

Gerontology, Minor

DEPARTMENT

Gerontology Program

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MN in Gerontology, Minor
Courses Offered

Gerontology is the study of aging. Our nation's steadily increasing older population is creating a unique demand for well educated individuals to serve as competent professionals in the field of aging.

The Gerontology Program offers a minor and a certificate in gerontology, both designed to prepare students to address unmet and urgent needs of elders. Special majors can also be arranged for the student. The Gerontology Program attracts undergraduate students from all academic areas, reentry students, graduate students within social science and health professions, service providers, and elders seeking greater understanding of this stage of life. Courses are designed to present comprehensive biological, psychological, cultural and sociological theories related to the lifelong aging process. The influence of heritage, culture, and creativity are emphasized, as are services and resources; housing and environment; disabilities and rehabilitation; federal, state, and local agencies; and social policies and programs for elders. Students have the opportunity to develop empathy for older adults as they communicate and interact with elders through community service, internships, and service learning.

REQUIREMENTS

Gerontology Minor Requirements

The Minor in Gerontology (study of aging) is open to students in any major. It is designed to serve undergraduate majors in business; communicative sciences and disorders; child, family, and consumer science; health science; nursing; kinesiology; physical therapy; psychology; therapeutic recreation; social work; and sociology.

The minor consists of 15 semester units of credit. Students should register in the Gerontology Program Office and meet with the gerontology director if they plan to request a minor.

Coursework must be completed with a C or better.

Required (6 units)

GERON 10S or GERON 100; GERON 161

Electives (9 units)*

GERON 103, 111, 115, 117, 125, 132, 134, 137 (1-3 units), 139, 140, 148, 150

Total (15 units)

*Other gerontology courses may be approved as alternatives with permission of a gerontology adviser.

Note: The Gerontology Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence. If students take a cross-listed course from their major, the cross-listed course only counts toward the Gerontology Minor if the unit requirements for the major can be met without using the cross-listed course toward their major.

A Special Major for those interested in Gerontology may be designed. The process for this is initiated through the University Advising Center, 559.278.1787, Joyal Administration, Room 224.

FACULTY

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.