Some of the most effective leaders and interesting characters in U.S. history—President Ronald Reagan, First Lady Michelle Obama, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Jackson, and Dan Ackroyd—were all sociology majors.

The study of sociology gives you powerful and innovative ways to think about and analyze human systems and behaviors. At IIT, you will study how technology, science, the built environment, social networks, and organizational structures shape the human experience. You will learn that things we commonly take for granted—morality, gender roles, the workings of the market, and even the notion of individuality—are produced through human interaction. You will be challenged to understand how contemporary sociology is incubating fresh approaches to problems both local and global, theoretical and applied.
The IIT Advantage

Studying sociology at IIT, which is most well-known for its technology-focused programs, offers you the unique opportunity to collaborate with your friends in engineering, architecture, computer science, business or life sciences. Our interdisciplinary approach culminates in the Interprofessional Projects Program (IPRO), which brings together student teams from across disciplines to solve a common problem. With technology playing an increasingly central role in our daily lives, having this hands-on collaborative experience gives our students a big advantage in the job market.

Not to mention, living in the heart of Chicago is an extraordinary education in and of itself!

After IIT

The unique combination of abilities you gain at IIT will help you jumpstart a career that makes a practical difference in the world. Here are some of the fields our graduates enter:

- Public relations
- Diplomacy
- Education
- Criminal justice
- Non-profit sector advocacy
- Human services
- Government
- Consulting

I had no idea what Sociology was until I signed up for an entry-level course my freshman year. From that moment, I became fascinated by the discipline. Sociology describes the world that’s under our noses. In some cases we understand it deep down, but in other cases we find that what we thought of as simple and straightforward is actually a complex system of relationships that have developed through time. That breadth of perspective is what caught my attention and kept me signing up for courses in the department.

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