YOUR Major Action Plan: Sociology

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<td>Community service agencies</td>
<td>Complete at least 30 credit hours, including SOSC 1100, ANTH 2351, and SOCI 1301.</td>
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YOUR Target Courses

- Participate in Texan Debate as part of your First Year Experience.
- For more information, contact the Communication Studies Department.
- Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services.
- Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync.
- Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year.
- Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center.
- Know the FAFSA deadlines each year.
- Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues.
- Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns.

YOUR Find Your Way

- Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects.
- Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking.
- Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup.
- Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM).
- Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association).
- Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community.
- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment.
- Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness.
- Participate in Alternative Spring Break.
- Run for Student Government Association.

YOUR Sharpen Your Skills

- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including SOSC 1100, ANTH 2351, and SOCI 1301.
- See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, Academic Advising Guide, and file your degree plan.
- Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences.
- Join the Sociology Club.
- Talk to your faculty advisor/mentor about research opportunities on grant projects and independent research.

YOUR Next Steps

- Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume.
- Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire.
- Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission).
- Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT.
- Explore career opportunities within your major.
- Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow.
- Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume.
- Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities.
- Create your online portfolio through Portfolium. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.
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<td>- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including SOCI 3330 and 4302.</td>
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<td>Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the Occupational Outlook Handbook powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.</td>
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### YOUR Target Courses
- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including SOCI 3330 and 4302.
- See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with other course options.

### Find YOUR Way
- Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.
- Consider participating in an undergraduate research project.
- Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest.
- Take part in the Official Ring Ceremony.
- Considering becoming an officer in the Sociology Club.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher in your Sociology courses and talk to your faculty advisor/ mentor about joining Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society.

### Sharpen YOUR Skills
- Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs.
- Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through All For Good.
- Need to get more experience and skills? Check out CareerOneStop.org sponsored by the US Department of Labor.
- Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace.
- Become an Academic Resource Center – Coach Leader (ARC-C Leader)
- Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.

### YOUR Next Steps
- Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your job-search campaign, schedule mock interviews, resume critiques, and a Business Etiquette Dinner.
- Create a LinkedIn profile to further your area of potential networking.
- Check the Career Services calendar for career development workshops.
- Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services job fairs.
- Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for TSU College of Graduate Studies.

- File for GRADUATION!
- Update your resume in the Career Service’s employment system, Portfolio, and LinkedIn.
- Compile reference letters, awards, etc.
- Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.
- Attend job fairs and dress professionally.
- Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to negotiate a salary.
- Graduate! Congratulations!
- Join the Tarleton Alumni Association to stay connected to the University. BLEED PURPLE!