

A close-up portrait of Rebecca Walsh, a young woman with brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a brown beanie and a blue jacket. The background is slightly blurred, showing some indoor setting.

## Rebecca's Story:

### FROM SOCIAL WORK TO LEGAL STUDIES, FINDING THE RIGHT DEGREE PLAN

Rebecca began her studies in Social Work, but as she continued her education, she realized that her true interest was in law. "I've always had an interest in police work and law-related occupations, and when I switched to Legal Studies, it felt like I had finally found my place," she said.

She chose to major in Legal Studies because it aligned with her goals in law enforcement, and added a minor in Social Work. "Law-related jobs are about people, and Social Work helps you understand those people. Many of the lessons from Social Work apply directly to society, so it's been an important part of my education," Rebecca explained.

Through the UofM Global Legal Studies program, Rebecca is gaining a strong foundation in the theory, process, and application of law, with a focus on legal research, technologies, ethics, and professional communication. "The Legal Studies program has given me a deeper understanding of the legal system, which is crucial for my career in law enforcement," she shared.

### TIME MANAGEMENT: JUDGING WORK, SCHOOL AND SERVICE

Balancing school, work, and military service requires excellent time management, and Rebecca is a master of it. As a full-time online student at UofM Global, she appreciates the flexibility that allows her to manage her academic schedule around her other commitments. "My calendar and reminder notifications are lifesavers," she said. "Being an online student makes it easier to manage my schedule, but it requires discipline and the ability to adapt when things change unexpectedly."

In addition to her studies, Rebecca works full-time in corrections and serves one weekend a month in the National Guard. "It's all about staying organized. I plan ahead, use technology to keep me on track, and stay flexible when things don't go as planned," she shared. Rebecca also offers this advice for students juggling multiple responsibilities: "Plan ahead, stay flexible, and always have a backup plan. Having a strong support system—whether family, friends, or professors—makes a big difference."

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### BALANCING MILITARY SERVICE, WORK & COLLEGE ONLINE

For many students, earning a degree while managing work, personal life, and other responsibilities can be overwhelming. But for Rebecca Walsh, a student at UofM Global, it's part of the journey. As a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor of Legal Studies, Rebecca also works full-time in corrections and serves as a Military Police Officer in the Army National Guard.

Her story demonstrates the flexibility of online education and the determination required to balance multiple commitments. From her switch from Social Work to Legal Studies, to supporting civilian law enforcement during a presidential inauguration, Rebecca's journey highlights the value of perseverance, time management, and the opportunities UofM Global offers to students striving for success in both their academic and professional lives.

## More on Rebecca:

For Rebecca, the most rewarding part of her college journey has been the personal growth. "It's not just about the degree," she said. "It's about growth. You're learning about yourself, your values, and the world around you. It's amazing to see how much you evolve through your experiences, and when you witness that same growth in others, it's incredibly rewarding."

Despite challenges, Rebecca feels the effort has been worth it. "It's hard work, but it's worth it in the end," she shared. "When you reflect on how much you've learned—not just academically, but as a person—it makes it all worthwhile. Watching myself grow and seeing others around me grow as well makes the journey feel incredibly fulfilling."

### THE REWARD OF THE JOURNEY: GROWTH AND EXPERIENCE

Rebecca Walsh's journey is a powerful reminder of the incredible potential that lies at the intersection of education, service, and leadership. As a student in Legal Studies with a minor in Social Work and a dedicated member of the Army National Guard, she demonstrates that it's possible to thrive in multiple demanding arenas.

From serving on the President's Inauguration security detail to balancing the responsibilities of both a full-time job and rigorous academics, Rebecca's perseverance and commitment are truly inspiring. Her story is one of resilience, growth, and ambition, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things she'll continue to achieve.

## AN EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE: SERVING AT THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

One of Rebecca's most unforgettable experiences was serving during the presidential inauguration. Although initially sidelined, she was called into action just a day before departing for Washington, D.C. "I wouldn't describe it as protecting the president," Rebecca said. "It was more about understanding that your mission is to protect the people."

Rebecca worked twelve-hour shifts in support of civilian law enforcement, remaining on call even during moments of rest. "We were always on call, even when we had time to sleep. Fortunately, no major incidents occurred, but it was still an invaluable learning experience." While her role wasn't directly related to protecting the president, Rebecca found profound value in the opportunity to serve in such a high-stakes, pivotal environment.

