

Department of

Sociology & Social Work



University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
College of Letters & Science

Mission Statement

Sociology

To prepare students to use the sociological imagination in developing a critical understanding of interaction among individuals, groups, and institutions within and between societies;

To prepare students for effective and responsible participation in society;

To prepare students for professional fields related to sociology and social work;

To prepare students for graduate study in sociology and social work.

Social Work

To prepare students for entry level generalist social work practice, attending to the needs and resources of diverse populations;

To impart an understanding of global issues (such as oppression) that affect the human condition;

To prepare students to be competent, professional community leaders who implement humane social policies, services, and programs;

To prepare students to seek social and economic justice for individuals, families, groups, communities, and the broader global societies;

To foster commitment to the well being of residents of rural central Wisconsin communities;

To promote the sovereignty and cultural integrity of Native American communities of north-central Wisconsin.

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Facilities

Our classrooms are equipped with the most up-to-date teaching technology available. Faculty offices and most classes are in the Collins Classroom Center. Academic computing facilities are modern and include social science statistical packages such as SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). The sociology and social work collections and related holdings in the library are very well suited to undergraduate course and research needs and include access to full-text online professional journals.

Community organizations and agencies serving youth, elderly, and other residents in need of assistance are important resources for field experience courses and internships for sociology and social work students.

The department houses the Community Research Center, the Center for the Small City, and the Telephone Research Center, providing students with hands-on experience conducting social science research and extra-curricular educational opportunities such as conferences, symposia, and lectures on topics of current interest.



Department of Sociology & Social Work

Majors, Minors, Concentrations, Emphases

Program Name	Type	Teacher Certified?	Min. Credits	Listed on Trans	Advisor/Coord
Sociology	Major	yes*	34	Yes	Soc. Faculty
Social Work	Major	no	39	Yes	S. Smart A. Boelk
Sociology	Minor	yes*	18	Yes	Soc. Faculty
Gerontology	Minor	no	24	Yes	R. Enright
Social Science in Health	Minor	no	24	Yes	E.J. Clark
Adult Life & Aging	Concentration	no	43-49	Yes	R. Enright
Applied Sociology	Concentration	no	16	Yes	G. Itzkowitz
Deviance/ Social Control	Emp.	no	34	No**	D. DeBoer
Family/ Socialization	Emp.	no	34	No**	K. Lamb
Community/ Environment	Emp.	no	34	No**	R. Wolensky

* Additional credits in Education and other requirements must be completed to meet the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) certification standards. Contact the School of Education in the College of Professional Studies for current information.

** If requested by the student, the Sociology & Social Work Department will file a certificate of completion for an emphasis with the Office of Registration and Records and provide a copy of that certificate to the student.

Faculty

ALDEN, HELENA, Assistant Professor

B.A., University of South Florida;
M.A., Ph.D., University of Florida.

Specializations: Gender
Sexuality
Social Psychology
Sociological Theory

BOELK, AMY, Associate Professor

B.S.W., University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; M.S.S.W., University of Wisconsin-Madison; Ph.D., University of Texas - Austin.

Specializations: Aging
Death/Dying
Health Care

[Coordinator of Social Work Field Placement]

CLARK, EUGENE J., Professor

B.A., University of Montana; M.S., Montana State University; Ph.D., Louisiana State University.

Specializations: Environmental Sociology
Medical Sociology
Research Methods & Statistics
Social Gerontology

[Coordinator of the minor in Social Science in Health]

DE BOER, DOROTHY, Associate Professor

B.S., Northern Michigan University; M.A., Minnesota State University-Mankato; Ph.D., Southern Illinois-Carbondale.

Specializations: Deviance
Criminology
Social Psychology
Gender Issues

ENRIGHT, ROBERT B. JR., Professor and Department Chair

B.A., University of California, Berkeley;
M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago.

Specializations: Social Gerontology
Population
Research Methods
Community/Urban Sociology
Social Psychology

[Coordinator of the minor in Gerontology and Applied Sociology Field Placement]

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Faculty continued...

FORBES, DOUG, Associate Professor

B.S. Ed., Southwest Texas State University; M.A.T., Southwest Texas State University; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin.

Specializations: Demography, Medical Sociology,
Survey Research, Race / Ethnic Relations,
Academic Assessment.

