

# Gerontological Studies, Undergraduate Certificate

Opportunities and challenges of human aging intersect with most academic and professional disciplines. Older adults receive a range of health, social, economic and other support services (e.g. through government programs, medical centers, senior centers, long-term care facilities, not-for-profit agencies) in order to age successfully at home or elsewhere.

The proportion of older adults in the US population will grow substantially in coming decades. The **18 15** credit hour Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontological Studies (UCGS) is designed to prepare students for entry level, service-oriented positions in this growing marketplace.

The UCGS adds a tangible credential for future work with and for older adults, and it can be pursued with any major area of study with proper planning. Please contact the **Director of the Gerontology Program Coordinator** to learn more and for an advising appointment.

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<b>Required</b>		
GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
GERON/SOC 2300	Social & Community Services for an Aging Population	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Choose Four Courses:		12
GERON/ANTHRO 3212	Medical Anthropology	
GERON/ANTHRO 3215	Aging, Culture & Globalization	

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GERON 4130	Interviewing Older Adults And Life Review	
GERON/SOC WK 4200	Gerontological Practice with Aging Veterans	
GERON/GS/SOC 4320	Gender, Sexuality and Aging	
GERON/SOC 4361	Social Gerontology	
GERON/PSYCH 4376	Mental Health and Aging	
GERON 4445	Aging, Chronic Illness & Disability	
GERON 4500	Physiology & Pharmacology of	
GERON 4620	Dying, Grief & Death in Older Adulthood	
GERON/SOC WK 4680	Introduction to Gerontological Practice	
GERON 4700	Successful Aging: Individual & Societal Perspectives	
GERON 4720	Ageless Arts: Creativity in Later	
<b>Introduction</b>		
SOC/GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete at least 9 elective hours in GERON, with at least 6 hours at the 3000 level or above. <sup>1</sup>		9

<b>Capstone</b>		
GERON 4400	Social & Community Services for an Aging Population <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18 15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Courses that are aging-related but not cross listed with GERON may be substituted with the approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator.

<sup>2</sup> An alternative aging-related practicum/field experience from a student's major field may be substituted with the approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator.

Rationale                      Streamlined the certificate using CAP Process. Removed the laundry-list of elective courses (which change regularly) in favor of an overall 9 hours of GERON. This process will also enter this certificate into CBHE approval process.