

GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

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Program on Gerontology

The Program on Gerontology offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of aging. Because aging involves physiological, sociological, and psychological processes, gerontology education and research is relevant to many disciplines. Career opportunities in gerontology are extremely diverse and include positions in community services, health sciences, nutrition and dietetics, housing, health and physical education, pharmacy, counseling, health care administration, business, public policy, and many other areas.

Recognizing the diversity of relevant disciplines and career opportunities, the OSU Program on Gerontology offers course work in gerontology through 10 schools/departments. The program is administered through the School of Social and Behavioral Health Sciences.

To be considered a gerontology course, at least 50 percent of the course content must address gerontology-related issues.

In addition to gerontology courses, seminars, field study (310/410/510/610), research (401/501/601), and projects (406/506/606) in gerontology are offered through the Gerontology Program. Field study, research, and projects in gerontology may also be available through other schools/departments. Students register for field study, research, or projects credit in the school or department that best meets their needs for supervision given the nature of the experience.

Graduate Study in Gerontology

OSU offers over 20 graduate-level gerontology courses plus field study and research opportunities. There are three ways to pursue significant graduate work in gerontology at OSU:

- 1. Gerontology may be selected as an area of concentration for both master's and doctoral degrees in Human Development and Family Studies.** Students choosing this concentration will select adult development and aging course work and research in their major and may choose an integrated minor in gerontology.
- 2. Gerontology is an integrated graduate minor (i.e., courses chosen from a variety of schools/departments) available to graduate students in any major field.** The minor requires 18–36 credits, including HDFS 587 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY. The balance of the course work is selected from graduate gerontology courses, field study, and/or research.
- 3. Gerontology is an area of study in the Master's of Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) program.** MAIS students are required to take a minimum of 15 credits in gerontology, including HDFS 587 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY. The balance of courses is selected from graduate gerontology courses, field study, and/or research.

Code	Title	Hours
Gerontology Core Courses		
HDFS 314	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	4
Select two of the following from two different departments:		7-8
H 422	HEALTH, AGING AND CONTROL OF CHRONIC DISEASES	
NUTR 325	NUTRITION THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE	
PSY 350	HUMAN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	
SOC 355	DEATH AND DYING	
Gerontology Courses		
Gerontology courses include the following:		
H 422/H 522	HEALTH, AGING AND CONTROL OF CHRONIC DISEASES	
H 432/H 532	ECONOMIC ISSUES IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE	
H 436	ADVANCED TOPICS IN HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	
H 458/H 558	REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISMS	
H 465/H 565	*PUBLIC HEALTH AND WOMEN: SOCIAL AND POLICY ISSUES	
H 467/H 567	LONG-TERM CARE ALTERNATIVES	
H 468/H 568	FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION OF LONG-TERM CARE	
H 476	^PLANNING AND EVALUATING HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS	
H 536	HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP THEORY AND BEHAVIOR	
H 576	PROGRAM PLANNING/PROPOSAL WRITING IN HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES	
HDFS 314	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	
HDFS 465/ HDFS 565	TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES	
HDFS 518	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	
HDFS 519	THE LIFE COURSE	
HDFS 587	SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY	
HDFS 617	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	
PHL 444/PHL 544	*BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	
PHL 455/PHL 555	DEATH AND DYING	
PSY 350	HUMAN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	
SOC 432/SOC 532	SOCIOLOGY OF AGING	
Field study or field projects in Gerontology – Any Department		
Select 1-16 credits		1-16
Electives from list of approved Gerontology Courses		
Select 12-15 credits of the following:		12-15
H 320	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DISEASE	
H 422/H 522	HEALTH, AGING AND CONTROL OF CHRONIC DISEASES	
H 432/H 532	ECONOMIC ISSUES IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE	
H 436	ADVANCED TOPICS IN HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	

H 458/H 558	REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISMS
H 465/H 565	*PUBLIC HEALTH AND WOMEN: SOCIAL AND POLICY ISSUES
H 467/H 567	LONG-TERM CARE ALTERNATIVES
H 468/H 568	FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION OF LONG-TERM CARE
H 476	^PLANNING AND EVALUATING HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS
H 536	HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP THEORY AND BEHAVIOR
H 576	PROGRAM PLANNING/PROPOSAL WRITING IN HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES
HDFS 461	^PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROPOSAL WRITING
HDFS 462	PROFESSIONAL HELPING SKILLS
HDFS 465/ HDFS 565	TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES
HDFS 518	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING
HDFS 519	THE LIFE COURSE
HDFS 587	SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
HDFS 617	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING
KIN 434	APPLIED MUSCLE PHYSIOLOGY
KIN 437	PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AGING, AND CHRONIC DISEASE
NUTR 312	*ISSUES IN NUTRITION AND HEALTH
NUTR 325	NUTRITION THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE
NUTR 423/ NUTR 523	COMMUNITY NUTRITION
PHL 444/PHL 544	*BIOMEDICAL ETHICS
PSY 350	HUMAN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT
SOC 355	DEATH AND DYING

* Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

^ Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

Note: Other courses are approved annually by the Gerontology Program.

Field study or field projects in Gerontology – Any Department

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Field study is a vital component of the Gerontology Certificate program. Three to six credits of an approved field experience or an approved research or field project are required. No more than six credits of field study will count toward certificate completion. Field Experience or Internships involve professional level work experience in an agency or organization that serves older adults. To be considered a gerontology field placement, at least half of the student's time must be spent working with or for older individuals.

Ordinarily, nine credits of gerontology course work must be completed prior to beginning field study. Specific requirements for field study are cooperatively developed by the faculty supervisor, student, and a

community agency. The type of field study selected should reflect the student's career interests, as well as the student's competencies and the community agency's needs.

Field study in gerontology must be approved by the Program on Gerontology if it is to be used to meet Certificate requirements. Approval forms are available from the Program on Gerontology.

Electives from list of approved Gerontology Courses

Twelve to 15 credits of gerontology electives are required beyond the gerontology core to complete the minimum of 27 credits of gerontology study.

Additional Requirements

1. A grade of "C" or better in all gerontology courses. Overall GPA of 2.5.
2. Formal application to the program; forms available from the program office in 437 Waldo Hall.
3. Certificate requirements fulfilled within five years following graduation. Students who have not completed certificate requirements upon receipt of the degree may continue as special, postbaccalaureate, or graduate students.

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