Your Future at Illinois Tech

HUMAN SCIENCES

CUSTOMIZED.

Technology is playing an increasingly large role in shaping how we look at our world—what we do and how we do it. In Lewis College of Human Sciences, we explore and explain what is happening as technology reshapes the real and virtual places where we live, work, and play. We use evidence-based methods to separate opinion from information and fad from fact.

Social consciousness is at the heart of our programs. Our students are well versed in the hard work required to improve our world. You will be challenged to think critically, and will strive to solve complex human problems with the aid of sophisticated technology. At the same time, our programs emphasize the free spirit and broad perspectives traditionally reserved for the liberal arts. You will gain practical experience alongside faculty who are dedicated to bridging the gap between theory and application, ideas and action.

WORK IN THE LABORATORY OF OUR SOCIAL WORLD

At Lewis College you'll approach your chosen field as a scientist, with an investigative, discerning eye. Our university's focus on science and technology will support you in developing valuable skills, including technical research, data analysis, and digital communication. With a background in scientific thinking, you'll be offering what today's employers most urgently seek: an innovative employee with excellent problem-solving skills.

CHECK OUT THE LEWIS COLLEGE ADVANTAGE

Though hundreds of colleges and universities offer programs in the humanities, psychology, and social sciences, our students have the distinct advantage of studying alongside engineers, architects, scientists, and businesspeople. We offer a select group of students the environment to explore their full potential.

At Lewis College of Human Sciences you will:

- Share your passions with a faculty mentor. We regard mentoring and cross-disciplinary networking as cornerstones of our distinctive education.
- Engage in meaningful discussions with other inquisitive people. We purposely keep our classes small to increase your interaction with some of the best professors in the country.
- Participate in research projects. This real-world, practical experience will help launch your career or get you into the graduate program of your choice.
- Accelerate your professional advancement by opting to complete a dual-degree program. Specific options are listed on the opposite panel.
- Take part in collaborative, Interprofessional (IPRO) Projects Program. These team assignments bring together students, faculty, and industry representatives from a variety of disciplines to develop integrated solutions to real-world problems.

RELEVANT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

In Lewis College you'll have many chances to get involved in exciting, timely, and significant research projects. You'll be able to immediately apply what you have learned in class and gain a critical advantage when you enter the workforce. Our faculty are working on topics that have local, national, and global significance.

A sample of current topics includes:

- Interventions that leverage technology to promote healthier choices (physical activity, healthy eating, etc.) (Arien Moller)
- Science and technology policy, international relations, the global political economy, and comparative politics; policy and relations in Korea and Taiwan (Matthew Shapiro)
- New media technologies, digital culture, and video game design, including gender and violence in video games (Carly Kocurek)
- Understanding stigma and prejudice, specifically how social environments can pressure people to exclude or hurt others, or support those with a stigmatized identity (Nicole Legate)

LEWIS COLLEGE OPTIONS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in:
- Applied Analytics
- Behavioral Health and Wellness
- Biology/Psychological Science Dual Degree
- Communication
- Digital Humanities
- Global Studies
- Humanities
- Psychological Science
- Social and Economic Development Policy

DUAL ADMISSION HONORS LAW PROGRAM

Lewis College of Human Sciences also offers a special curriculum that allows you to obtain both an undergraduate degree at Illinois Tech and Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law in six years instead of seven. Students in all undergraduate degree programs at Illinois Tech are eligible to participate in this program.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

While earning a B.S. in Social and Economic Development Policy you can also request admission to the Stuart School of Business Master of Public Administration program, which allows you to receive a dual degree in five years. By taking advantage of our accelerated program in psychology, you can complete a B.S. in Psychological Science and apply for the M.S. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology program or the M.S. in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program in your senior year, allowing you to complete a graduate degree in a shorter period of time.
Illinois Tech’s location in Chicago, one of the world’s most dynamic cities, gives you plenty of opportunities for practical experience before you graduate. From schools and Fortune 500 corporations to social service agencies and the renowned Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, you’ll find many opportunities for field placements, internships, and co-ops. Study abroad options are also available.

GREAT JOBS IN GREAT PLACES

Graduates of Lewis College find career paths in many fields—business, advertising, digital media, public policy, education, government, and human resources—and at organizations such as:

- Charles Schwab & Co.
- UChicago Medicine
- Groupon
- World Bank
- Deloitte Consulting
- Microsoft
- Abbott Laboratories
- Chicago Sun-Times

“I really appreciate my academic training from Illinois Tech, because it has allowed me to help countless people bridge the gap between knowledge and action. A doctor can tell you what you need to do to improve your or your child’s quality of life but is not typically able to walk a family through that process. I am in a position to actually help people make different choices. That feels great.”

— Tiffany Cobb (Psychology ’00, M.S. ’04, Ph.D. ’10)
Pediatric neuropsychologist at Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare, St. Paul, Minnesota

“The flexibility of the Applied Analytics program was most appealing. I was able to cover communications, economics, business, computer science, and information and technology management courses. I was also able to choose if I wanted my courses to be computer science or information and technology focused. The flexibility of the program gave me the freedom to choose my electives.”

— Cory Winiecki (Applied Analytics ’16)