**Sociology and Teaching**

If teaching and research and writing are what you love and you love to teach and research and write about people, then become a college or university professor of sociology. As long as there are at least two people involved, a sociology professor can teach about them, research about them, or write about them. Hence, a sociologist can study family, race/ethnicity, poverty, businesses and other organizations, community, globalization, international development, demography, rural & urban issues, health, leisure, education, religion, culture, research methodology (qualitative and quantitative), social theory, politics and government, media (movies, television, music), computers and the online environment, crime and terrorism, environmental issues, gender, aging, ... as long as there are people involved, you can study them!

**Take these sociology classes:**
- Research methods and statistics: Stats 121, Soc 300, 301, 307, 404, 405
- 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. Consider this mandatory. Get involved doing as much research and writing as you can! Be an excellent research assistant. If possible, be a coauthor with faculty on articles they publish.
- Have a high GPA, a high GRE score, great letters of recommendation, good research and teaching experience, and a strong statement of intent in your graduate school application.
- Participate in the University Honors program. This is one more way you can distinguish yourself as an excellent student. It also helps you think broadly, across disciplines, and this is what we expect of scholars. Please start the Honors program as early in your time at BYU as possible! For more information, see:
  - http://honors.byu.edu
  - 102A MSRB
  - 801-422-5497
  - honors@byu.edu
- Get an Masters or PhD in Sociology.
  - If you want to become a university professor, get your PhD from one of the very best PhD programs. You can improve your chances of getting into one of them by first getting a masters degree from a really
The masters program in Sociology at BYU is one of the best masters programs in sociology in the country. Our best masters students have gone on to many of the best PhD programs: Arizona, Chicago, Harvard, Michigan, North Carolina, Northwestern, Princeton, Wisconsin, and others.

If you are especially interested in applied work, another option for a career in academia is to get a BS in Sociology, then a MSW, then a doctoral degree in either Sociology, Family Studies, Psychology, or Anthropology. Then you’ll be able to get an academic position either in the field of your doctoral degree or in social work. That is, you’ll have more job opportunities.

Contact
You can talk to any member of the faculty about how to prepare for and succeed in graduate school, or about their research.

If you want to know more about the sociology faculty and their research areas, see

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