

# Sociology

**Bachelor of Arts**  
Full-time, 4 years

**Ryerson  
University**

**Sociology**  
Faculty of Arts





# Where

# inspiration meets

# impact

## About the Program

Explore society and the promise of, and resistance to, **social change**. Learn about **power** and **inequalities** and **movements for equity and social justice**. Critically understand **social media**, **cities and their challenges**, **immigration and belonging**, and **Indigenous perspectives**.

We invite you to follow your intellectual curiosity and explore a wide range of social themes and structures to gain a better understanding of the world around you.

## Program Highlights

### Community-engaged learning

Many of our courses provide opportunities for community-engaged learning, where students work with community organizations as a way to apply their learning. For example, students in SOC 481 (**Survey Design and Analysis**) have the opportunity to work as research consultants for community partners, collecting and analyzing survey data and presenting the results in a final report.

### Career Integration

This is an upper-level course designed to help you develop a sense of orientation around your career goals. Students in this course participate in a **job shadow experience**, engage in reflective work around their career aspirations, learn and practice job searching strategies, and develop an outreach for first-year students.

### International Community Engagement

This is an international experiential placement course taught at the **Every Child Counts School (ECC)** for children with special needs in **Marsh Harbour, Abaco, in the northern Bahamas**. Sociology Professor Jean Golden leads a team of students as they contribute to this **social justice educational project** and earn a course credit over the course of **one month**.

### Student Association

The **Ryerson Sociology Student Union (RSSU)** represents all program students. The RSSU organizes social and academic events throughout the year, fostering a sense of community within the Sociology Department.

# Program Structure

In your first year, you will be introduced to the ideas and strategies that social thinkers use to understand the world around them. You will develop your sociological imagination by thinking about how things like social media, global corporations, and families and intimate relationships influence your everyday life.

You will also explore other areas in the social sciences and humanities, such as **Psychology, Criminology, Politics, English, History** and **Philosophy**.

## Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205	Critical Thinking I - SSH 105
Introduction to Sociology - SOC 105	Sociology of the Everyday - SOC 107
In addition to that you must choose <b>6 Electives</b> (3 each semester) for your first year.	

## Co-op Option

The Sociology BA program has the option for students to join the Faculty of Arts Co-operative Education program. This competitive opportunity allows students who pass the admission process to complete three mandatory **career-relevant paid employment experiences** in various terms throughout their program for **academic credit**, and an **optional fourth work term**. Students must also complete an academic course prior to their first work term, which will provide a foundational understanding of the **labour market context** while also facilitating the development of **skills related to job searches and successful employment**. Students apply in the summer between first and second year to join the co-op option in their second year of study.

## Careers

**Apply specialized knowledge of how we shape society and how it structures our lives.**

Work in fields that emphasize analytical thinking, social justice, and community. Our graduates are working in not-for-profit organizations, social services, education, research organizations, human resources, public relations, marketing, media analysis and the arts. Some graduates pursue further studies in sociology or related fields, such as communication, data science, gender studies, and policy studies, while others complete professional programs in education, law, social work, public administration or business.

Career Paths include:

- Project manager
- Social policy analyst
- Community organizer
- Teacher
- Social service worker
- Marketing specialist
- Research analyst
- Public servant

and more...

# How to Apply

## Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

Sociology welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

**[ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/sociology](https://ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/sociology)**

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*Being in sociology was useful for me to kind of explore who I was, to get a better understanding of what my passions were, what really drives me. I think the diversity of Ryerson, and the diversity of the sociology program, really helped me to build my career path."*

**- Justin Bobb, Sociology Graduate**