



WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of human social behaviors, societies, cultures, and policies. Some areas of focus can include language, gender, sexuality, religion, social class and social mobility. It provides students with the tools needed to understand how and why our society functions, the impact of social institutions on individual lives, and the challenges of social interaction between individuals and society.

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

The sociology major is housed under the Sociology/Ethnic Studies Department at Los Angeles Valley College. The sociology major provides students with a strong foundation in the social sciences and help them build their communication skills to be able to communicate to different audiences, and work more effectively towards social justice. LAVC offers the following degrees:

- **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Sociology**
  - Prepares students to transfer to a CSU with their lower division preparation work in Sociology completed and offers priority admission to CSUs in our service area.
- **Associate of Arts (AA) in Sociology**
  - Can serve as a basis for employment in a diverse workforce or further undergraduate education in sociology.
- **Associate of Arts (AA) in Sociology: Social Welfare**
  - Prepares students to work in social and human services.

CSU RELATED TRANSFER MAJORS

- **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Sociology
- **CSU Fullerton:** Sociology of Deviance and Crime
- **CSU Fullerton:** Sociology - Health and Social Welfare
- **CSU Long Beach:** Sociology
- **CSU Los Angeles:** Sociology
- **CSU Northridge:** Sociology
- **Cal Poly Pomona:** Sociology - Criminology or Social Work
- **San Diego State:** Sociology
- **UC Berkeley:** Sociology
- **UC Irvine:** Sociology
- **UC Los Angeles:** Sociology
- **UC Santa Barbara:** Sociology

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Conducting research
- Reading and writing
- Working with diverse groups
- Learning about human behavior and social structures
- Helping people
- Solving social inequality

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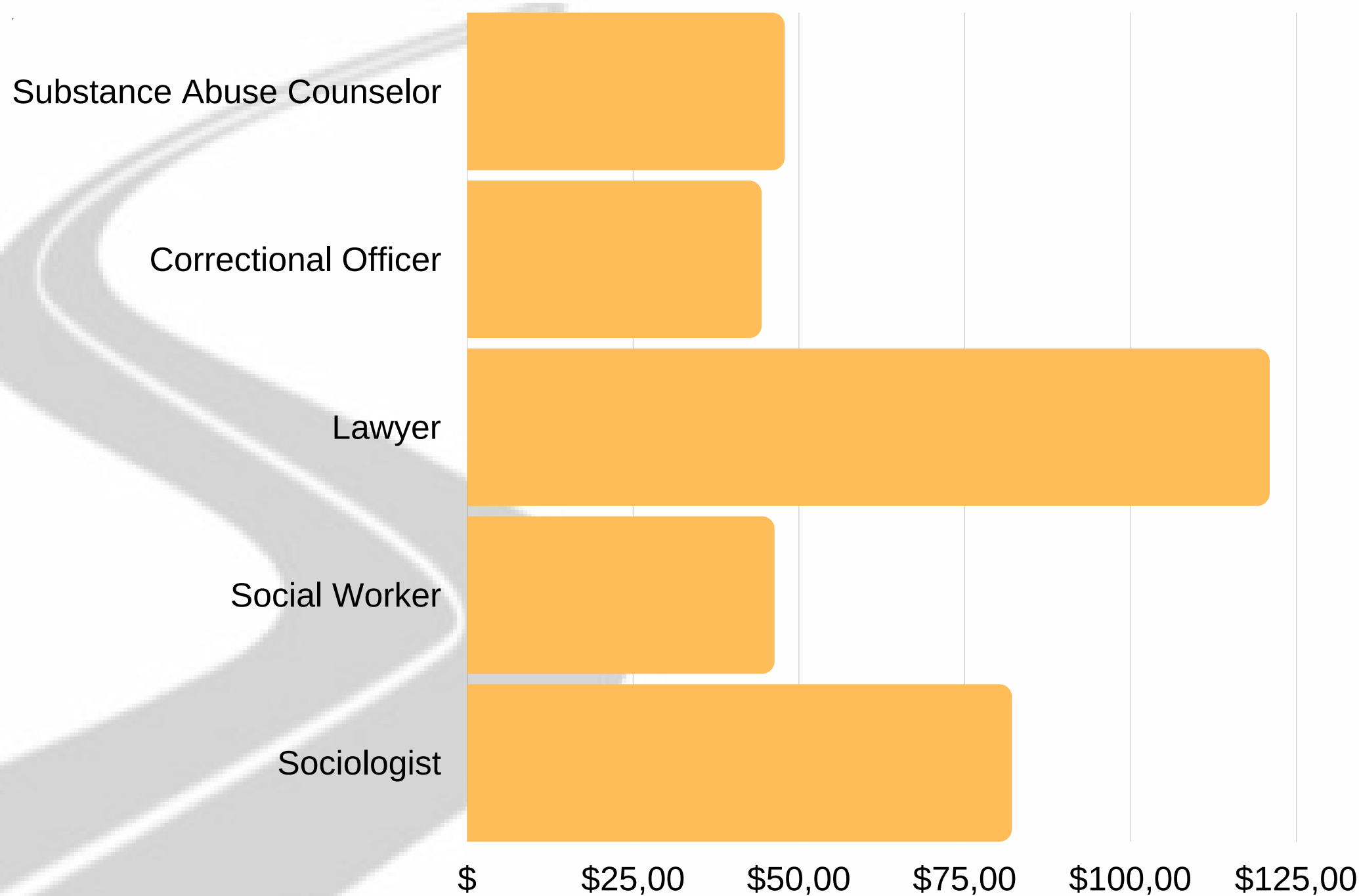
SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Interact well with diverse cultures/groups
- Knowledge of social structures and change
- Resolve conflict
- Statistical Abilities
- Knowledge of community resources
- Ability to work well under pressure
- Leadership and communication skills
- Recognize ethical issues in research



EARNINGS\*



\*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Substance abuse counselors
- Community organization workers
- Correctional officers
- Police patrol officer
- Law enforcement officers
- Lawyers
- Mental health counselors
- Psychologists
- School counselors
- Social workers
- Sociologists
- Clinical research Coordinator



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Colleges and universities
- Government agencies
- Private industries
- Advocacy groups
- Adoption/child care agencies
- Hospitals & wellness centers
- Non-profit organizations
- Youth programs
- Family services

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [www.lavc.edu/transfer](http://www.lavc.edu/transfer)
- <http://lavc.edu/socethnic/index.aspx>
- <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html>
- [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- [www.eureka.org](http://www.eureka.org)
- [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)
- [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate\\_majors\\_list.pdf](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf)

This general information is provided by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center. For specific information about majors and careers please make an appointment to see a counselor either online, in person at the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex) or by phone at (818) 947-2474.