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UCSC CAREER CENTER

Sociology Career Guide

TYPES OF GRADUATE DEGREES

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
(M.S.)**

**MASTER OF ARTS
(M.A.)**

**DOCTORATE
(PH.D)**

2 YEAR PROGRAM

2 YEAR PROGRAM

4-8 YEAR PROGRAM

ANALYTICAL SKILLS

**CULTURAL
AWARENESS**

**RESEARCH
ORIENTED**

**DATA
CONFIGURATION**

COMMUNICATION

SCHOLARLY FOCUS

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[HTTPS://WWW.ONETONLINE.ORG/LINK/SUMMARY/19-3041.00](https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/19-3041.00)

TRANSFERABLE CONCEPTS & SKILLS

**DATA COLLECTION
AND ANALYSIS**

**SOCIOLOGICAL
IMAGINATIONS**

**PLAN, ORGANIZE &
IMPLEMENT COMPLEX
PROJECTS**

**LEADERSHIP &
TEAMWORK**

PROBLEM SOLVING

**INTERPERSONAL
SKILLS**

**WRITTEN & ORAL
COMMUNICATION**

REPORT WRITING

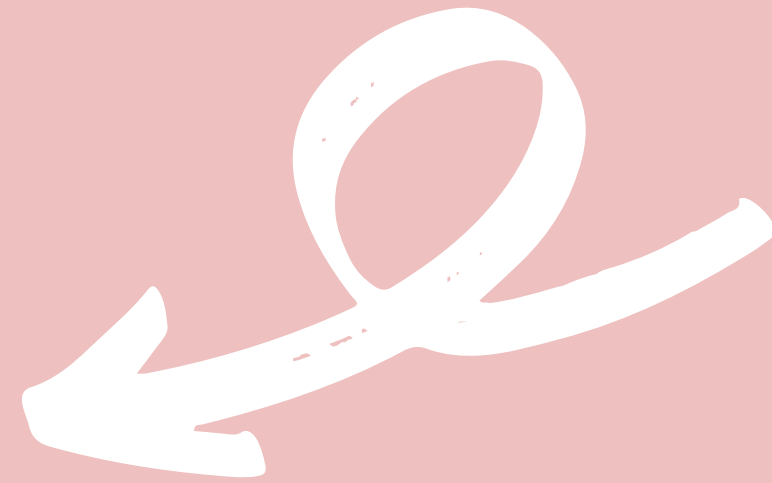
**QUANTITATIVE &
QUALITATIVE
RESEARCH**

**FORMULATING
EVIDENCE-BASED
ARGUMENTS**

**DIVERSITY &
CROSS-CULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING**

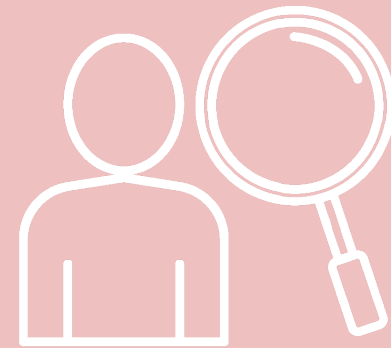
CRITICAL THINKING

WHAT DOES A SOCIOLOGIST DO?



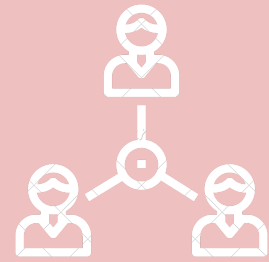
Sociologists:

- Conduct research on social issues.
- Collect information from people through observation, interviews, or surveys.
- Analyze and interpret data.
- Prepare scientific or technical reports or presentations.
- Plan and conduct research to develop and test theories about societal issues such as crime, group relations, poverty, and aging.



