

UWO
SOCIOLOGY
*Student
Spotlight*



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Distinguished Sociology
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- **Why did you choose sociology as your major?** I chose sociology for my major because I wanted to study something that intrigues me and I wanted to help people, I realized I could do that with sociology. Sociology studies life through its social elements and attempts to uncover what is hidden in society. This made me question agreed upon parts of my life and the broader world and ask why, but then also be able to trace the evidence and identify root causes. Everything can be studied from a social perspective and that's one of the things I love most about sociology.
- **What are some of the key things that you have gotten out of the major?** Some of the most valuable things I got from majoring in the sociology program are being able to talk to people from different backgrounds and having the ability to see the big picture, as well as specific parts of a situation. Studying sociology has really challenged me to be an active citizen and to seek out different experiences beyond my own comfort zone. I seek a more ethical life and way of living because of what I've learned through the courses, working on research, and intangible skills and tools for all aspects of life.
- **What other activities have you been engaged in?** I've been on the executive board of Sociology Club for the past two years, as the Vice President and as the President. In my role I organize club meetings, events, and resources for sociology students. Sociology Club's goal is to provide an inclusive community for students interested in Sociology. I been able to work on research projects with Dr. Van Auken and Dr. Bohr, both of which have provided me with some of my most important experiences in my sociology career. The first project focuses on refugee resettlement in the Fox Valley and there are several other people on the research team. The other project focuses on analyzing patterns in Twitter feeds of Congress members and data from their respective districts.
- **What are some of your other interests?** I take joy in reading, writing, and talking with people, especially my friends but also other people. Listening to music and podcasts and crafting, particularly cross stitching, are a few of my other hobbies.
- **What your plans for the future?** After graduation I plan continuing to work alongside Dr. Van Auken and Dr. Bohr on our respective research projects. I would like to use my sociological skills in careers in research and social services.

