SOCIOLOGY PREPARES ME FOR A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International development involves working with local populations overseas to create and implement projects and programs to improve their lives, and assess the effectiveness of those programs.

It’s hard work and it doesn’t pay well and you’ll never feel like you’ve done enough, but for those who have a passion for helping people around the world help themselves, it can be really rewarding.

Take these sociology classes:
- Research methods and statistics: Stats 121, Soc 300, 301, 307, 404, 405
- Take all of these if you can. Don’t overlook Soc 301, which teaches you how to evaluate and assess programs.
- Sociological Theory: Soc 310, 311

In addition to taking the relevant sociology classes, you should do the following:
- Be a research assistant with professors: as a volunteer, for credit, for pay, as an Honors thesis, as an International Field Study, etc. This is extremely important. Get involved doing as much research and writing as you can!
- Do an internship related to international development.
- Minor in International Development.
- Consider minoring or double-majoring in a foreign language.
- Consider getting an MPA (Master of Public Administration), an MSW (Master of Social Work), or an MS or PhD in Sociology (emphasizing international development).
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