

Gerontology, Minor

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 help them age successfully at home or elsewhere. The 12-credit-hour Undergraduate Minor in Gerontology is designed to introduce students to this important field.

~~Students have many courses to choose from to create a personalized plan of study. All students must take a 3-credit introductory course – Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies (GERON 2170). At least 6 of the remaining 12 credits must be from courses at the 4000 level (see below). Students wishing to designate a course for capstone for the BLS must coordinate this with Program Director for Gerontology prior to starting the course.~~

All students must take a 3-credit introductory course. The remaining 9 credit hours must include at least 6 credit hours at the 3000-level or above. Substitutions or alternative courses may be made with approval of the Program Coordinator for Gerontology.

Students wishing to designate a 4000-level course as capstone for the BLS must coordinate this with Program Coordinator for Gerontology prior to starting the course.

Required Course		
SOC/GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts and Controversies	3
Electives		
Choose Four Courses (with at least 6 credits at 4000 level):		12
PSYCH 1268		
GERON 2220	Special Topics in Gerontology	
PHIL/GERON 2256	Bioethics	
PHIL 2258	Medicine, Values, and Society	
GERON 2300	Social & Community Services for an Aging Population	
GERON/PSYCH 3280	Psychology of Death and Dying	
GERON/ANTHRO 3212	Medical Anthropology	
GERON/ANTHRO 3215	Aging, Culture & Globalization	
SOC 3224	Families in Global Perspective	
GERON 4130	Interviewing Older Adults and Life Review	
GERON/SOC WK 4200	Gerontological Practice with Aging Veterans	
GERON 4320	Gender, Sexuality and Aging	
PSYCH 4349	Human Learning and Memory	

GERON/SOC 4361	Social Gerontology	
GERON/PSYCH/SOC WK 4376	Mental Health and Aging	
GERON 4445	Aging, Chronic Illness & Disability	
GERON 4490	Directed Readings	
GERON 4500	Physiology & Pharmacology of Aging	
GERON 4620	Dying, Grief & Death in Older Adulthood	
GERON 4700	Successful Aging: Individual & Societal Perspectives	
GERON 4720	Ageless Arts: Creativity in Later Life	
GERON/SOC WK 4680	Introduction to Gerontological Practice	
Complete at least 9 elective hours in GERON, with at least 6 hours at the 3000-level or above. ¹		9
Total Hours		12

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

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S007250	Jim Craig	6037	No
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Rationale Minor reviewed, updated and streamlined using the CAP process