ITZKOWITZ, GARY, Professor

B.A., Ph.D., The American University, Washington, D.C.

Specializations: Applied Sociology
Sociological Theory
Social Stratification
Poverty & Welfare

[Coordinator of the Concentration in Applied Sociology]

[Director of the Community Research Center]

LAMB, KATHY, Associate Professor

B.A., Bluffton College; M.A., Ph.D., Bowling Green State University.

Specializations: Family Demography
Childhood
Adolescence
Global/Comparative Families

SMART, ALTON (SONNY), Professor

B.S., UW-Milwaukee; M.S.W., University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Specializations: Family
Child Welfare
Indian Child Welfare
Social Work
Social Work with Culturally Diverse Families

[Director of Social Work Program]

WOLENSKY, ROBERT P., Professor

B.A., Villanova University; M.A., Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University.

Specializations: Community/Urban Sociology
Industrial/Economic Sociology
Environmental Sociology

[Co-Director, Center for the Small City]

[Co-Coordinator of the minor in Small City Analysis]

Emeriti Faculty

BISHOP, E. SHERWOOD, Professor

B.A., Lakeland College; M.A., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Ph.D., Florida State University.

Specializations: Social Psychology
Sociology of Mental Health
Sociological Theory

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Faculty continued...

FISH, VIRGINIA KEMP, Professor Emeritus

B.A., University of Minnesota; M.A., Central Michigan University;
Ph.D., Western Michigan University.

Specializations: Sociology of Gender Roles
Social Stratification
Political Sociology
Sociology of Deviance

MOFFATT, JOHN E., Professor Emeritus

A.B., Ripon College; M.A., Ph.D., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Specializations: Sociological Theory
Deviance and Disorganization
Research Methods and Statistics
Social Psychology

SKELTON, GAIL J., Professor Emeritus

B.A., M.A., Case Western Reserve University.

Specializations: Family
Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
Race and Ethnic Groups

THROCKMORTON, KIRBY L., Professor Emeritus

B.A., Northeast Missouri State University; M.A., University of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee; Ph.D., Western Michigan University.

Specializations: Race and Ethnic Groups
Research Methods and Statistics
Complex Organization
Technology and Social Problems



Sociology Overview

Sociology Major:

A major in Sociology consists of 34 credits. The following core courses are required:

- Sociology 101 - Introduction to Sociology
- Sociology 350 - Sociological Theory
- Sociology 351 - Social Statistics
- Sociology 352 - Research Methods

At least eighteen credits must be earned in courses numbered 300 and above. The remaining credits may be completed from any electives. For teacher certification in sociology, the requirements are the same as above. Please consult the Education section of your UWSP Catalog for additional requirements for teacher certification and admission to the Professional Education Program.

Employment Opportunities:

The major in sociology is useful for preparing for careers in community and human service, law enforcement, criminal justice, public service, teaching, research, business, and management.

Some students use the bachelor's degree as preparation for master's and Ph.D. programs. Entry level positions for bachelor's degree majors in sociology are most numerous in the public sector and may involve social services, program planning, development and evaluation, agency-based or outreach services, survey research, and statistical analysis.

Sociology is also used as a liberal arts foundation in combination with other specialties in such diverse fields as advertising, business, counseling, engineering, journalism, law and criminal justice, medicine, planning, public affairs, radio/TV, religion, and social services.



Career Opportunities:

This brief list is offered as a set of varied examples of what sociology graduates can do. A very extensive listing and summary of research published by the American Sociological Association is available at the department office. Visiting the ASA web site may also answer many of your questions: www.asanet.org

