

Gerontological Studies Undergraduate Certificate

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 age successfully at home or elsewhere.

The proportion of older adults in the US population will grow substantially in coming decades. The 15 credit hour Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontological Studies (UCGS) is designed to prepare students for entry level, service-oriented positions in this growing marketplace.

The UCGS adds a tangible credential for future work with and for older adults, and it can be pursued with any major area of study with proper planning. Please contact the Gerontology Program Coordinator to learn more and for an advising appointment.

Introduction

SOC/GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
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Electives

Complete at least 9 elective hours in GERON, with at least 6 hours at the 3000 level or above. ¹	9
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Capstone

GERON 4400	Social & Community Services for an Aging Population ²	3
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Total Hours	15
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Courses that are aging-related but not cross-listed with GERON may be substituted with the approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator.

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An alternative aging-related practicum/field experience from a student's major field may be substituted with the approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator.