BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GERONTOLOGY

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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.

FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT - STUDENT SUCCESS
YSU 1500 Success Seminar 1-2
or SS 1500 Strong Start Success Seminar
or HONR 1500 Intro to Honors

General Education Requirements
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
SOC 1500 Social and Personal Awareness (6 s.h.) 3
GERO 3703 Aging and Society 3
GERO 3745 Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare 3

Required Courses (47 s.h.):
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

Select one from the following policy courses: 3
GERO 3757 Aging and Social Policy

POL 3717 Health Care Policy
SCWK 3730 Social Services and the Aged

Diversity, Ethnicity, Inclusion Select a minimum of 9 s.h. from the following:

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

Select a minimum of 9 s.h. from the following program elective courses: 9
ECON 1504 Economics of Aging
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 Social Services and the Aged
SOC 3759 Sociology of Dementia
SOC 3760 Sociology of Death and Dying
GERO 3761 Elder Crimes - Elder Justice 3

Total Semester Hours in the Major: 59 s.h.
Elective hours to complete the degree: 12
Total Semester Hours 120-122

Year 1
Fall

S.H.
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 3-4
or ENGL 1549 or Writing 1 with Support
GERO 1501 or PSYC 1560 Introduction to Gerontology 3
or General Psychology
SOC 1500 or GERO 1501 Introduction to Sociology 3
or Introduction to Gerontology
FNLG 1550 Elementary Foreign Language 4

Semester Hours 14-16

Spring

ENGL 1551 Writing 2 3
or PSYC 1560 General Psychology 3
or GERO 1501 Introduction to Gerontology 3
CMST 1545 Communication Foundations 3
MATH 2623 Quantitative Reasoning 3
GERO 3703 Aging and Society 3

Semester Hours 15

Year 2
Fall

S.H.
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

Semester Hours 16
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**Total Semester Hours**

120-122

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### 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.