What Can I Do With A Major In...?

Social Science

The social science major allows students to do concentrated work in the allied disciplines of history, political science, economics, sociology, and psychology. The design of the program is to prepare students for graduate education in the social sciences, law school or for a Master of Arts in Teaching in the area of social studies with several options for minors. Minors in Economics, History, International Studies, Pre-Law, Psychology or Sociology, among others are available to interested students. The major also gives students a strong liberal arts education and fosters skills that will prove valuable in other areas of advanced study and/or in the work force. Students may take additional coursework to prepare for graduate study in law, sociology, history, social studies teaching, or public administration. Students interested in law or teaching need to work closely with the Program Director for choosing the proper electives, minor or for preparation for advanced study.

Social Science majors can find career opportunities in many fields. Because of the liberal arts foundation, graduates will find many employers eager to hire those with a broad based education, excellent communication skills, the ability to think analytically and those with a strong work ethic. Students can shape their career direction by obtaining internships in their areas of interest and by working or volunteering in related activities.

Career Options (*Most of these careers will require advanced education)

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Asian Studies
- Economics/International Development
- Gender Studies
- Linguistics & Language Skills
- Psychology
- Counseling
- Social Work
- Social Services
- Research
- Administration
- Scientific Research
- Management
- Business, Professional, Labor, or Political Organization
- Architectural or Engineering Firm
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Related Major Skills

- Writing ability
- Ability to adapt to changing priorities
- Analytical thinking abilities
- Research skills
- Good work ethic
- Creativity
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Foreign language proficiency
- Independent Work Skills
- Intellectual Ability
- Motivation
- Oral communication skills
- Positive/optimistic attitude
- Statistical skills
- Teaching skills
- Teamwork skills
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Related Web Sites

- Syracuse University [http://humanresources.syr.edu/proemp/job_opps.html]
- Lockheed Martin MS2 [http://www.lockheedjobs.com/]
- Carrier Corporation [http://www.utcjobs.com/index.asp]
- Verizon [https://www22.verizon.com/about/careers/]
- Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of CNY [https://www.excellusbcbs.com/about_us/careers.shtml]
- Bank of New York [https://www.bankofny.com/careeropps/jobposting?service=0&type=7&jobgo.x=3&jobgo.y=10]
- Bristol Myers Squibb [http://www.bms.com/career/data/index.html]
- Time Warner Cable [http://www.timewarner.com/corp/career/jobtools_us/search_jobdetail.html]
- HSBC [http://www.hsbc.com/hsbc/careers]
- M&T Bank [http://www.mandtbank.com/employment/]

Samples of Cazenovia College Internship Sites

- Baldwin & Sutphen Law Firm
- Finger Lakes Independence Center
- Democracy Matters
- Valesky for Senate Campaign
- Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute
- Center for Non-Profit Advancement
- Cornell Political Coalition
- Lorenzo State Historic Site
- Department of Labor
- Syracuse Research Corporation
- City of Utica Youth Bureau
- Madison County Historical Society
- Dept of Social Services, Civic Center
- Armstrong Communications
- Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research
- Chittenango High School
- Covenant House
- NYS Office of Attorney General
- Onondaga County Department of Law
- U.S. Department of State/Foreign Service
- Onondaga County District Attorney
- Syracuse University
- Atlantic State Legal Foundation
- Center for Addiction Recovery
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
- NY White House Fellows Program
- Museum of Science and Technology
- People in Action – Springfield Gardens
- Enterprise Foundation