

UWO SOCIOLOGY

Student Spotlight



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Class of: 2018

Hometown: Merrill

Major: Sociology
(Human Diversity &
Social Inequality
emphasis)

- **Why did you choose sociology as your major?** I chose sociology as my major after taking an intro to sociology course at UW-Marathon County. My professor, Ann Herda-Rapp, was a huge influence and introduced me to a new way of learning and thinking. If it wasn't for Ann, I would have never met the amazing and dedicated professors here at UWO, and for that I am extremely grateful.
- **What are some of the key things that you have gotten out of the major? Where do I even begin?** From day one, the sociology professors have not only challenged me academically, but also personally. They have enhanced my sociological imagination by forcing me to think critically and see the world from a different perspective. The department also pushed me to notice my strengths and encouraged me to present at the WSA conference – something I never would have done. The last, and most refreshing thing I received from the major was being able to apply sociological concepts and ideas outside of the classroom in an internship setting.
- **What other activities have you been engaged in?** This last semester I attended the WSA conference and presented my senior seminar research study. I am working to submit two research studies to Oshkosh Scholar. I am a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and also the Honor Society. I also volunteer at the Lincoln County humane society.
- **What are some of your other interests?** Outside of school I love going to concerts and music festivals. I enjoy going to local breweries and drinking craft beer. During the winter I drag race at the Merrill Ice Drags on Lake Alexander. I like tattoos and have many of my own. I am a huge fan of sushi. Finally, I like the outdoors, such as running, skydiving and zip lining.
- **What are your plans for the future?** For the most part I am undecided about my future. I am interested in counseling, either with youth or AODA patients. I also see myself working for local non-profits as a grant writer or youth mentor. Another field I am interested in is consumer, and or marketing research. I may also go onto graduate school and pursue a master's degree.