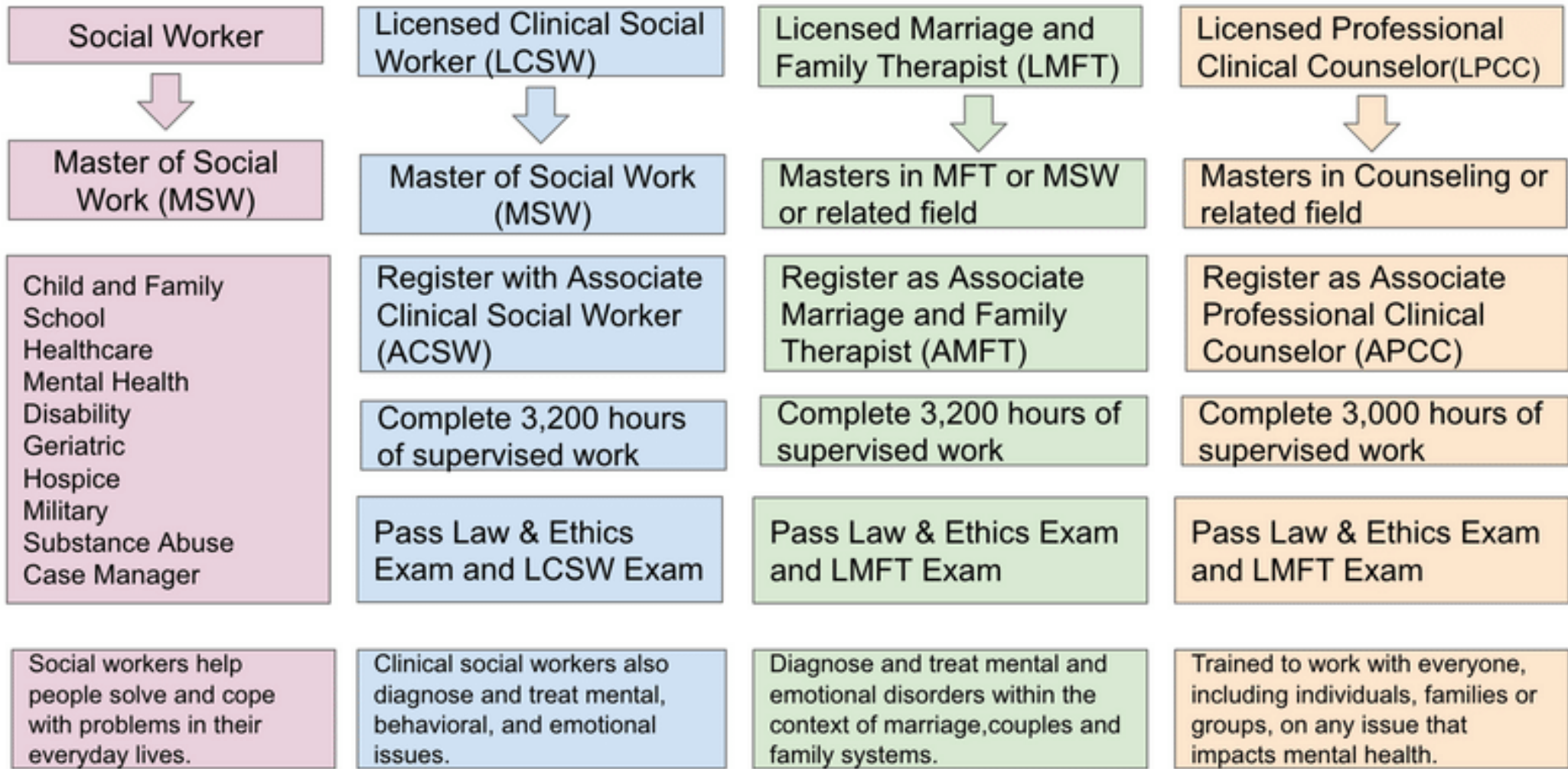


Types of Careers



BUSINESS	PUBLIC RELATIONS	MARKETING AND SALES	CONSUMER RESEARCH	MEDIA
COMMUNITY/ HEALTH SERVICES	NON-PROFIT AGENCIES	REHABILITATION COUNSELING	URBAN PLANNING	FAMILY PLANNING
LAW/SOCIAL SERVICES	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	LAW ENFORCEMENT	ATTORNEY	JUDICIAL AFFAIRS
EDUCATION / TEACHING	K-12 SCHOOLS	SPECIAL EDUCATION	UNIVERSITY RELATIONS	ADMISSIONS AND ADVISING

Social Work & Related Licenses



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Lawyer and Related Careers

Lawyer



LSAT Exam

Law School for Juris Doctorate (JD) Degree, or...

