

## New Program Proposal

# Minor in Gerontology

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.

Required Course		
GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
Electives		
Choose Four Courses (with at least 6 credits at 4000 level):		12
PSYCH 1268	Human Growth And Development	
GERON 2220	Special Topics In Gerontology	
PHIL/GERON 2256	Bioethics	
PHIL 2258	Medicine, Values, And Society	
GERON/PSYCH 2280	Psychology of Death and Dying	
GERON 2300	Social & Community Services for an Aging	
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	Gerontological Practice with Aging Veterans	

GERON 4320	Gender, Sexuality & 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	
Total Hours		15

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S007250	Rocky Keel	516-6052	No

Rationale

The Gerontology Program recently merged with Sociology and Gender Studies. We are shifting resources to better serve the learning needs of undergraduates. Issues of human aging apply to many disciplines and fields of study at this University. A minor will allow students with an interest in aging to develop a tailored plan of study to add a defined competence in this important area.