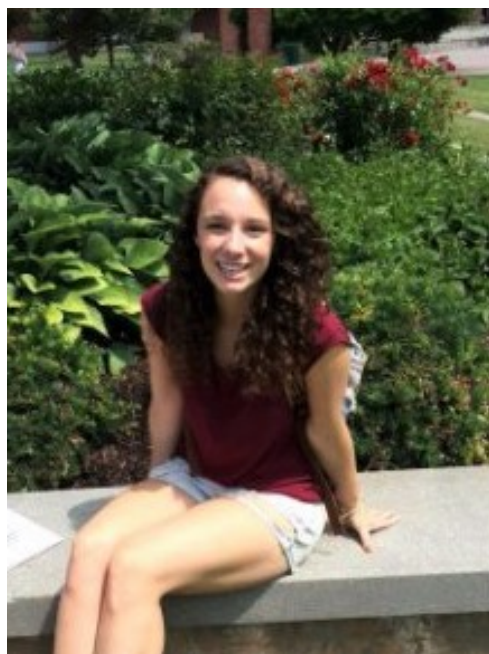


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Sociology Student Spotlight

SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

When asked why she chose sociology as a major, Samantha explained: "I chose sociology initially because of my curiosity in the behavior of the society in which I live." She has enjoyed her courses at UB, including the opportunity to do a semester-long ethnographic project on dumpster diving.



Samantha is currently studying abroad in Costa Rica. After graduation, she says she would like to work with refugees and asylum-seekers in Buffalo. She explains her plans for the future this way: "Over the past year, I have interned and volunteered with Jewish Family Service's department of refugee resettlement and the center for survivors of torture. I believe these people could thrive with more assistance and that Buffalo in its entirety would benefit from their success. I am interested in attending UB in order to earn a dual Master of Social Work/ Juris Doctor so that I can assist refugees and asylum-seekers with their legal rights."

Congratulations Samantha!