Sociology and Management Consulting

Management consultants go into organizations to help them run better. Management consulting firms are eager to get sociology graduates – and especially those who have graduate degrees. Why? In sociology you learn theories to understand what is going on in organizations or in the world organizations operate within; you learn cultural and other forms of diversity; and you learn how to do research. Management consulting is a challenging career, but it’s perfect if you like to work with groups to help them run better. It pays well, too.

**Here’s what you should do while you are a sociology undergraduate:**

- Join the Management Consulting Club (mcc.byu.edu) and actively participate in it for at least 2 years before you start to interview for jobs. (Start with the club in your sophomore year.) They take majors from all over campus, and they teach you about the career field, the work you do, how to get a job, and networking skills.
- Take all the research methods classes you can, both quantitative and qualitative: Stats 121, Soc 300, 301, 307, 404, 405
- Take all the theory classes you can: Soc 310, 311
- Take classes about culture and social diversity: Soc 322, 323, 330, 367
- Take classes about organizations: Soc 421, 426, and other classes that are related to organizations, and that match your interests (e.g., Soc 326, 328, 329, 340, 370, 424, 481)
- Do internships with businesses off-campus.
- Be a research assistant with professors (volunteer, for credit, for pay, as an Honors thesis, as an International Field Study, etc.)
- Consider a minor or double-major in either Management, or Nonprofit Management, or International Development, or Statistics, or a foreign language, or some topical area you are interested in (the arts, health, etc).

**Go to graduate school:**

- M.S. and/or Ph.D. in Sociology or Psychology, emphasizing organizations
- MPA, MBA, or MOB
**Contact**
To learn more about management consulting, go to mcc.byu.edu.

If you want to talk about how sociology can prepare you for a career in management consulting, see

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