



Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

SCARBOROUGH

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.*



Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

SCARBOROUGH

Why Choose Sociology as a Program of Study?

- 5) “Sociologist” is **#11** among the **Top 200 Jobs** (Careercast.com, 2011)
- 4) From 2012-2013, Sociology majors had the **largest salary increase (10.8%)** among all University majors (Forbes.com, 2013)
- 3) As a major, you join the ranks of Martin Luther King, Jr., Robin Williams, Michelle Obama, and Steve Nash
- 2) U of T Sociology is ranked **#1** Sociology Department in **Canada** and **#12** Sociology Department in the **entire world**
- 1) Sociology teaches you to both **analyze data** & to **write well**. These are the two skills **employers** and **graduate schools** want most



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)