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National Institute of Education
Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Workshop Round 1

Information Session on Sociology Major

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Sunday, May 27th 2012

at 1:00 – 2:00pm



About Sociology

“Sociology is the study of individuals, groups and social formations in a systematic way which grew out the search for understanding associated with the industrial and scientific revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries.





Cambodian vs. International Context

As observed, two institutions provide degree in Sociology. Others might provide Introductory courses during foundation year.



*Brown,
Columbia,
Cornell,
Dartmouth,
Harvard,
Penn,
Princeton,
Yale.*



Curriculum

Year II:

Social Psychology
Public Administration
Gender in Cambodia
Introduction to Economic Science
World Civilization
Social Demography
Social Issues in Cambodia
Socio-Economic Development S.E. Asia

Sociology of Culture
Introduction to Logic
Cultural Anthropology
Comparative History of S.E. Asia
Sociological Theory
Political Sociology
History of Economic Thought

Year III:

Methodology of Social Research I
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Religion

Community Development
Sociology of Law
Sociology of Health



Curriculum

Year III (Con't):

Sociology of Communication & Media
Methodology of Social Research II
Social Work
Social Change

Project Development
Sociology of Development
Ethnography

Year IV:

Sociology of the family
Sociology of Economics
Research and Writing in Sociology
Field Research in Sociology
International Relations
Ethical Issues in the Social Sciences
Rural Sociology

Group Dynamics
Social Research Data Analysis
Sociology of Tourism
Environmental Sociology
Labour and Social Welfare
Urban Sociology
Sociology of Youth



Expectations and Preparedness

- Life of Sociology Students at the Royal University of Phnom Penh:
- Two Field Work at each semester two of year II and III;
 - Most of the course books are in English;
 - Involve a lot of reading and translation from English to Khmer;
 - Either Morning or Afternoon shift for Sociology coursework (M-S);
 - Either half of the Morning or Afternoon for English Language Support Unit (1.5-2h/3days/week from year I-3);
 - Only top score students approx. top 3% of the class are allowed to participate in Thesis composition.
 - All of the thesis selected topic must be conducted solely.



Pros and Cons for taking Sociology

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- **Soft Skills.** *Communication, adaptability, team spirit, flexibility, Independent, Openness, Cross-culture.*
- **Core Skills.** *Research (Qual. & Quant.), and other applied fields (Health, Education, Economic, Politic, etc.)*
- **Job Market.** *abundant. Some got a job since Year I, semester II. Wider career path in various sectors—private, government, INGO/NGO.*

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- **Curriculum.** *Some complain for having no particular field of specialization.*
- **Material.** *Books are almost out of date and mostly are in English language; lack of reading resources; lack of computer labs for analyzing exercise.*
- **Teacher resource.** *Handful amount of lecturers and skills.*
- **Setting:** *Rupp Campus II, with severe noise pollution from nearby airport.*



Career Path

According to American Sociological Association, Career Path for Sociology:

A. Community & Service Professions

- Criminal justice
- Probation officer
- Community program specialist
- Investigations
- Rehabilitation officer
- Special programs officer
- Police officer
- Parole
- Activist

B. Health Services

- Family planning
- Health planning
- Insurance companies
- Substance abuse
- Hospital admissions
- Social work
- Counseling
- Case management
- Suicide prevention



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According to American Sociological Association, Career Path for Sociology:

C. Urban Planning

- City planner's office
- Recreation
- Environmental groups
- Rural planner
- Administration
- Consultant for urban planning
- Community development

D. Business/Management

- Marketing
- Human resources management
- Analyst.
- Public relations
- Corporate training and development
- Consumer research



Career Path

According to American Sociological Association, Career Path for Sociology:

E. Education

- Admissions
- Advising
- Alumni relations
- Placement offices

F. Research

- Consulting firms
- Health organizations
- Insurance companies
- Government agencies
- Universities and colleges.

G. Government Services

- At any levels and entities.



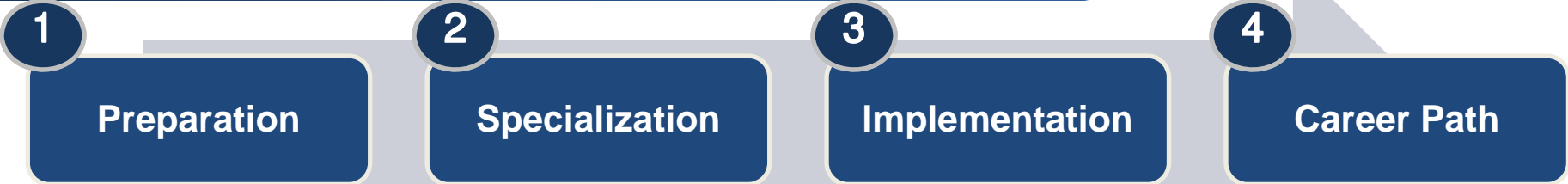
Cambodian Career Path

Below are Career Path of Cambodian graduates with Sociology degree from RUPP:

1. Research category (Field Researcher, Researcher, Monitoring and Evaluation, Data management)
2. Analytical category (Business Analyst, Political analyst)
3. Communication/ Coordination category
4. Various (Gov't, Private sector, INGO, NGO like UN)



The Road to Success



- Ask yourself whether such a career path matches with your personality
- IF YES, get ready to deal with MATH, esp. Statistic.
- Master Math and Khmer literature (Core requirement for a scholarship at RUPP)

- Beware of job market trend.
- Keep exploring your interest.
- Think further ahead which area in particular you might pursue for Master degree.

- Voluntary work
- Internship
- Recommended Internship Institutions (Cambodia Development Resource Institute, International Republican Institute, UN)

- Private Sector
- INGO/ NGO
- Gov't



Who Are We?



Major and Career Fair (M&C) was first established in 2011 to best prepare high school, freshmen and sophomore students for future job market through right major selection.



FUSAAC, an association blended Fulbright scholars and other United States program scholars to voluntarily work hand in hand for the development of Cambodia.



US Embassy in Phnom Penh, an entity uniquely establish and coordinate all state alumni to support development through advice, analysis, and technical assistance to our above mentioned association.



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