Are you planning to pursue a career that involves dealing with group dynamics, keeping up on social trends, or navigating cultural diversity, here or abroad?

**Then you need to study sociology!**

Sociologists are social scientists who use sophisticated research methods to gather and analyze data on groups, institutions, beliefs, and experiences to understand how societies work. Students are often attracted to sociology because of a passion for social justice, a desire to understand different groups or cultures, and a need to understand organizations or institutions.

**Why Study Sociology at Illinois Wesleyan?**

- Working with their advisor, majors and minors in sociology craft an individualized program of study, which may include an internship and independent study courses, as well as a semester in Chicago or abroad.
- The program exposes students to research methods in the social sciences, which are useful for careers in social services, business, and advocacy.
- In Senior Research and Honors Projects, students design a research plan on a topic they choose, conduct their study, analyze their findings, write a formal paper, and give an oral presentation, developing useful and broadly applicable skills throughout the process.

**Learn From Quality Faculty**

- **Dr. Teodora Amoloza, Professor of Sociology**  
  Ph.D.—University of Nebraska — Lincoln  
  Teaches courses in statistics, research methods and communities. Her interest is on gender and globalization and her current work focuses on Asia, specifically on sending IWU students on fully-supported internships in East and Southeast Asia.

- **Dr. Meghan Burke, Associate Professor of Sociology**  
  Ph.D.—Loyola University — Chicago  
  Teaches courses in race and racism, community, and social theory. Her research interests focus on how national discourses around race are enacted in local settings.

- **Todd Fuist, Assistant Professor of Sociology**  
  Ph.D.—Loyola University — Chicago  
  Teaches courses in social movements and politics, criminology, and media/popular culture. His research examines how social movements develop strategies for change.

**A Sampling of Courses Offered by Sociology:**

- Action Research Seminar  
- Environmental Sociology  
- Communities and Urban Society  
- Criminology  
- Grant Writing  
- Media and Society  
- Marriage and Family  
- Youth Subcultures  
- The Profession of Social Work  
- Race and Racism  
- Sex and Gender in Society  
- Social Welfare and Human Services

**Upcoming May Term Courses in Sociology:**

- Field Research Experience  
- Critical Hits: Gaming, Culture, and Society
The most distinctive feature of the Illinois Wesleyan University sociology program 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 different paths. We aid these students by putting together individualized programs in areas such as social services, criminology, urban and community development, and business that reflect their interests and the current job market.”

Dr. James Sikora
Emeritus Professor of Sociology