Dual Program for JD/PhD if you are interested in academics such as law professor, or JD/MA if you are interested in other fields related to law

Pass the State Bar Exam

Types of Lawyers: Corporate, Labor & Employment, Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Intellectual Property, Family Law, Estate Planning, Tax, Criminal Defence, Bankruptcy, Immigration, Civil Litigation

Paralegal



Complete Paralegal Certification Program. Associates, BA, and MA in Paralegal also available

Some programs will have specializations in:
Bankruptcy, Corporate, Criminal Law, Immigration, Litigation, Intellectual Property

Internship or Field Experience is Typically Required

Criminologist



Recommended: Masters in Criminal Justice or Criminologist, or...

PhD in Criminology, Law, and Society, or...

Masters or PhD in Psychology or Doctor of Psychology for a Criminal Psychologist

Some states require licenses

Business Careers

Human Resources



Recommended: Masters in Human Resources

Consider Certificates: Professional in Human Resources (PHR), Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR), or others

Types of HR: Recruitment, Benefits & Compensation, Employee Relations, Training & Development, Labor Relations, Manager, Director

Marketing



Recommended: Masters in Marketing, MBA, Statistics, Math, Psychology, Sociology, or Communications

Consider Certificates: Marketing Analyst, Chartered Market Technician, Certified Association of National Advertisers Professional, Professional Researcher Certification

Types of Marketing Jobs: Product Manager, Social Media Manager, Web Content Writer, Search Engine Optimization, Research, Analyst,

Actuarial



Consider: Advanced degree, certificates, or additional courses in Math, Stats, Tech Skills, Economics, Finance

Required to pass Actuary Exams such as: Probability, Predictive Analytics, Statistics and Probability Modeling, Actuarial Statistics, Financial Risk, Financial Mathematics, Finance Reporting

Teaching & Related Careers

K-12 Teacher



(Masters and) Credential Program in Single Subject or Multiple Subject

Pass the CBEST and CSET in subject you want to teach, Multiple Subject also has RICA exam.

Register through California Commission on Teaching Credentialing (CTC)

Special Education



(Masters and) Credential in Special Education: M/M, M/S, DHH, VI, PHI, ECSE, LAD

Pass the CBEST and CSET in subject you want to teach, Multiple Subject also has RICA exam.

Register through California Commission on Teaching Credentialing (CTC)

K-12 Counseling, Social Work, Psychologist



Masters in Counseling and Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) or...

Masters in Psych/Educational Psych + Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC)

