

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GERONTOLOGY

## Program Director

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## Overview

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.
<b>FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT - STUDENT SUCCESS</b>		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or SS 1500	Strong Start Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
Mathematics requirement (met with MATH 2623)		3
Some courses are categorized in more than one knowledge domain. Courses can only be used once with the GE model.		
Arts and Humanities (6 s.h.)		6
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 with lab) (6-7 s.h.)		7
Social Science (6 s.h.)		
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
Social and Personal Awareness (6 s.h.)		
GERO 3703	Aging and Society	3
GERO 3745	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare	3
<b>Required Courses (47 s.h.):</b>		
GERO 1501	Introduction to Gerontology	3
GERO 3703	Aging and Society	3
GERO 3755	Theories of Gerontology	3
GERO 3759	Physical Change and Aging	3
GERO 4821	Internship in Gerontology	7
GERO 4850	Research Methods	3
GERO 4851	Capstone in Gerontology	3
FNUT 3720	Nutrition, Health, and Aging	3
PSYC 3758	Lifespan Development	3
SOC 3701	Social Statistics	4
SOC 4801	Later Life Issues	3
<b>Select one from the following policy courses:</b>		<b>3</b>
GERO 3757	Aging and Social Policy	

POL 3717	Health Care Policy	
SCWK 3730		
Diversity, Ethnicity, Inclusion	Select a minimum of 9 s.h. from the following:	9
University Approved Study Abroad		
GERO 3756	Aging and Ethnicity	
GERO 3790	Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language	4
<b>Select a minimum of 9 s.h. from the following program elective courses:</b>		<b>9</b>
ECON 1504		
FNUT 4873	Nutrition and Aging	
GERO 3745	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare	
GERO 3757	Aging and Social Policy	
GERO 3758	Long-Term Care	
GERO 4804	Family, Health, and Aging	
KSS 4870	Exercise and Aging for Health Professions	
PHLT 3757	Health and Disease	
PHLT 4828	Grant Writing	
POL 3717	Health Care Policy	
PSYC 3757	Adult Development	
PSYC 4857	Biopsychological Aspects of Health and Aging	
SCWK 3730		
SOC 3759	Sociology of Dementia	
SOC 3760	Sociology of Death and Dying	
GERO 3761	Elder Crimes - Elder Justice	3
<b>Total Semester Hours in the Major: 59 s.h.</b>		
Elective hours to complete the degree:		12
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>120-122</b>
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		<b>S.H.</b>
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or HONR 1500	or Intro to Honors	
or SS 1500	or Strong Start Success Seminar	
ENGL 1550	Writing 1 <sup>1</sup>	3-4
or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support	
GERO 1501	Introduction to Gerontology	3
or PSYC 1560	or General Psychology	
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	3
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
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
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
GERO 3703	Aging and Society	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GE Arts and Humanities elective		3
General Education Natural Science elective		3
DEI Elective		3
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FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
FNUT 3720	Nutrition, Health, and Aging	3
GE Arts and Humanities elective		3
GE Natural Science Elective and Lab		4
DEI Elective		3
GERO Elective		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PSYC 3758	Lifespan Development	3
GERO 3759	Physical Change and Aging	3
Policy Elective		3
GERO Elective		3
GERO Elective		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<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
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GERO 4850	Research Methods	3
GERO 4821	Internship in Gerontology	4
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SOC 4801	Later Life Issues	3
GERO 4851	Capstone in Gerontology	3
GERO 4821	Internship in Gerontology	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>120-122</b>

## 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.