

Certificate in Gerontological Studies

Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontological Studies

~~A certificate in gerontological studies, a multidisciplinary course of study, is available at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. This program provides an opportunity for students to obtain a focused specialty in gerontology in addition to their majors. It is appropriate for students in any of the colleges of the University.~~

~~Certificate Requirements~~

~~A student may earn the certificate in gerontological studies by completing a total of 15 hours. The student must meet with the Director of Gerontology to develop a balanced plan of study. No more than 3 credit hours from Research/ Practicum Experience courses will be allowed. The student must have the approval of the director of the gerontology program before enrolling in the course. Courses taken to fulfill the requirements may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. New courses continually are added, so it is advisable to check with the director each term. Many courses are crosslisted and also have a gerontology designation.~~

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 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 to learn more and for an advising appointment.

Humanities		
GERON/PHIL 2256	Bioethics	3
Required		
GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
GERON/SOC 2300	Social & Community Services for an Aging Population	3
Social Sciences		
Choose Four Courses:		12
GERON/INTDSC	Special Topics in Gerontology	3
GERON/PSYCH 2272	Developmental Psychology: Adulthood And	3
GERON/PSYCH 2280	Psychology of Death and Dying	3
GERON/ANTHRO 3212	Medical Anthropology	
GERON/ANTHRO 3215	Aging, Culture & Globalization	3
GERON 4130	Interviewing Older Adults And Life Review	
GERON/SOC WK 4200	Gerontological Practice with Aging Veterans	
GERON/GS/SOC 4320	Gender, Sexuality & Aging	
GERON/SOC 4361	Social Gerontology	3
GERON/PSYCH 4376	Mental Health And Aging	3
GERON 4490	Directed Readings	1-3
GERON 4445	Aging, Chronic Illness & Disability	
GERON 4500	Physiology & Pharmacology of Aging	
GERON 4620	Dying, Grief & Death in Older Adulthood	

GERON/SOC WK 4680	Introduction to Gerontological Practice	3
GERON 4700	Successful Aging: Individual & Societal Perspectives	3
GERON 4720	Ageless Arts: Creativity in Later Life	
Total Hours		18

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

We are revising our undergrad certificate to better reflect our current teaching resources and to better serve student needs for later employment.