Adoption Agent	Market Research Analyst
Advertising Agent	Marriage and Family Therapist
AODA Case Worker	Medical Records Librarian
Camp Counselor	Mental Health Agent
Child Welfare Officer	News Reporter
City Planner	Peace Corps Volunteer
College Placement Officer	Personnel/Employment Officer
Community Organization Director	Pharmaceutical Sales Rep
Compensation/Benefits Worker	Photographer
Computer Programmer	Police Officer
Conservation Specialist	Policy Analyst
Coop Extension Service Planner	Probation and Parole Worker
Corrections Officer	Proofreader
Criminologist	Public Health Educator
Customs & Immigration Inspector	Public Opinion Surveyor
Data Analyst	Public Relations Manager
Delinquency Counselor	Recreation Director
Ecologist	Red Cross Worker
Editor & Editorial Writer	Rehabilitation Counselor
Employment Interviewer	Research Assistant
Food and Drug Inspector	Retail Manager
Foreign Service Worker	Salesperson
Forestry Aide	School Counselor
Fund Raiser/Development Officer	Secret Service Agent
Gerontologist	Social Movements Organizer
Girl Scout Professional Worker	Social Scientist
Group Worker	Statistician
Guidance Counselor	Systems/Prgm Specialist
Health Care Worker	Theater Manager
Hospital Administrator	Travel Agency Supervisor
Human Resources Administrator	Urban Planner
Independent Living Trainer	Vocational Counselor
Insurance Actuary	Welfare Counselor
Journalist	YMCA/YWCA Program Coordinator

Sociology: Four Year Sequence

Suggested course of study for B.A. or B.S. in Sociology:

Year One

Fall Semester

Credits

Sociology 101	3
English 101	3
Gen Ed	7-11

13-17

Spring Semester

English 102	3
Soc 102 or Gen Ed	3
Gen Ed	7-9

13-15

Year Two

Fall Semester

Sociology Elective	3
Gen Ed	10-13

13-16

Spring Semester

Sociology Elective	3
Gen Ed	11

14-17

Year Three

Fall Semester

Sociology Elective	3
Sociology Elective	3
Sociology Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

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Spring Semester

Sociology 350	3
Sociology Elective	3
Sociology Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

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Year Three

Fall Semester

Sociology 351	4
Sociology Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

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Spring Semester

Sociology 352	3
Sociology Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective(optional).....	3

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Social Work Major:

The major in Social Work consists of 55 credits in core social work, required supporting courses, and electives.*

Required GDR courses: Soc 101 or 102;

Economics 110; **Principles of Macroeconomics**

Political Science 101 **American Politics**

Psychology 110 **Introduction to Psychology**

Communications 280 **Introduction to Interpersonal Communication**

Social Work Core Courses (39 credits minimum):

SW261/SOC 261 Introduction to Social Work and the Social Services Field

SW/Soc262 Social Welfare Policies and Programs

SW316 Child Welfare Practice

SW359 Social Work Methods: Casework

SW361 Social Work Methods: Groups and Families

SW362 Social Work Methods: Community Organization and Social Service Administration

SW/Soc363 Social Services in Rural Communities

SW/Soc364 Social Services in Native American Communities

SW365 Social Work with Native American and Other Culturally Diverse Families

SW/SOC 376 Human Behavior and Social Environment

SW494 (8 credits) Social Work Practicum

SW 495 Social Work Practicum Seminar

Supporting courses (10 credits):

Soc 350 Sociological Theory

Soc 351 Social Statistics

Soc 352 Research Methods

Electives, 6 credits from the following options:

Any course with a SOC or SW prefix not already noted above

*Students with a major in Social Work may apply Sociology courses toward the completion of a major in Sociology.

Students wishing to complete a social work major must formally apply to the program. Applications are accepted once per semester, and students ideally apply at the end of their sophomore year. Students who declare a social work major prior to being formally accepted into the program will be titled intended majors until successful application and acceptance into the social work major. Please see the Department of Sociology and Social Work website and the UWSP Course Catalog for information on the admission requirements and application process.

Employment Opportunities:

The social work major prepares students for entry level positions in a number of social service agencies and organizations in multiple areas, including but

not limited to developmental disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, child welfare, aging, poverty, homelessness, corrections, and medical services. The major also prepares students for entry into graduate school in social work and to sit for the state certification exam in social work (certified social worker).

Career Opportunities:

This brief list is offered as a set of varied examples of what social work graduates can do. For more information on career opportunities in social work, visit the National Association of Social Workers at: <http://socialworkers.org/>.

