

SOCIOLOGY- Career Resource Guide

Potential Career Options

Below is a sample of related career options; for some, additional experience and/or further education may be helpful or required.

Child Development	Assist parents or schools in assessing the mental, emotional and physical needs of children through an understanding of different learning stages and behaviors.
Health and Human Services	Help individuals with mental illnesses or disabilities. Provide services to hospital patients and nursing home residents.
International Studies	Research and study international cultures, languages and customs.
Justice System	Work in law enforcement as police or parole officers or in prisoner rehabilitation.
Non-Governmental Organizations and Nonprofits	Work in a career in public service through a nonprofit, foundation or non-governmental organization. These organizations operate at the local, national and international policy level, and their missions range from local neighborhood housing to state environmental policy to global human rights.
Politics	Work with government and social issues, taxes and fundraising.
Research and Advocacy	Conduct research on societal issues/concerns, and analyze and report on findings.
Social Services	Help people function in their environment as effectively as possible.

Sample Job Titles

Community Organizer	Outreach Worker
Corrections Officer	Political Staff Member
Data Analyst	Researcher
Fundraiser	Social Service Worker
Nonprofit Program Coordinator	Youth Development Coordinator

Career Information Resources

Vault is a comprehensive career resource that includes industry and profession overviews; rankings and profiles for employers and internship programs; a job and internship database; career articles, blogs and videos; sample resumes, cover letters and interview questions; and over 100 career guides. A selection of the Vault Guides is listed below.

Vault Career Guide to...	Vault Guide to...	
Law	Criminal Justice Jobs	Nonprofit Jobs
Market Research	Government Agency Careers	Politics, Public Policy & Activism
Nonprofit Careers	Government Jobs	Social Sciences Jobs
	Law Jobs	Social Services Jobs
	Market Research Jobs	Staffing and Human Resources Jobs

Note: Refer to the CPDC website for a link to Vault as well as the CPDC Tip Sheets and Handshake job postings.

Associations/Societies

American Historical Association *	www.historians.org
American Political Science Association **	www.apsanet.org
American Sociological Association **	www.asanet.org
Association for Applied & Clinical Sociology	www.aacsnet.net
Eastern Sociological Association *	www.essnet.org
International Sociological Association	www.isa-sociology.org
National Association of Social Workers *	www.socialworkers.org
National Education Association	www.nea.org
Pennsylvania State Education Association	www.psea.org
Society for the Study of Social Problems *	www.sssp1.org

* Contains employment listings

** Contains employment listings for members

Career & Employment Websites

AmeriCorps	www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps
Chronicle of Philanthropy	www.philanthropy.com
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	www.pa.gov
Congressional Research Service- Career Opportunities	www.loc.gov/crsinfo/opportunities
Corrections.com	www.corrections.com
Federal Bureau of Prisons	www.bop.gov/jobs
Human Services Career Network	www.hs-careers.com
Idealist.org	www.idealist.org
International City/County Management Association	www.icma.org
National Association of Independent Schools	www.nais.org/careers
Nonprofit Career Network	www.nonprofitcareer.com
Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) – Search specific job titles	www.bls.gov/ooH
PA Employment	www.employment.pa.gov
Peace Corps	www.peacecorps.gov
Pennsylvania CareerLink	www.pacareerlink.pa.gov
The Social Service Job Site	www.socialservice.com
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	www.hhs.gov/careers
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	www.hud.gov
U.S. House of Representatives- Employment	www.house.gov/employment
U.S. Senate- Employment	www.senate.gov/employment
USAJOBS – U.S. Office of Personnel Management (federal)	www.usajobs.gov

Note: A helpful list of general job search websites is available on the Internet Tip Sheet at www.rmu.edu/cpdc.

Selected RMU Activities & Organizations

American Marketing Association	Nonprofit Leadership Association
American Sign Language Club	Office of Engaged Learning & Community Involvement
Autism Speaks	Organization of Latin American Students
Best Buddies	Panhellenic Council (sororities)
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Political Science Club
Black Student Union	Pre-Law Society
Campus Ministry Association	Psychology Club
College Democrats	Red Cross Club
College Republicans	Residence Hall Association
Colonial Advocates for Childhood Homelessness and Education	RMU Radio
Colonial Ambassadors	RMU Sentry Media
Community Advisors	RMU-TV
Criminal Justice Society	S.A.F.E. – Student Alliance for Equality
Economics Club	Saudi Student Club
First Year Student Mentors	Society for Human Resource Management
Gamma Sigma Sigma (service sorority)	Strong Women Strong Girls
History Club	Student Government Association
Interfraternity Council (fraternities)	Student Program Board
More than a Book Club	University Pals
National Council of Negro Women	Women's Leadership and Mentorship Program Mentors