

MASTER OF ARTS IN GERONTOLOGY

Program Director

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Program Description

The curriculum is designed from an interdisciplinary perspective of gerontology with a focus on epidemiology and health. This program will provide students with advanced education in issues facing older adults, for the purpose of preparing them for advancement in the field of gerontology. The program allows for a Thesis or a Non-Thesis track based upon the students' desires and goals. The program consists of 42 semester hours, which may be completed in four semesters of full-time coursework or six semesters part time.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the minimum criteria set by the College of Graduate Studies, applicants must meet the following requirements for full admission:

1. A cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the students' academic or professional background.
3. A letter of intent stating their objectives for seeking a Master's Degree in Gerontology and how this program will help them fulfill their goals.
4. A personal interview is optional.
5. A Resume or Curriculum Vitae.
6. A social statistics course at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Daniel J. Van Dussen, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Social and psychological determinants of health among older adults; the family; social support; statistics and methods

Amy Weaver, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Geriatric education; geriatrics; simulation

The Master of Arts in Gerontology will consist of 12 courses (36 credit hours) which can be completed over a 2 academic year period.

Thesis Option

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Core Courses		
SOC 6905	Social Gerontology	3
GERO 6915	Service Delivery Aging Policy	3
PSYC 6957	Advanced Adult Development and Aging	3
GERO 6906	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
GERO 6960	Epidemiology of Aging	3
GERO 6999	Research Methods	3
GERO/NURS 6998	Anatomy and Physiology of Aging	3
GERO 7090	Field Practicum	3
GERO 7094	Selected Topics	3
Thesis		
GERO 7099	Thesis	3
Elective		
Select 6 s.h. from the following:		6
PSYC 6959	Behavior Change Interventions and Aging	

GERO 7001	Long-Term Care	
SCWK 7006	Social Work in Aging	
GERO 7090	Field Practicum	
GERO 7094	Selected Topics	
Total Semester Hours		36

Non-Thesis Option

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Core Courses		
SOC 6905	Social Gerontology	3
GERO 6915	Service Delivery Aging Policy	3
PSYC 6957	Advanced Adult Development and Aging	3
GERO 6906	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
GERO 6960	Epidemiology of Aging	3
GERO 6999	Research Methods	3
GERO/NURS 6998	Anatomy and Physiology of Aging	3
GERO 7090	Field Practicum	3
GERO 7094	Selected Topics	3
Non-Thesis Track		
Field Practicum		3
Elective		
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