Adoption Social Worker	Group Facilitator
Adult Protective Services Worker	Hospital Social Worker
Case Manager	Hospice Social Worker
Chemical Dependency Counselor	Independent Living Specialist
Child Advocate	Information and Referral Specialist
Child Protective Services Social Worker	Intensive In-Home Therapist
Child Support Officer	Job Coach
Child Welfare Social Worker	Juvenile Justice Social Worker
Community Organizer	Match Specialist
Counselor	Medical Social Worker
Correctional Treatment Specialist	Mental Health Social Worker
Crisis Counselor	Nursing Home Social Worker
Delinquency Prevention Officer	Outreach Specialist
Developmental Disabilities Social Worker	Parent Educator
Dialysis Social Worker (masters required)	Prison Social Worker
Discharge Planner	Probation and Parole Officer
Economic Support Services Worker	Psychotherapist (masters required)
Employee Assistance Program Counselor	Residential Counselor
Family Counselor	School Social Worker (masters required)
Family Services Social Worker	Service Coordinator
Foster Care Social Worker	Special Needs Social Worker
Grief Counselor	Volunteer Coordinator

Becoming a professional social worker can be a positive step toward a very rewarding career that can make a difference in the lives of individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and society as a whole. As a helping profession, social work involves working with people from diverse backgrounds in a variety of situations and across a multitude of practice settings. With a focus on enhancing human well-being, social workers strive to meet the needs of all people and to empower those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and/or living in poverty.

Social Work: Four Year Sequence

Suggested course of study for B.A. or B.S. in Social Work:

Year One

Fall Semester Credits

Sociology 101 or 102	3
Political Science 101	3
General Ed. Courses.....	10

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Spring Semester

Social Work 103	3
Psychology 110	3
General Ed. Courses.....	10

16

Year Two

Fall Semester

Social Work 262	3
General Ed. Courses.....	12

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Spring Semester

Economics 110	3
Communications 280	3
General Ed. Courses	10

16

Apply for admission into major.

Year Three

Fall Semester

Social Work 316	3
Social Work 359	3
Social Work 364	3
Elective	3
General Education Course	3

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Spring Semester

Social Work 363	3
Social Work 361	3
Social Work 365	3
Social Work 376	3
Soc 350.....	3

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Apply for admission into field.

Year Four

Fall Semester

Social Work 494	4
Social Work 495	1
Sociology 351	4
SW or Soc Elective	3
Elective	3

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Year Four (continued)

Spring Semester

Social Work 494	4
Social Work 495	1
Social Work 362	3
SW or Soc Elective	3
Sociology 352	3
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Minor and Concentrations: Overview

Sociology Minor:

A minor in sociology consists of 18 credits. Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology, and Sociology 350, Sociological Theory, are required. The remaining credits may be earned in any other courses in sociology.

Teacher Certification in Sociology (Minor):

For teacher certification, 25 credits are required, including Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology; Sociology 350, Sociological Theory; Sociology 351, Social Statistics; and Sociology 352, Research Methods. Additional Education courses are also required for teacher certification. You are strongly urged to consult the School of Education early to eliminate scheduling problems.

Gerontology Minor:

The minor in gerontology pulls together existing courses from across the campus into a single program. The curriculum is designed to provide the flexibility needed to accommodate students with a wide variety of academic and professional goals while at the same time exposing them to a common core of courses that cover the principle areas of the field. This minor serves as a complement to a wide variety of majors in addition to sociology such as psychology, biology, business, communicative disorders, and health promotion/wellness for students who wish to integrate an understanding of the aged with their major field of academic and professional education.

Social Science in Health Minor:

This minor will contribute to your understanding of the complex social factors that impinge on the health of human beings. Several of these areas are: the availability, quality, politics, and economics of health care and delivery; nutritional quality; and cultural, social, and psychological factors affecting life ways and mental health.

This minor will provide you background for possible graduate training and careers in a number of allied health fields, such as public health and hospital administration, epidemiology, health planning, health education, environmental health, and international health.

Applied Sociology Concentration:

You may select a Concentration in Applied Sociology consisting of a minimum of 16 credits, at least 9 of which are required. The remaining six credits must be selected from on specialty area. You should strongly consider this concentration if you have non-social work career goals in community or government service. Required courses: Sociology 492/3 Applied Sociology Field Placement (4 credits, including 1 hour seminar). Placement should be completed in you senior year and should be in your selected specialty area; Sociology 327 Social Inequality (3 credits); Sociology 340 Community Research (3 credits). See the Sociology section of the university catalog for the course selection list.

