

# Gerontology Minor

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Opportunities and challenges of human aging intersect with most academic and professional disciplines. Older adults receive a range of health, social, economic and other support services (e.g. through government programs, medical centers, senior centers, long-term care facilities, not-for-profit agencies) in order to help them age successfully at home or elsewhere. The 12 credit hour Undergraduate Minor in Gerontology is designed to introduce students to this important field.

## General Requirements

The minor is 12 credit hours. All students must take SOC 2170/GERON 2170: Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies (3-credit hours). The remaining 9 GERON credit hours must include at least 6 credit hours at the 3000-level or above.

Substitutions or alternative courses may be included with approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator. At least 6 of the 12 credit hours required for the minor must be taken at UMSL. Students must achieve a grade of C- or higher in the required and elective courses to qualify for this minor.

### Required Course

SOC/GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
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**Select 9 hours from the list below. At least 6 hours must be at the 3000-level or above. 9**

Any GERON courses		
PSYCH 2268	Lifespan Developmental Psychology (MOTR PSYC 200)	
SOC WK 3510	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	
SOC WK/GS 3700	Diversity and Social Justice	

<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
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Other UMSL courses and courses from other UM campuses, through ICCS or other formats, may be included as electives with prior approval of the program coordinator.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of a Minor in Gerontology at the University of Missouri St. Louis, students will be able to:

- Employ lifespan/life course perspective and biological, psychological, and sociological theories to examine human development and aging.
- Distinguish factors related to aging outcomes through critical thinking and empirical research.