Sociology and Business or Nonprofit Management
If you want to get an MBA, don’t major in Business Management as an undergraduate. You should get an undergraduate degree in something else that teaches you critical thinking, research, and writing. Many students have discovered that Sociology is really good for students wanting to go into business, and get an MBA.

If you want to get an MPA, any undergraduate major will work, too. And in fact, lots of Sociology students go on to get MPA’s. The difference between an MBA and an MPA is that the goal with an MBA is to make a profit; the goal with an MPA is to serve a population. Both degrees teach you strategy, finance, and human resources. The MPA program also teaches you about grants and fundraising.

Take these sociology classes:
• Research methods and statistics: Stats 121, Soc 300 (this is especially important, focusing on how to do a survey), 301, 307, 404, 405
• Culture and social diversity: Soc 322, 323, 330, 365, 367
• Micro theories and macro theories: Soc 310, 311, 350
• Electives in areas of interest to you: Soc 318, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 340, 345, 360, 370, 380, 383, 420, 421, 422, 424, 426, 429, 450, 460, 481

In addition to taking the relevant classes, you should consider the following:
• Do internships in business or nonprofits. This is really important!
• Do a minor in Management or Nonprofit Management.
• Join either the BYU Business Strategy Club or the BYU Nonprofit Management Student Association. Students in any major can participate in either of these clubs. You should be involved in it for at least 2 years.
• Be a research assistant with professors: as a volunteer, for credit, for pay, as an Honors thesis, as an International Field Study, etc.
• Go to graduate school.
-MBA, MPA
-Another possibility is getting an M.S. and/or Ph.D. in Sociology or Psychology, specializing in organizations or diversity.

Contact
If you want to talk about how sociology can prepare you for a career in business or nonprofit management, see

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