

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GERONTOLOGY

Gerontology is the interdisciplinary study of aging and is a rapidly growing field. The gerontology major prepares the students for a career in the field of aging. Since aging is a multifaceted, complex phenomenon, an interdisciplinary training in gerontology will give students an edge in working with the aging population.

The field of aging provides diverse occupational opportunities in health professions, non-profit organizations, recreation and leisure, for-profit businesses, education, research, government, and service providers. Settings include community, human service and religious organizations, government agencies, health and long-term care facilities, retirement communities, academic and research settings, business, industry, legal, and professional organizations.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
General Education Requirements		
Core Competencies		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Foreign Language		8
1550 Language		
2600 Language		
GEN ED Knowledge Domains:		
Some courses are categorized in more than one knowledge domain. Courses can only be used once with the GE model.		
Arts and Humanities		6
Natural Sciences (2 courses - one must include a lab)		7
Social Science		6
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	
GERO 1501	Introduction to Gerontology	
Social and Personal Awareness		6
GERO 3703	Aging and Society	
GERO 3745	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare	
General Education Elective		3
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
GERO 1501	Introduction to Gerontology	3
SOC 3701	Social Statistics	4
GERO 3703	Aging and Society	3
FNUT 3720	Nutrition, Health, and Aging	3
GERO 3755	Theories of Gerontology	3
PSYC 3756	Adolescent Development	3
SOC 4801	Later Life Issues	3
GERO 4821	Internship in Gerontology	3-15
GERO 4850	Research Methods	3
GERO 3759	Physical Change and Aging	3
GERO 4851	Capstone in Gerontology	3
<b>Choose 3 s.h. from the following courses:</b>		
GERO 3757	Aging and Social Policy	3
POL 3717	Health Care Policy	3
SCWK 3730	Social Services and the Aged	3
<b>Choose a minimum of 12 s.h. from the following courses:</b>		
GERO 3745	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare	3

GERO 3756	Aging and Ethnicity	3
GERO 3758	Long-Term Care	3
SOC 3759	Sociology of Dementia	3
SOC 3760	Sociology of Death and Dying	3
GERO 3790	Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
GERO 4804	Family, Health, and Aging	3
GERO 3757	Aging and Social Policy	3
PHLT 3757	Health and Disease	4
PHLT 4828	Grant Writing	3
KSS 4870	Exercise and Aging for Health Professions	3
FNUT 4873	Nutrition and Aging	2
POL 3717	Health Care Policy	3
PSYC 4857	Biopsychological Aspects of Health and Aging	3
PSYC 3757	Adult Development	3
ECON 1504	Economics of Aging	3
SCWK 3730	Social Services and the Aged	3

## Year 1

Fall		S.H.
ENGL 1550	Writing 1 <sup>1</sup>	3
GERO 1501	Introduction to Gerontology	3
or PSYC 1560	or General Psychology	
General Education Natural Science elective		3
Foreign Language 1550 <sup>1</sup>		4
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	3
Semester Hours		16

## Spring

ENGL 1551	Writing 2 <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
or GERO 1501	or Introduction to Gerontology	
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
Foreign Language 2600 <sup>1</sup>		4
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Semester Hours		16

## Year 2

Fall		S.H.
GERO 3703	Aging and Society (cross-listed)	3
or SOC 3703	or Aging and Society	
General Education Arts and Humanities elective		3
General Education Natural Science elective with lab		4
GERO 37XX Gerontology Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Hours		16

## Spring

FNUT 3720	Nutrition, Health, and Aging	3
General Education Arts and Humanities elective		3
Gerontology Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Hours		15

## Year 3

Fall		S.H.
PSYC 3758	Lifespan Development	3
GERO 3759	Physical Change and Aging	3
Policy Elective		3
Gerontology Elective		3

Elective		3
Semester Hours		15
<b>Spring</b>		
SOC 3701	Social Statistics	4
GERO 3755	Theories of Gerontology	3
GERO 3745 or SOC 3745	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare (cross-listed) or Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Hours		16
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GERO 4850	Research Methods	3
GERO 4821	Internship in Gerontology	4
Elective		4
Elective		3
Semester Hours		14
<b>Spring</b>		
SOC 4801	Later Life Issues	3
GERO 4851	Capstone in Gerontology	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Hours		12
Total Semester Hours		120

<sup>1</sup> Placement test in English, math, and foreign languages required before registration for classes.

## Learning Outcomes

- Students can demonstrate understanding of the discipline of gerontology and its interdisciplinary approach to aging and society (Disciplinary Knowledge).
- Students can explain the diversity and complexity of aging in our society.
- Students can dispel ageist stereotypes about aging and older adults.
- Students can explain theories, fundamental principles, theories, and core concepts of gerontology.
- Students can assess the scientific process including various qualitative and quantitative methods. Students can synthesize theory and methods by completing an original empirical research project.