



## SOCIOLOGY

Sociology examines human behavior in different social and cultural contexts. If you are curious about why people act the way they do, or if your career goals will be enhanced by understanding group processes, social trends and cultural differences, then you will benefit from the study of sociology.

At Illinois Wesleyan University, your Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology prepares you for a career in business or human services or lays the groundwork for graduate and professional study. Your curriculum begins with background courses in theory and research methods. Then, working closely with a faculty advisor, you develop a program tailored to your individual interests; it may include courses on marriage and family, criminology, or social welfare and human services. During your senior year, you participate in a research project that is a culmination of all of the knowledge you have gained as a sociology major.

With a major in sociology, you benefit from our university-wide emphasis on the liberal arts. You take classes from several disciplines outside your major, including English, psychology, and foreign language. You may complement your major with a minor in Spanish, business, international studies or environmental studies. These courses help you to develop various interests and strong communications skills.

### LEARNING FROM A QUALITY FACULTY

Learning is enhanced at Illinois Wesleyan by the quality of instruction and personal attention you receive from our faculty. Our sociology instructors represent a variety of specialties and have excellent reputations in the profession. They work closely with you, answering your questions in and out of class, acting as your academic advisor, guiding your research, and supervising your internship.

- ▶ **Dr. Teodora Amoloza** teaches courses in statistics, research methods, and development studies. Her research focuses on women in developing societies.
- ▶ **Dr. Venus Evans-Winters** holds a Masters degree in School Social Work and a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies, with a specialization in the Sociology of Education. Her areas of research interests are urban education, the study of culture, feminist theory, and qualitative research methods.
- ▶ **Dr. Chris Prendergast** teaches courses in social theory, social organization, and urban sociology. His research is concentrated on the concept of social structure.
- ▶ **Dr. Georganne Rundblad**, the department chair, teaches courses in gender, family, race and ethnic relations, and visual sociology. Her research interests include women and men in sex-nontraditional occupations.
- ▶ **Dr. James Sikora** teaches courses in juvenile delinquency, criminology, and social problems. His research projects take students into the local community.

### PUTTING YOUR LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

Internships form an important part of the Illinois Wesleyan sociology program. We have successfully placed our students in many government, business, and human service settings in the local community. A few recent placements include police departments, the coroner's office, drug and alcohol abuse

The most distinctive feature of the Illinois Wesleyan University sociology department is its versatility. Many students are attracted to sociology because they feel they want to help people but are not sure how to do so. Others are undecided about their career plans and would like a major that will enable them to take any of a number of many different paths. We aid these students by putting together individualized programs, in areas such as social services, criminology, urban and community development, or business, that reflect their interests and the current job market.

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Professor of Sociology

programs, child care centers, and public and private health centers. Through an internship, you will receive practical work experience while earning college credit, and your placement may help you think about your career choices.

In addition, you may take advantage of special study programs around the country and overseas. Sociology majors have served as a clerk for the House of Parliament in London and a survey research-computer programmer for the Department of Energy at the Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Laboratory. You may also spend a semester in Chicago participating in the Urban Studies Program.

## YOUR PROFESSIONAL FUTURE

Sociology graduates enjoy a wide variety of careers. Our alumni are employed as counselors, agency heads, personnel managers, social workers, and criminal justice workers. Many have chosen to continue their education at major universities nation-wide. Whatever professional direction you choose, the education you receive at Illinois Wesleyan will help you make an important contribution to society.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the academic program and the faculty visit our website at:

<http://www2.iwu.edu/academics/departments>

Sociology: <http://titan.iwu.edu/~soc/>

## SUGGESTED FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM IN SOCIOLOGY

### FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	May Term
Gateway Colloquium	100-level Sociology	Elective
Classical or Modern Language	Classical or Modern Language	
Formal Reasoning	Life Science or Natural Science Lab	
Cultural and Historical Change	Fine Arts	

### SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	May Term
200-level Sociology	200-level Sociology	Elective or Travel
Psychology 100, 101, or 218	Economics 100	
Life Science or Physical Science	Contemporary Social Institutions	
Literature	Elective	

### THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	May Term
Social Statistics 227	History of Social Thought 290	Travel
Methods of Social Research 327	200- or 300-level Sociology	
Analysis of Values	Electives	
Elective		

### FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Internship 397 or	Senior Seminar 492
Independent Study 450	Electives
300-level Sociology	
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