

# I HAVE AN INTEREST IN

## HELPING PEOPLE

### GERONTOLOGY

Gerontology is the multidisciplinary study of the issues associated with aging and the aging process. It is concerned with the psychological, sociological, behavioral, and other social aspects of aging. One setting focuses on long term care facilities and another focuses on the broader study of aging.

### CRIMINOLOGY

Criminologists concentrate on studying the various forms of criminal behavior, the causes of crime, the definition of crime, and societal reactions to criminal activity, as well as juvenile delinquency, the effects of crime on victims, and the response of the criminal justice system to crimes and victims.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health promotes the health of the general public using a wide variety of methods. This major helps students acquire the skills and abilities to develop, implement, and evaluate health education programs in a wide variety of settings.

### RECREATION TOURISM & NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

RTNL focuses on preparing individuals with the skills, knowledge, and values required to effectively assume professional leadership/managerial positions in the areas of leisure, recreation, parks, therapeutic recreation, tourism, youth, and human service settings.

### FAMILY SERVICES

The discipline of family studies explores patterns of family functioning and how relationship processes and other contextual factors influence individual development and behavior.

### RELIGION

Students will gain knowledge of several different religions. Through learning about these diverse beliefs, students will have to use their critical thinking skills and abstract thinking skills.

### SOCIAL WORK

Students will develop the skills and knowledge to work with a diverse population. Graduates of the social work program find jobs in child and adolescent social work, family practice, probation and parole, medical social work, and working with the aged.

### SOCIOLOGY

This major covers a wide range of interests. This can include race and ethnicity, to statistical analysis. Students will learn to view the world through a sociological eye.

### PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the study of human and animal behavior (normal and abnormal) and the cognitive, emotional, social, and biological processes related to that behavior.

## WHAT ARE THE RELATED CAREERS?

### **Alumni Titles:**

Volunteer Coordinator  
Activity Director  
Expectant Parent Advocate  
Social Worker  
Counselor  
Case Manager  
Gerontologist  
Community Relations Director  
Detention Officer  
Police Officer  
Parole Officer  
Violent Crimes Counselor  
Health Educator  
Occupational Therapist

Youth Service Worker  
Juvenile Court Officer  
Family Ministry Coordinator  
Prevention Educator  
Marriage Therapist  
Wellness Manager  
Campus Pastor  
School Psychologist  
Hospice Social Worker  
Outpatient Therapist  
Student Success Coach  
Sexual Assault Response-  
Coordinator

### **Alumni Employers:**

NE Iowa Area Agency on Aging  
Various Medical Facilities  
Western Home  
Iowa Dept. of Public Safety  
Homeland Security  
Area Substance Abuse Council  
Exceptional Persons Inc.  
Four Oaks  
Bremwood Lutheran Services  
Educational Institutions

American Lung Association  
YWCA  
Special Olympics  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
Red Cross  
Orchard Place  
Horizons  
DHS  
AEA

## NEXT STEPS:

Arrange job shadow opportunities related to majors of interest.

Seek out volunteer opportunities that allow you to learn more about yourself, explore areas of interest, and connect with professionals and community members.

Browse the UNI website for information on majors of interest, including the courses you will take in those majors:

<https://uni.edu/majors/majors-and-minors-department>

Once you are at UNI, schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss your interests and potential majors.

## WHERE ARE UNI ALUMNI WORKING?

