Recommendations

B.A./B.S. Sociology

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Community Service

Related course
SOCY 340: Introduction to Social Problems; SOCY 309: An Introduction to Social Inequality

Sites/experiences
“Alternative Breaks”; “City Serve”; “Carolina Reads”

Why this is important
Community service frequently enables us to leave our comfort zones and interact with others in environments with which we are not familiar. It also frequently requires critical thinking skills be brought to bear on social or community problems.

Global Learning

Related course

Opportunities
Magellan Scholar Program; “Alternative Breaks”

Why this is important
Learn about different cultures and how to analyze the interactions of groups and societies through a global and historical perspective.

Peer Leadership

Student Organization(s)
Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Honor Society (Honor Society of Sociology undergraduates; name implies social research for the purpose of service).

Why this is important
AKD members who become Civil Service employees meet one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level (an increase in pay-grade) if they list AKD membership on their applications (providing they enter at the GS-5 level).

Internships

Contact the Career Center for available internships.

Research

Related courses
SOCY 303; SOCY 561

Sample research projects or topics
Interview fellow students about attitudes towards current events; historical research using archival materials to determine the social status of particular groups in the past; conduct statistical analyses of data collected by the U.S. census bureau to examine racial and ethnic variation in work experience

Other recommendations
This is an ideal activity leading to Magellan Scholar application; BA or BS Graduation with Distinction; Discovery Day

Why this is important
This will allow you to recognize trends and patterns and produce social statistics such as those used in market research, opinion polling, sales, and countless other applications.
INTEGRATE
How to Integrate: Discovery Day participation; Caravel (USC’s journal of undergraduate research and scholarly excellence). These activities teach you how to convey your ideas effectively in writing and presentations.

LEAD
Career Opportunities: Social science research; researcher for non-profits; social services; public health analyst; management; administrative support; sales and marketing.
Related graduate programs: Masters of Art/Sciences; PhD Sociology. Other kinds of graduate programs may include Psychology, Teaching, Social Work, Law.
Future career opportunities: Senior researcher in the Federal or State government; college professor; private sector research (in marketing, for example); consulting work.

The listed experiences are a sample of options for your major. See the USC Connect experiences database to search for more opportunities.
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