what can I do with my... sociology major?

FEATURED JOBS

Policy Aide • U.S. House of Representatives
Research Assistant • Children’s Research Triangle
ESL Teacher • HESS International Educational Group
Residential Counselor • Aurora Mental Health Center
Manager of Marketing and Communications • Amigos de las Americas
Social Science Research Analyst • Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

JOBS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Fundraiser • Rare Conservation
Deal Analyst • Hines Real Estate
Contributing Writer • Live for Live Music
Admissions Counselor • Lake Forest College
Media Assistant • Nelson Treehouse and Supply
Human Resources Manager • City of Colorado Springs

* all job titles belong to CC alumni 5 or fewer years post-graduation

ALUMNI FEATURE

Mike Shum ’07 graduated with a major in Sociology and an emphasis in African Studies and Film. After graduation, Mike spent two and a half years working as an admission counselor for CC while saving up for a professional video camera. Shortly after he left the Admission Office, Mike started his filmmaking career in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mike now blends his academic background into a career as a documentary filmmaker and video journalist. He works extensively with The New York Times, where he was a finalist for a National News and Documentary Emmy for his work in Iraq. He also works with The Guardian, Time Magazine, The Weather Channel, and National Geographic. Most recently, he served as Director of Photography and producer for the award-winning team that created Hondones. The feature documentary premiered at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, where it received the prestigious Audience Award. Go Mike!

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

My sociology degree set me up for my career by providing me with diverse and pragmatic skills. In addition to quantitative reasoning, academic writing, and research practice, sociology exposed me to social issues and topics I knew nothing about. Since graduating from CC, I have worked at several health care advocacy non-profits, received a master’s degree in sociology, and will be starting my Ph.D. in sociology at Penn State this fall.

— Carlyn Graham, Sociology ’13

TOP SKILLS

Critical analysis of complex ideas
Designing + conducting research
Strong written + verbal communication
Conceptualizing + implementing projects
Understanding complex dynamics of social inequality

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