

UWO SOCIOLOGY

Student Spotlight



Brianna Jackson

Class of 2017

Hometown:

Fort Knox, KY

Major: Sociology

- Why did you choose sociology as your major?

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh senior sociology major Brianna Jackson of Fort Knox, Kentucky began her college career as an education major until taking an interim sociology class with associate professor Orlee Hauser. "That class just changed me and helped me see what I truly am passionate about, and that is human rights," Jackson said.

- What are some of the key things that you have gotten out of the major?

Jackson originally came to UW Oshkosh for the beautiful campus, the size of the University and her interest in playing softball. Now, as a senior, Jackson said her education has shown her how to speak up and make her voice heard. "I've learned to always keep an open mind and to use my privilege to be a voice for those who are silenced," Jackson said. "I hope to find a career path that gives me the opportunity to help educate those who are not understanding of the root causes of social issues, and to help those who are at the receiving end of those social issues."

- What other activities have you been engaged in?

In addition to majoring in sociology, Jackson is the student director for the Campus Awareness for Relationship Education (CARE), a peer education student organization focused on raising awareness and preventing sexual assault, dating violence and harassment on campus.

- What are some of your other interests?

Outside the classroom, Jackson has spent the last two years as a nanny for two boys. She loves to spend time with family and friends, pet dogs and play sports.

