

ALCS 1503 - Aging and Society

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Course Description

1503. Aging and Society. An interdisciplinary introduction to studies in aging. Examines the impact of population aging and its effect on society at large. Also examines individual aging processes, normal aging vs. diseases associated with aging, and social significance of aging. 3 hour lecture 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Issues in Aging 4th edition.	Novak, Mark	9781138214750

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Syllabus review and Welcome PowerPoint, Begin reading Chapter one of the text	Issues in Aging, Mark Novak	Discussion One, Student Introductions
8/31	Chapter One- "Aging Today", Power Point Chapter one	Aging today	Discussion Board Post due 9/2, responses due 9/6; Quiz due 9/6
9/7	Chapter Two, Power Point Chapter two	Theories and Methods	Discussion Board Post due 9/9, response due 9/13; Quiz due 9/13, Begin working on Aging Project Part one
9/14	Chapter Three, Power Point Chapter three	Demography	Discussion Board Post due 9/16, responses due 9/20; Quiz due 9/20
9/21	Chapter four, Power Point Chapter four	Personal Health and Well-Being	Quiz due 9/27; Aging Project due 9/27
9/28	Chapter five, Power Point Chapter five	The Psychology of Aging	Quiz due 10/4; Begin working on Aging Project Part two
10/5	Chapter 6, Power Point Chapter six	Race and Ethnicity	Discussion Board post due 10/7 responses due 10/11; Quiz due 10/11
10/12	Chapter 7, Power Point Chapter seven	The Health Care System	Midterm due 10/ 15
10/19	Chapter 8, Power Point Chapter eight	Finances and Economics	Discussion Board post due 10/21, responses due 10/25; Quiz due 10/25
10/26	Chapter 9, Power Point Chapter nine	Retirement and Work	Discussion Board Post due 10/28, responses due 11/1; Quiz Due 11/1



11/2	Chapters 10 & 11, Power Points chapters 10 & 11	Housing and Transportation and Leisure, Recreation and Education	Quiz due 11/8; Aging Project Part two due 11/8; Begin working on Issues in aging presentation
11/9	Chapter 12, Power Point Chapter 12	Family Life and Relationships	Discussion Board post due 11/12, response due 11/15; Quiz due 11/15
11/16	Chapter 13, Power Point Chapter 13	Social Support	Discussion Board post due 11/18, responses due 11/22; Quiz due 11/22
11/23	Chapter 14, Power Point Chapter 14	Death and Dying	Issues in Aging Presentation due 11/24
11/30	Chapter 15, Power Point Chapter 15	Politics and Policy	Discussion Board Response due 12/6; Quiz Chapter 14
12/7	Review Readings	Issues in Aging	Final due 12/9

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