

Sociology

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Sociology graduates?

DPHHS: Child & Family Services	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	AWARE, Inc.
Billings Police Department	Alternatives, Inc.	Yellowstone County Justice Court
Youth Dynamics	YWCA Billings	HRDC

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals* working in the Sociology field?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings**
Child Protective Specialist	\$30,700 - \$46,920	\$49,150 x 39 yrs = \$1,916,850
Chemical Dependency Program Coordinator	\$37,060 - \$46,920	\$49,130 x 39 yrs = \$1,916,070
Victim Witness Coordinator	\$31,450 - \$64,610**	\$46,590 x 39 yrs = \$1,817,010
Youth Case Manager	\$28,170 - \$37,580	\$37,619 x 39 yrs = 1,467,141

* Based on wage data in the Montana Career Information System.

** Potential lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage of the occupation in accordance to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

What percentage of Sociology graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 100% of 2022 Sociology graduates who responded to MSUB'S Graduate Survey, **100% reported being employed* after graduation.**

* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

Not sure if Sociology is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program, such as Introduction to Sociology or Social Problems! Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- Licensed Social Worker, MS in Social Work
- Sociologist, MS in Sociology
- College Professor, PhD in Sociology
- Marriage/Family Therapist, MS in Social Work

2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



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Overview of the Sociology program:

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes of human behavior. The sociologist's interests range from the intimate family to the hostile mob, from crime to religion, from race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, from work to sports. Few fields have such a broad scope.

Sociology is a major for students interested in human interaction and the social world. Sociologists use systematic, evidence-based, scientific methods to interpret the behavior of individuals in the structure of organizations, families, communities, and societies. At MSU Billings, students are prepared with the tools to make sense of the social world, contribute solutions to difficult issues, and generate a more enlightened and effective social policy.

Our students learn valuable research skills to accompany the sociological perspective, which prepares them for a variety of career options. These careers include social services in governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, counseling, law enforcement, addiction treatment, probation and parole, market research, community development, and law.

What makes the MSU Billings Sociology program unique?

Students showcase their original research projects in a supportive and professional setting at MSU Billings' annual Research and Creativity Conference. This gives students a chance to work with their faculty, to take the knowledge gained in classrooms, and generate insights on the world around them.



Department Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/class/nams/index.htm>

