

# UWO SOCIOLOGY

## Student Spotlight



## Ariannah Albrecht

Class of: 2018

Hometown:  
Howards Grove

Major: Sociology

Minor: Social Justice with  
an emphasis in prejudice  
and discrimination

- **Why did you choose sociology as your major?** I've always been interested in people's behavior so at first I was a psychology major, but then after taking a sociology class at UW-Sheboygan my professor there told me that I would have more opportunities as a sociology major. So I transferred here and claimed my major as sociology not really knowing a whole lot about it. Then after taking sociology classes my first semester, I fell in love! I became intrigued with the fundamentals of sociology and every class I take shows me that this is the major I was destined for.
- **What are some of the key things that you have gotten out of the major?** To start off, I have learned more from this major than I have in all of my years in school. In sociology we learned about our two core commitments, those being social activism and having a sociological imagination. I relate these to my two favorite quotes: "Be the change you wish to see in the world" –Ghandi, and "open your mind before your mouth" –unknown. When I think about social activism, I think about how we need to stop relying on someone else to do whatever it is we complain about. We need to be that person, be that change. When I think about having a sociological imagination I know that it is about looking at life with a different perspective so the quote reminds me to think first and not make any assumptions. I have obviously learned more than just that from this major and I can't wait to see what this last semester teaches me!
- **What other activities have you been engaged in?** I am the Vice President of Sociology Club as well as the Secretary of the Dance Team. This year I also joined the sign language club and I really enjoyed it as well as learned a lot of signs and a lot about the language. With the sociology club and dance team, I organize the fundraisers we do throughout the year. Aside from my clubs I have attended many on campus events and keynote speakers.
- **What are some of your other interests?** I love to dance! I am a dance teacher back in Sheboygan so when I'm not dancing here on the team, I am coaching teams there. I love sleeping and taking naps as well as hanging out with my friends. I'm quite a busy person so when I do have free time I like to watch my favorite shows on Netflix (New Girl, Criminal Minds, Friends).
- **What are your plans for the future?** After graduation I am doing a program in the AmeriCorps called City Year where I will be working in an inner city school that has a lower proficiency in Math and English. I will be working with the students and the teachers creating lesson plans to help the children succeed. Our goal is to help and support the students to keep them on track to graduate high school. After I finish my term I'm not exactly sure what I will do, but I am excited to see what I gain from this experience. I plan to stay true to my goal