

Career Outlook: Sociology

Sociology Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Sociology (B.A.)

Related Majors: Social Studies: Sociology-Anthropology (B.A.)

Criminal Justice (B.S.) Victimology

Communication Studies**New Major**

Minors: Sociology, Communication Studies

Department Website: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/sociology/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that social and community service managers held about 173,700 jobs in 2021. About 26% of social and community service managers worked for individual and family services; 11% worked for social and religious organizations; 11% worked for local governments; 11% worked for nursing residential care facilities; and 10% worked for community and vocational rehabilitation services. The American Sociological Association (asanet.org) reports that while sociology majors may go on to earn a master's, doctorate, or law degree, what students learn as undergraduates in this field is relevant to so many jobs and industries, from business to healthcare to education.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for social and community services managers is expected to grow 12% (much faster than average) through 2031, with people established in their career generally earning between \$46,550 and \$118,650 per year. The median pay for 2021 was \$74,000 per year. Most manager jobs require work experience.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES:

Of the four Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Bachelor of Arts Sociology graduates, one reported continuing their education, one obtained related employment, one was still seeking related employment and one was status unknown. This does not include students who were not seeking employment or unavailable.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES*:

(This list includes employment within one year of graduation for the years 2017 to 2021).

Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota	Greater Minnesota Program Manager	Bemidji, MN
Community Intersections	Direct Care Staff	Denver, CO
Lakeland Public Television	Administrative Assistant	Bemidji, MN
LivingWell	Advocate	Burnsville, MN
LTCG	Customer Service Representative	Woodbury, MN
Messerli & Kramer PA	Legal Assistant	Plymouth, MN
MN Department of Corrections	Probation Officer	Park Rapids, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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Occupational Outlook Handbook. U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2022)

For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

For more job listings please visit:

Handshake

<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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