

**Careers and Employability Service**

**What Can I Do With My Degree?**

**Sociology, Social Policy  
and Criminology**

## Introduction

This resource is designed for you to discover what you can do with your degree. It contains information on:

- [Skills gained through your degree](#) - useful in career decision-making and when applying for graduate jobs
- [Overview of the main career areas with your degree](#) - to help you understand what other students with your degree have gone on to do
- [Links to selected relevant professional bodies and associations](#) - to help you understand the sector and also provide advice and information
- [Finding opportunities](#) - including finding jobs and internships, volunteering opportunities, specialist recruitment agencies.
- [Further study](#) - professional qualifications and programmes aligned to your first degree

## Skills gained through your degree

In a competitive graduate labour market, it is important that you are able to demonstrate the key skills that you have developed through your degree programme.

Reflecting upon the skills you have gained and your skill strengths can also be helpful in career decision making. The following resources can help you to understand the skills gained from your degree.

[Prospects](#) - Take a look at the "Skills for your CV" section within your chosen subject.

[Discover...yourself](#) - Find out how to complete a skills audit to identify your skills

[Your course learning outcomes](#) - Your course modules contain aims and learning outcomes. These are useful in assisting you to recognise and reflect upon the skills developed during your studies. The programme specification document for your course also includes a number of skills that you should have developed throughout your time studying.

## Overview of the main career areas with your degree

Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology graduates are equipped for numerous roles in a wide variety of career sectors. Some popular roles include: Civil Service, market research, human resources, teaching, and retail management, among many more.

The resources below will enable you to explore these in more detail.

[Prospects](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[What Do Graduates Do?](#)

### **Links to selected professional bodies and associations**

[The Academy of Social Sciences](#)

[Social Research Association](#)

[International Association for Community Development \(IACD\)](#)

[Police Federation](#)

[Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service](#)

[Local Government Association](#)

[Skills for Care](#)

[National Youth Agency](#)

[Institute of Fundraising](#)

[The British Association of Social Workers](#)

[Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development](#)

[Chartered Institute of Marketing](#)

[Market Research Society](#)

[British Sociological Association](#)

### **Finding relevant opportunities**

This section suggests selected sources of opportunities that are most closely linked to your degree. Remember though, that students studying your subject can enter a much wider range of career options.

Volunteering is a popular and well-trodden path to building up relevant skills and experience in a wide range of career options most closely aligned to your degree:

[Do It](#) – searchable database of volunteering opportunities

[Volunteering England](#) – opportunities and advice

[Volunteer Police Cadets](#)

[Volunteering in policing](#)

[Hampshire Constabulary Observer Scheme](#) – opportunity to observe up to 3 police shifts to gain an insight into the role of a police officer

[Police Now](#) – Police national graduate leadership programme

[Community Care Jobs](#) – for vacancies with youth offending teams

[Local Government Jobs](#)

[National Graduate Development Programme](#) – local government graduate programme

[Third Sector Jobs](#) – opportunities in the charitable and voluntary sector

[Charity Choice](#) – searchable database of UK charities

[Charityworks](#) – Non-profit sector's graduate programme

[Civil Service Jobs](#) – Find jobs in the Civil Service and central government organisations

[Civil Service Fast Stream](#) – Civil Service Graduate programme

[Work with Offenders](#) – News, information and job site for the offender supervision and offender rehabilitation community

[Train to be a Probation Officer](#) – Information about working in probation and how to apply to their training programme

[Prison Reform Trust](#) – guide to volunteering and achieving change in the criminal justice system

[NatGen](#) – Independent social research agency

[NACRO](#) – crime reduction charity

[BOND \(British Overseas NGOs for Development\)](#) – Network of UK-based voluntary organisations working in international development.

[Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) – Careers at the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

[Frontline](#) – Social work graduate scheme

[Think Ahead](#) – Mental Health social work

[Get into teaching](#) – Department for Education site about teacher training

### **Further study**

[Prospects](#) – Search postgraduate courses, advice and funding information

[Target Postgrad](#) – advice and information on postgraduate study

[Careers Service](#) – includes information on Law, Teaching and Medicine