranked #1 Sociology Department in Canada and #12 Sociology Department in the entire world.

3) As a major, you join the ranks of Martin Luther King, Jr., Robin Williams, Michelle Obama, and Steve Nash.

4) From 2012-2013, Sociology majors had the largest salary increase (10.8%) among all University majors (Forbes.com, 2013).

5) “Sociologist” is #11 among the Top 200 Jobs (Careercast.com, 2011).
Knowledge & Skills Cultivated by a Sociology Degree

Content Knowledge

- Learn how social actions and social processes are patterned
- Learn how contingency, structure, and agency interact to exercise power, shape relationships, and produce inequalities

Transferable Skills

- Learn to read data tables and work with quantitative data
- Learn to write analyses of quantitative and qualitative data
- Learn to design and carry out your own research
- Learn to craft clear and convincing arguments in writing
The Department’s Approach to Undergraduate Training

Year One

- Introduction to the discipline

Year Two

- Theoretical foundations of the discipline
- Logic of research
- Critical thinking and writing

Years Three & Four

- Substantive topics in Sociology
- Writing intensive courses
- Research practicums
- Capstone course
What Next After a Degree in Sociology?

**Jobs and Careers**
- In the fields of **health** or **education**
- In **public policy** analysis
- In immigrant or community **social services**
- In **criminal justice** or various areas of **law**
- In **human resources** management

**Post-Graduate Studies**
- Sociology graduate school (MA)
- Public health (MPH) or Teaching (MT)
- Social Work (MSW)
- Law School (JD)
- Human Resources (CHRP)