

# Associations for Psychology, Sociology, and Criminology Students

## Psychology Associations

### American Psychological Association (APA)

**Mission:** APA is the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, with more than 133,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students as its members. Our mission is to promote the advancement, communication, and application of psychological science and knowledge to benefit society and improve lives. We do this by utilizing psychology to make a positive impact on critical societal issues, elevating the public's understanding of, regard for, and use of psychology, preparing the discipline and profession of psychology for the future, and strengthening APA's standing as an authoritative voice for psychology.

**Membership:** \$35 student membership

**Leadership:** National and local membership

**Website:** <https://www.apa.org>

### Association for Psychological Science (APS)

**Mission:** APS is the scientific home of thousands of leading psychological science researchers, practitioners, teachers, and students from around the world. They are dedicated to advancing scientific psychology across disciplinary and geographic borders and committed to disseminating psychological science to the general public, promoting the integration of scientific perspectives across our diverse field and with other scientific disciplines, incentivizing global collaboration among researchers, and catalyzing the further development of psychological science.

**Membership:** \$43 student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

# Psychology Associations

## American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP)

**Mission:** The American Board of Professional Psychology is the primary organization for Specialty Board Certification in Psychology. The American Board of Professional Psychology serves the public by promoting the provision of quality psychological services through the examination and certification of professional psychologists engaged in specialty practice. There are currently 15 Specialty Boards and one Subspecialty Board.

**Membership:** \$25 early entry application

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://abpp.org/>

## National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

**Mission:** School psychologists are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. School psychologists partner with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community.

**Membership:** \$80 student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.nasponline.org>

## Illinois Psychological Association (IPA)

**Mission:** The purpose of the IPA shall be to advance psychology as a science and a profession and as a means of promoting human welfare by the encouragement of psychology in all its branches; by the continual improvement of the qualifications of psychologists through high standards of ethics, conduct, education and achievement; by expanding roles and opportunities for psychologists to serve the public within the field's emerging scope of scholarship and expertise; and by the increase and dissemination of psychological knowledge through meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussion, publications, electronic media, and current methods of communication.

**Membership:** \$15 student membership

**Leadership:** Local membership

**Website:** <https://illinoispsychology.org>

# Sociology/Criminology Associations

## Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

**Mission:** The Midwest Sociological Society, founded in 1936, is a professional organization of academic and applied sociologists as well as students of the discipline. Nearly 1300 scholars, students and practicing sociologists in universities, government and business belong to the organization. Known for its accessible but rigorous meetings, the MSS encompasses nine states – Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, South Dakota and North Dakota. However, more than one-third of the members are from other parts of the nation and the world.

**Membership:** \$25 student membership

**Leadership:** Local membership

**Website:** <https://www.themss.org>

## American Sociological Association (ASA)

**Mission:** The American Sociological Association, founded in 1905, is the national professional membership association for sociologists and others who are interested in sociology. ASA members include students, faculty working in a full range of institutions, and people working in government agencies and nonprofit and private sector organizations. ASA's mission is to serve sociologists in their work, advance sociology as a science and profession, and promote the contributions and use of sociology to society.

**Membership:** \$52 student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.asanet.org>

## The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence

**Mission:** Five women from four different human service organizations started The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network (now, The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence) in 1980. All organizations focused on women who had experienced domestic violence and their children. The founders sought to organize community resources to provide better options for women impacted by domestic violence. They soon realized the advantages of creating a network that could facilitate communication and advocate on behalf of survivors at the city and state level. The partnership sought to include a wide variety of domestic violence services including shelters, counseling, legal services, and advocacy and policy efforts. After several meetings, The Network formally launched with the four agencies as official members and 41 agencies joining as participating organizations.

**Membership:** \$100 annual membership

**Leadership:** Individual membership

**Website:** <https://the-network.org>

# Sociology/Criminology Associations

## Chicago Votes

**Mission:** At Chicago Votes, we believe in the potential of our generation to use organizing and advocacy to change politics as usual. We utilize these tools to develop the next generation of young leaders in Chicago. We bring together young, driven Chicagoans who are ready to get their hands dirty and learn the grassroots basics of our democracy. Want to learn how to organize large-scale volunteer events (we got ya!), oversee a massive voter registration drive (you bet!), throw an awesome panel/debate/conference (who doesn't?) We're committed to educating, training, and empowering the next generation of Chicagoans and have designed our programs to act as springboards for young leaders to enter the life of political and public service.

**Membership:** : Free to volunteer

**Leadership:** Local leadership

**Website:** <https://chicagovotes.com>

## American Society of Criminology (ASC)

**Mission:** The American Society of Criminology is an international organization whose members pursue scholarly, scientific, and professional knowledge concerning the measurement, etiology, consequences, prevention, control, and treatment of crime and delinquency. The Society's objectives are to encourage the exchange, in a multidisciplinary setting, of those engaged in research, teaching, and practice so as to foster criminological scholarship, and to serve as a forum for the dissemination of criminological knowledge. Our membership includes students, practitioners, and academicians from the many fields of criminal justice and criminology.

**Membership:** \$55 annual student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://asc41.com>

## The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

**Mission:** The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. ACJS promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for scholars who are international in scope and multidisciplinary in orientation, professionals from all sectors of the criminal justice system, and students seeking to explore the criminal justice field as future scholars or practitioners.

**Membership:** \$40 annual student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.acjs.org>

# Sociology/Criminology Honor Societies

## Pi Gamma Mu

**Mission:** Founded in 1924, Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society. The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the Social Sciences and to uphold and nurture scholarship, leadership, and service. Pi Gamma Mu serves the various social science disciplines which seek to understand and explain human behavior and social relationships as well as their related problems and issues. Currently, there are around 150 active chapters in the United States and overseas..

**Membership:** \$75 lifelong membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.pigammamu.org/index.html>

## Phi Iota Alpha

**Mission:** Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity is committed to the development of professional leaders through shared experiences and fostered lifelong brotherhood. These men continuously promote the ideals of Pan Americanism via intellectual dialogue, cultural awareness, and community service.

**Membership:** \$150 semester membership (undergraduate, \$150 annual alumni membership)

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.phiota.org>

## Alpha Kappa Delta

**Mission:** Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) is the International Sociology Honor Society. Founded in 1920 at the University of Southern California, Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in the scholarship in the study of social problems, sociology, and intellectual activities that lead to the improvement in the human condition. Alpha Kappa Delta is also affiliated with the American Sociological Association (ASA).

**Membership:** \$50 lifetime membership fee

**Leadership:** Local and National membership

**Website:** <https://alphakappadelta.org>