Adult Life and Aging Concentration:

In addition to a major in Sociology, you may select a Concentration in Adult Life and Aging, consisting of a minimum of 15 credits. At least 9 of these credits must be in Sociology. Additional courses may be taken in the specified areas (cognate courses). See the Sociology section of the university catalog for course selection list.

The minor in Social Science in Health consists of 24 credits.

Sociology Course Listing

SOC 100. Forum in Sociology. 1 cr

SOC 101(MNS). Introduction to Sociology. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 102(MNS). Social Problems. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 224. Sociology of Childhood. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 225. Sociology of Adolescence. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 230. Criminology. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 240. Marriage and the Family. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC/SW 261 Introduction to the Field of Social Work and the Social Service Field. 3 cr

SOC/SW 262. Social Welfare Policies and Programs. 3 cr

SOC 270(MNS). Minority Groups. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 300. The American Community. 2 or 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 306. Social Aspects of Substance Abuse. 3 cr

SOC 308/508. Sociology of Medicine. 3 cr, GDR: SS2.

SOC 310. Social Psychology. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 320. Sociology of Gender. 3 cr

SOC 322. Culture and Personality. 3 cr

SOC 327. Social Inequality. 3 cr, GDR:SS1

SOC 328. Poverty, Welfare, Social Insurance. 2 or 3 cr

SOC 332. Juvenile Delinquency. 3 cr

SOC 333. Corrections. 3 cr

SOC 340. Community Research. 3 cr

SOC 343(NW). Cultural Perspectives of Family. 3 cr

SOC 350/550. Sociological Theory. 3 cr

SOC 351/551. Social Statistics. 4 cr

SOC 352/552. Research Methods. 3 cr
SOC 355. Environmental Sociology. 3 cr, GDR:SS2 EL
SOC 356. Urban Sociology. 3 cr
SOC 357. Sociology of Planning. 3 cr
SOC 360. Population Problems. 3 cr, GDR:SS1;EL
SOC/SW 363. Social Services in Rural Communities. 3 cr
SOC/SW 364. Social Services in Native American Communities. 3 cr
SOC 366. Sociology of Aging. 3 cr, GDR:SS2
SOC 368. Sociology of Mental Health. 3 cr, GDR:SS2
SOC 370(NW). Sociology of Globalization. 3 cr, GDR:SS1
SOC/SW 376. Human Behavior and Social Environment. 3 cr
SOC 395/595. Special Topics in Sociology. 1-3 cr
SOC 467/667. Social Gerontology. 3 cr
SOC 492. Applied Sociology Practicum. 3-6 cr
SOC 493. Applied Sociology Practicum Seminar. 1 cr
SOC 497-499. Special Work. Each 1-3 cr
SOC 760. Seminar in Adult Development and Socialization. 2 or 3 cr
SOC 796. Independent Study. 1-3 cr
SOC 799. Thesis. 2-6 cr

Social Work Course Listing

SW/SOC 261 Introduction to the Field of Social Work and the Social Service Field. 3 cr
SW/SOC 262. Social Welfare Policies and Programs. 3 cr
SW 316(MNS). Child Welfare Practice. 3 cr
SW 359. Social Work Methods: Casework. 3 cr
SW 361. Social Work Methods: Groups and Families. 3 cr
SW 362. Social Work Methods: Community Organization and Social Service Administration. 3 cr
SW/SOC 363. Social Services in Rural Communities. 3 cr
SW/SOC 364. Social Services in Native American Communities. 3 cr
SW 365. Social Work with Native American and Other Culturally Diverse Families. 3 cr
SW/SOC 376. Human Behavior and Social Environment. 3 cr
SW 395. Special Topics in Social Work. 1-3 cr
SW 494. Social Work Practicum. 4-8 cr
SW 495. Social Work Practicum Seminar. 1-2 cr
SW 498. Special Work in Social Work and Social Administration. 1-3 cr



Students Scholarships

Gordon Shipman Memorial Scholarship: Students and faculty remember Dr. Shipman as an enthusiastic, energetic, concerned and caring teacher as well as an activist and leader in local political and community life. This scholarship is given annually.

George Dixon Memorial Scholarship: Professor Dixon is remembered for his personal commitment and encouragement of students to perform community service, work for social change, and promote social justice. This scholarship is given annually.

