

# GERONTOLOGY GRADUATE MINOR

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## Graduate Areas of Concentration

### *Gerontology*

Gerontology refers to the study of aging, and also includes adult development. The existence of large numbers of individuals over the age of 65 is unprecedented in the history of humankind. In the next ten years, the number of older adults is expected to double in developed countries and quadruple in the developing world. This growth will pose major challenges for societies in addressing the health, economic, and social needs of this population.

To address these challenges, students, researchers, and practitioners in the field of aging will need to take a multidisciplinary approach to solving these challenges, which will require an understanding of biological, psychological, sociocultural, and design and engineering factors. Accordingly, we have designed a multidisciplinary minor, drawing upon faculty across campus, which is tailored to individual student needs.

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Students are required to have a 3.0 GPA and to have one of the gerontology faculty on their committee. Students must take 18 credits but can decide the classes in conjunction with their committee. Sample classes include:

Code	Title	Credits
H 536	HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP THEORY AND BEHAVIOR	3
H 554	EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AGING	3
H 558	REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISMS	3
H 576	PROGRAM PLANNING FOR HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES	4
H 568	FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION OF LONG-TERM CARE	3
HDFS 518	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	4
HDFS 519	THE LIFE COURSE	4
HDFS 565	TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES ("Psychosocial Factors in Aging" - "Stress and Coping Across the Lifespan")	3
HDFS 587	SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY	3
HDFS 617		3
PHL 544	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	4
PHL 555	DEATH AND DYING	3
SOC 532	SOCIOLOGY OF AGING	4

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