

Faculty and staff within the Sociology Program at A&T are focused on creating an engaging learning community, that provides students with a set of skills and sensibilities highly valued by employers and graduate schools. The program is unique among undergraduate sociology programs in its specialized focus on applied social research methodology. Sociology majors at A&T take 12 credit hours in social statistics and data analysis and 6 credit hours in research design. The focus on statistics and methodology within the program is balanced with courses that cover areas of sociology that target many of the most pressing contemporary social issues. The program offers both a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Minor in Sociology (18 credit hours).

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WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?



Sociology is often described as the study of social interaction and change.

But what does this mean? **Sociologists seek to investigate**

and report on the ways in which the social forces we are embedded in (e.g., cultural norms and values, economic change and inequality, political change and public policy), **impact our lives**. Because *social forces* are often hidden and largely beyond the control of single individuals, knowledge of, and an ability to apply sociological theory and research methods can help facilitate positive social change by empowering individuals and communities **to effectively address the social problems and injustices they face**. In this way sociology can be thought of as a 'martial art', or a means of self-defense against powerful sets of circumstances (cf. Bourdieu).

CAREER OPTIONS FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS!

Sociology is a very broad field of study that allows students many **options upon graduation**. Moreover, **sociology majors usually enjoy their classes and chosen field of study!** A recent study by the American Sociological Association (ASA), found that graduates of BA sociology programs report that their coursework was both engaging and personally relevant to the issues, concerns, and problems they faced in their own lives. A BA Degree in Sociology provides students with a **diverse set of skills and a breadth of knowledge valuable across a variety of fields** (Fig. 1 Opposite Page). This is part of the reason why Sociology graduates experience very **high levels of job satisfaction** (ASA, 2007).

GRADUATE SCHOOL!

A successful graduate of A&T's Sociology Program also has the theoretical foundation and research capabilities to gain acceptance and be competitive for **paid assistantships** in respected graduate programs in Sociology as well as fields such as Social Work, Law, Education, and Psychology.

COMMUNITY ACTION!

A successful graduate of A&T's Sociology Program is also well prepared to make strong contributions to the various communities of which they are a part. Their practiced ability to critically analyze problems, understand and view issues from alternative perspectives, and gather, analyze, and communicate information/data are valuable resources for promoting positive social change.

MAJORING IN SOCIOLOGY AT A&T!

Majoring in Sociology at A&T provides students with many opportunities to **get involved!**

Sociology and Social Work Society: The society offers community service opportunities, plans and hosts events and welcomes incoming freshman.

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD): An international society of scholars dedicated to the investigation of humanity for the purpose of service.

Sociological Internship: Sociology majors complete an internship in their senior year where they apply their sociological skills and abilities working within local schools, community organizations, and companies.

FIGURE 1. Percent of Full Time Working Sociology Graduates in Selected Fields

Social Services, Counselors, Psychologists	26.5%
Administrative Support	15.8%
Management	14.4%
Marketing	10.1%
Services	8.3%
Teachers	8.1%
Social Science Researchers	5.7%
Other	11.2%
Total	100%

Source: ASA Research and Development Department