Pass the CBEST exam

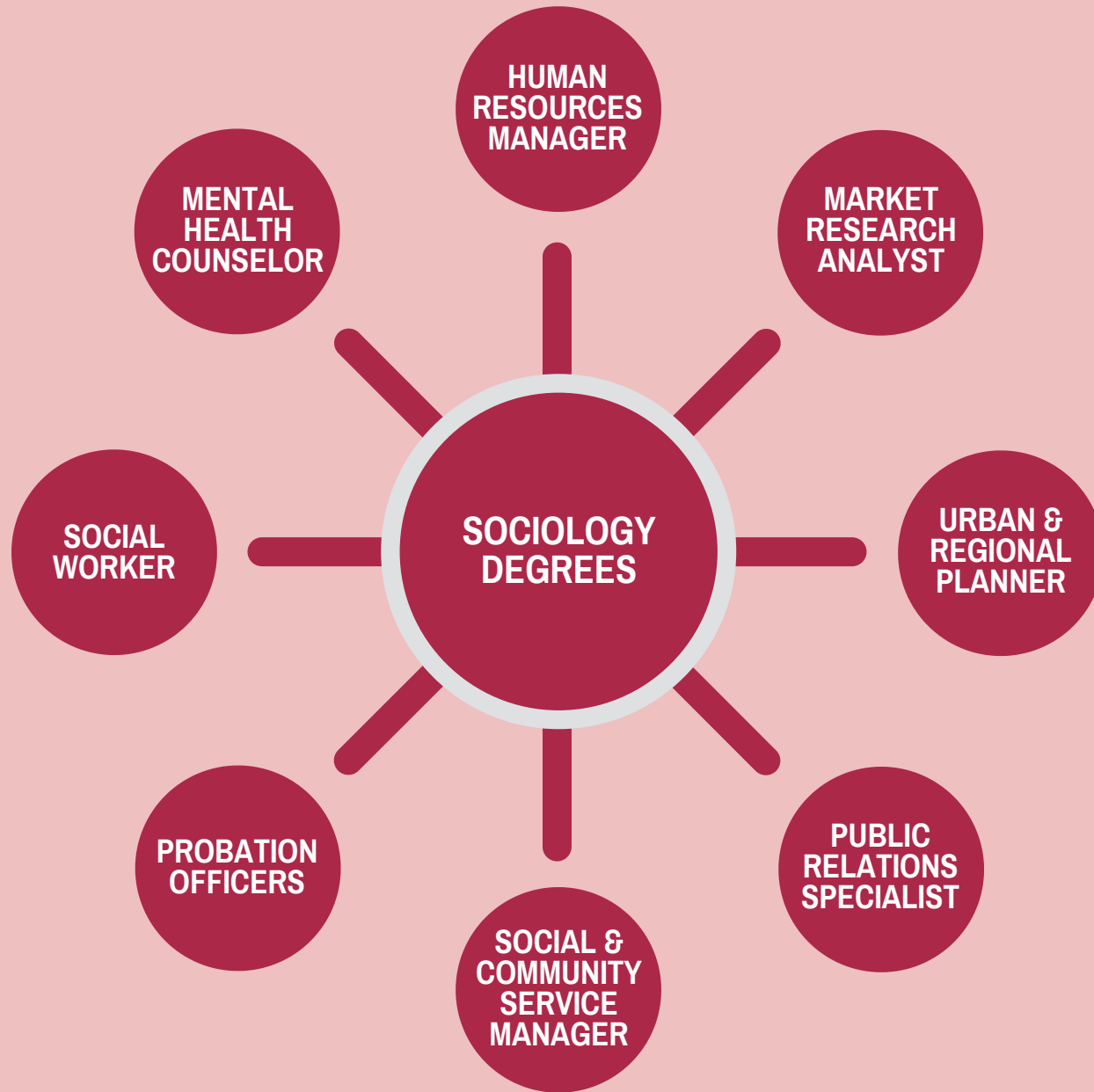
Register through CTC (for Counselor) or BBS (for Licensed Educational Psychologist)

College Counselor



Recommended: Masters in Counseling, Educational Administration, Higher Education, Educational Leadership, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or related field

8 HIGHEST PAYING JOBS AS OF 2020*



Information from:

<https://www.greatvaluecolleges.net/highest-paying-sociology-degree-jobs/>

Top Jobs for Sociology Majors



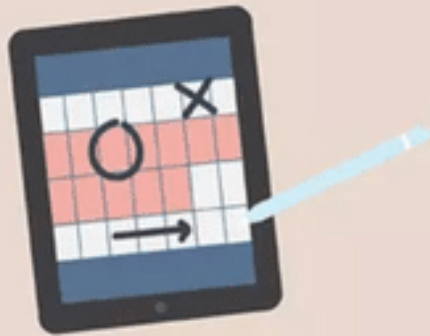
Guidance
Counselor



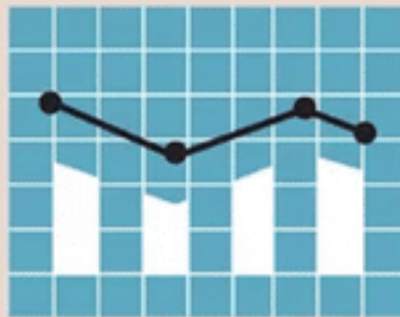
Human Resources (HR)
Representative



Lawyer



Media Planner



Market Research
Analyst



Management
Consultant

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**DROP IN PEER ADVISING
RESUME WORKSHOPS
MOCK INTERVIEWS
CAREER COACH ADVISING**

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