

# MS in Gerontology

## Admission Requirements

Program applicants must have the following:

- Baccalaureate degree.
- 3.0 or B average (students with exceptions should contact the director of the gerontology program).
- Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate/graduate work.
- Three letters of recommendation (from former instructors preferred; from professional associates acceptable).

In addition, students must meet the other general requirements for admission to the Graduate School as explained in the Graduate Study section of the Bulletin.

## Degree Requirements

The students are required to complete 36 credit hours, including 30 hours in gerontology and related courses and 6-hours of statistics/research courses. The required **core** courses and **electives** **elective options** are listed below. **Limited course substitutions may acceptable to meet degree requirements. Substitution decisions are made at the discretion of the Program Director.** ~~Once a requirement is met, courses from this list may also serve as electives.~~

## Gerontology Distribution Requirements

### ~~A. Public Policy~~

Select one of the following:

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~~GERON 6443/      Health Care Policy  
P-P-ADM 6430/  
POL-SCI 6443~~

~~GERON 6444/      Seminar In Public Policy And Aging  
SOC-WK 6443/  
P-P-ADM 6444/  
POL-SCI 6444~~

<b><del>B. Health and Physical Aspects of Aging</del></b>	
Select one of the following:	<del>3</del>
<del>GERON-6441</del>	<del>Aging And Health Behavior</del>
<del>GERON-6470</del>	<del>Epidemiology of Aging</del>
<b><del>C. Sociocultural Aspects of Aging</del></b>	
Select one of the following:	<del>3</del>
<del>GERON/ ANTHRO-5440</del>	<del>Sociocultural Aspects Of Aging</del>
<del>GERON-5361</del>	<del>Advanced Social Gerontology</del>
<b><del>D. Clinical and Psychosocial Aspects of Aging</del></b>	
Select two of the following:	<del>6</del>
<del>GERON-5376</del>	<del>Psychopathology And Aging</del>
<del>GERON/ SOC-WK-6120</del>	<del>Theory and Practice with Older Adults</del>
<del>GERON/ SOC-WK-6130</del>	<del>Interviewing Older Adults And Life Review</del>
<del>GERON/ SOC-WK-6450</del>	<del>Gerontological Assessment</del>
<b><del>E. Practica in Gerontology</del></b>	
Select two of the following:	<del>6</del>
<del>GERON-6495</del>	<del>Practicum In Gerontology (required)</del>
<del>GERON-6496</del>	<del>Advanced Practicum In Gerontology</del>
<del>GERON-6500</del>	<del>Practicum in Geronotological Research</del>
<b><del>F. Gerontology Electives<sup>1</sup></del></b>	
Once a requirement is met, any course from the listing below can serve as	<del>9</del>
<b><del>G. Graduate level statistics course</del></b>	
<del>3 credits and graduate level research methods course<sup>2</sup></del>	<del>6</del>

<b>Core</b>		
GERON/ ANTHRO 5440	Sociocultural Aspects Of Aging	3
GERON 5376	Psychopathology And Aging	3
GERON 6441	Aging And Health Behavior	3
GERON/ SOC WK/ P P ADM/ POL SCI 6444	Seminar In Public Policy And Aging	3
GERON/ SOC WK 6450	Gerontological Assessment	3
<b>Practica in Gerontology</b>		
GERON 6495	Practicum In Gerontology	3
Select one of the following:		3
GERON 6496	Advanced Practicum In Gerontology	
GERON 6500	Practicum in Gerontological Research	
<b>Research and Statistics</b>		
GERON 5420	Research Methods and Analysis I	3
GERON 5450	Research Methods and Analysis II	3
<b>Electives</b>		9
Select three courses (9 credit hours) offered in Gerontology at the 4000 level or higher. Students should consult with the Program Director for approved courses.		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> ~~Program Administration Option (see below)~~

<sup>2</sup> ~~Students should consult Director of Gerontology for approved courses.~~

## Program Administration Option

Students interested in emphasizing program administration qualifications as part of the MSG may request to apply their 9 elective credits towards earning a Certificate in Nonprofit Management & Leadership offered through Public Policy Administration. Students interested in this option must meet with the Certificate Director and request admission by the end of their second semester in the MSG Program. If admitted, the Director of Gerontology and the Certificate Director will work cooperatively to arrange a joint plan of study to meet objectives of both degrees within the 36 credits required for the MSG. Both practicum courses (GERON 6495 & GERON 6496) must emphasize program administration as part of this plan.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S007250	Rocky Keel	516-6052	No
Rationale	Gerontology merged with Sociology and Gender Studies recently. We are shifting some of our graduate level resources in order to support more undergraduate offerings. Proposals to renumber some of our 5-6xxx courses to 4xxx have been submitted. Our current MSG curriculum has 10 core courses from which students choose 5. In order to conserve resources at the grad level, we are moving to a required core of 5 courses (listed in this proposal). Our other course offering will be substantially similar, but most will be at the 4xxx level or below. MSG students will take 4xxx level courses to meet their elective requirements for the MSG. This plan allows us to maintain the strength of the MSG (ie., by leading with our strongest courses at the grad level) and also serve undergraduates better in the future.		