In the department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice there are several ways you can get involved with research.

You can apply for an undergraduate research grant through the Undergraduate Research Program (www.uww.edu/urp).

Deadlines for applications are in October. These grants can assist with materials for your research project and/or travel to conferences to present your work.

You can also assist a professor with research. Deadlines are in October for the Student Research Training Program (StaRT), first and second year students get paid to assist with research. The Undergraduate Research Program’s Research Scholars Program also seeks applications for professors to hire an undergraduate to assist with research.
Register for an Independent Study and Get Credit

The Sociology Major gives 1-3 credits for independent studies involving research. (Repeateable)

Soc 498R - Undergraduate Research – with the permission of instructor

It is best to first take:

- Sociological Methods Soc 476
- Basic Social Statistics Soc 295

If you are interested in either conducting your own research project or assisting a professor with his/her research project for credit, the first step is finding a professor whose research interests you or who is knowledgeable about the topic you wish to study.

Check the Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Department Webpage (http://www.uww.edu/cls/sociology/undergraduate-research). You will find examples of student research currently being conducted, as well as an overview of faculty research interests.

HONORS EMphasis -

You may also be interested in our Honors Emphasis which is a program designed to give students opportunities to conduct research. Students will complete an Honors Thesis.

Prepare for Graduate School or the Job Market by gaining experience with research and presentation

Students who conduct research have an opportunity to present their work at the UW Whitewater Undergraduate Research Day held every spring.

Students can submit a poster presentation or provide a more formal research presentation. This experience assists students on the job market by showing communication skills and professionalism.

Graduate schools are looking for students who are familiar with doing research and who have experience presenting their work in professional settings.

If you obtain an undergraduate research grant, you are also eligible to submit and present your work at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, held yearly in the spring in different locations across the United States. There is funding through the Undergraduate Research Program for travel to this and other conferences. The College of Letters and Sciences also provides students with funding to conferences to present research.

Benefits of getting involved with Undergraduate Research and how to

There are numerous benefits for getting involved in undergraduate research. First, you gain skills that make you a more marketable candidate for the job market or for graduate education. Working closely with a professor gives you an opportunity to have a close relationship, which is helpful for future recommendation letters you need for employment or education.

Applying for and receiving a grant is also a great way to build your resume and show that you have gone above and beyond the curriculum gaining important research skills.

The Undergraduate Research Program offers not only grants, but also opportunities for guidance and mentorship. They provide assistance in grant writing, in learning to construct a research abstract, in research presentation skills, and in the design and implementation of a research project.

To get started, go to the Undergraduate Research Program website (http://www.uww.edu/urp) and check out the opportunities they offer. You can contact them directly to begin or, contact a professor from the Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice department. Professors have various research interests and time available, but this department is committed to helping any student interested in doing research and we will work to find you a mentor to work with.