

UWO SOCIOLOGY

Student Spotlight



Amber Heller

Class of: 2018

Hometown: Racine

Major: Sociology
and Social Work

- **Why did you choose sociology as your major? Originally, sociology was only supposed to be my minor, that is until I enrolled in Soc 317 with Dr. Son. Dr. Son was able to see my potential, and always commented on me having a “sociological way of thinking.” Dr. Son encouraged me to pursue Sociology as a major. Once Dr. Son and I sat down and went over my STAR report, we noticed that I only needed a few more sociology credits to graduate with BS in Sociology, as well as still have the same expected graduation date. So here I am (:**
- **What are some of the key things that you have gotten out of the major? Choosing sociology as a major was not only about the number of credits to fill a semester, I was really able to gain qualities that I can apply to my everyday life, such as critical reasoning, communication skills, as well as respect for human diversity. Amongst these skills, I was able to learn about social differences, sociological theory, and qualitative research.**
- **What other activities have you been engaged in? Since being a student at UWO I have participated in many clubs and organizations, such as the Black Student Union, the Student Social Work Association, Circle K, as well as Oshkosh Student Alliance in which I served as a member to advocate on policies, and interests relating to both academic and non-academic issues. I have most recently been inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success, which is the nation's largest leadership honor society.**
- **What are some of your other interests? I am interested in giving back to the community, and doing volunteer work. I love ELEPHANTS! I plan on traveling to South Africa this summer where I am able to volunteer at animal/elephant sanctuaries, in hopes of actually being able to care for the elephants as well.**
- **What are your plans for the future? Upon graduating this spring, I plan on getting a job at a nonprofit organization; I am not sure which population that I want to work with yet, maybe juveniles. My backup plan is going to grad school to get my masters in Social Work. One day, I plan on opening a homeless shelter, or some type of group home.**