CAREERS IN…..

The field of sociology is concerned with the study of the organization and behavior of human groups, communities or various social, economic, political or religious groups. Sociologists study the ways in which human behavior is predictable and affected by such factors as one's organizational position, social class, race, and gender. They also examine how social problems such as poverty, crime, and pollution are framed by our social institutions, and how change affects social groups, including the dramatic changes that are currently taking place among urban industrial societies throughout the world.

At William Paterson University, students may major in three tracks: General Sociology, Sociology with a Social Services Concentration or Sociology of Work and Community Engagement. For the general Sociology track, students must complete 18 credits in core classes and 18 credits of electives in their chosen concentration. For the Social Services track, students must complete 24 credits in core classes and 12 credits of electives. For the Sociology of Work and community Engagement concentration, there are 21 credits in core classes and 15 credits of electives.

WPUNJ Sociology: http://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/sociology/

WPUNJ Admissions:
http://www.wpunj.edu/admissions/undergraduate/academic-programs/programs_detail.dot?id=126105

Interests & Skills:
*Ability to examine and interpret world events
*Can see correlations and relationships between events and factors
*Can write and present information in a clear, succinct manner
*Appreciation of diverse cultures and groups
*Knowledge of social structures and change

Work Environment:
Sociology majors can work in a variety of different settings including nursing homes, insurance companies and for private foundations. In addition, they might work in non-profit settings, environmental advocacy groups, and federal agencies. They might also work in retail, in business or in banks.

Possible job titles:
*Academic Advisor
*Aging Specialist
*Career Services Counselor
*City Manager
*Community Service Agency Worker
*Consumer Advocate
*Cooperative Extension Agent
*Day Care Worker
*Family Guidance Clinic Worker
*Gerontologist
*Human Resources Assistant
*Investigator
*Lawyer
*Peace Corps Volunteer
*Admissions Counselor
*Alcohol and Drug Case Worker
*Case Aid Worker
*City Planner
*Compensation/Benefits Worker
*Consumer Survey Advisor
*Corrections Officer
*Delinquency Counselor
*Foster Care Worker
*Grievance Officer
*Independent Living Trainer
*Job Analyst
*Marriage and Family Therapist
*Personnel Interviewer
*Adoption Agent
*Anthropologist
*Child Welfare Officer
*Clergy
*Congressional Aid
*Convention Organizer
*Data Analyst
*EEO Representative
*Fundraiser
*Hall Director
*Insurance Agent/Broker
*Labor Relations Represent
*News Correspondent
*Personnel Specialist

“To understand the true quality of people, you must look into their minds, and examine their pursuits and aversions.”
– Marcus Aurelius
WPUNJ Alumni:
* Lifeline Assistant Coordinator - Pascack Valley Hosp.
* Human Resources Assistant - Baker Personnel
* County Corrections Official - Passaic County Police Academy
* Social Worker - State of New Jersey
* Corrections Officer - State of New Jersey
* Victim Advocate - Warren County Prosecutor's Office
* Investigator-Family Service Specialist - Division of Youth and Family Services
* Child Support Enforcement - Superior Courts of New Jersey

Enhance Your Qualifications:
Students who major in Sociology at William Paterson University have numerous opportunities to enhance their academic experience. Students can obtain internships at police stations, museums and non-profit organizations through the Sociology department. Sociology majors can connect on LinkedIn with classmates, professors and professionals in their area of interest. They may also join groups on LinkedIn and join professional associations. In addition, students can join the Sociology Club which will enable them to meet others in their major with similar interests and career goals. The Sociology department sponsors several lectures and discussions for faculty and students. Many students find that a study abroad experience enhances their curriculum because they are given the opportunity to experience other cultures. The department also offers membership to Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Honors Society, to students who meet the requirements.

Related Web Sites:
- American Sociological Association - www.asanet.org/index.ww
- International Sociological Association - www.ucm.es/info/isa/
- International Visual Society Association - visualsociology.org/about.html
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology - www.aacsnet.net/
- Salary.com - www.salary.com
- O*net - www.onetonline.org

Other sources:
Please drop by the Career Development and Advisement Center to learn more about careers in sociology. The career library carries career-specific books and counselors are available to answer any further questions you may have. Visiting the Sociology Department on campus may also prove valuable in addressing questions.

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