The Virginia Fish Scholarship in Sociology: Named in honor of Professor Emerita Virginia Kemp Fish, this scholarship is awarded annually to a sociology major who has expressed strong interest in gender and women's studies issues, or social deviance.

Wolensky Family Scholarship: Sociology major studying with UWSP in either Poland, England, Australia or Germany

Eligibility Criteria:

- Major in sociology or social work;
- At least a 1st semester junior, and not a graduating senior;
- Have completed at least 12 credits of sociology at UWSP;
- A full-time student;
- Expect to continue at UWSP for at least one more semester;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in sociology and social work courses at UWSP;
- have an overall GPA of 3.0 (includes transfer credits).

Student Organizations

The department sponsors the Sociology & Social Work Organization (SSWO), a student organization that involves students in extra-curricular activities related to sociology and social work. The organization participates in fund raising for cancer research, food drives, and numerous other volunteer activities.

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society

The Department of Sociology and Social Work is a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society. AKD promote excellence in scholarship, research of social problems, and intellectual activities leading to improvement in the human condition. Sociology students who meet eligibility requirements are invited to join AKD. The department hosts an annual AKD and scholarship award event to initiate new AKD members and to recognize recipients of department scholarships.

Internship Opportunities/ Alumni Successes

The department offers two internship programs: one in applied sociology and one in social work. Each program attempts to place students in an agency or organization suited to their interests for pre-professional training and experience.

The department has extensive networks of relationships with social service professionals throughout central Wisconsin.



“I feel I have learned so much during my internship that simply cannot be learned in the classroom. I have learned so much about mental illness and addiction and feel that I have greatly improved my skills by working in the field. This internship has only reinforced in my mind that I am pursuing the right profession for my future.”

—Melissa Couillard (right) on her internship under social worker Michelle Nelson.

“This internship has taught me many things that I otherwise would not have been able to be exposed to until working as an officer. These experiences will make me more prepared to work as a law enforcement officer as well as give me an advantage when I go to interview for open positions.”



—Dru Heier on his internship under Sgt. Marty Skibba with the Stevens Point Police Department



“Both internships have been the best experiences of my social work education at UWSP. I feel the experience I have gained in my internships will only result in positive contributions to my future social work career.”

—Brent Steltzer

Dianne Harrington, Social Worker and Director of Hospice Services, Ministry Home Care and Intern, Brent Steltzer.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Sociology & Social Work students have opportunities to work one-on-one with faculty members on their own research projects. The following is a sampling of recent student projects.

- “Cultural Preservation Among Hmong Americans.”
- “Tanzanian Society.”
- “Israeli National Service.”
- “Youth Services.”
- “Networking and Database Development—Islamic Society of Wisconsin.”
- “Social Psychological Aspects of Dementia.”
- “Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.”
- “Budget Trends in Law Enforcement.”
- “Sociology of Mental Health.”
- “Sociological Aspects of Aging.”
- “Regional and City Planning in Britain.”
- “Investigation of Women and Crime.”
- “Professional Wrestling and Collective Behavior Theory.”
- “Victims and Victim Services.”
- “The Social Structure of Jordan.”

Department Centers

The Community Research Center began operations in the fall, 2001. The CRC performs community-based research, and provides local agencies with information needed to plan and implement solutions to community problems. The CRC also provides students with an opportunity to develop and improve their research skills. Some of the services the center provides include program evaluation, survey research and design, statistical analysis, community needs assessment, skilled interviewing, focus groups, strategic planning, agency training, and grant consultation. Over forty projects have been conducted throughout Central Wisconsin.

The Telephone Survey Center was opened in fall of 2007. It has seven interviewing stations and is computerized to all for efficient data analysis. The Telephone Survey Center is often connected to projects conducted by the Community Research Center and aids in providing local non-profit and public agencies with needed research services. Since its inception, the Telephone Survey Center has conducted multiple surveys each year.

The Center for the Small City was established in the College of Letters and Science in 1979. Under the co-directorship of Professors Robert P. Wolensky and Edward J. Miller, The Center organizes educational forums, conducts research, consults with government officials and agencies, and administers the Small City Analysis minor. The Center’s featured educational programs include the biennial Conference on the Small City and Regional Community, which began at UWSP in 1978, and regular workshops and seminars focusing on current problems and issues.

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