Aging Studies Program

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The interdisciplinary minor in Aging Studies is designed to meet the needs of students interested in pursuing a career working with or for the older adult population. The minor provides students the opportunity to examine the biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural perspectives which influence the status of the aging individual in society. Students who complete the Aging Studies minor will be exposed to the basic social policies and personal skills required for working effectively with older persons.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the successful completion of 18 semester hours. All students are required to take A S 2600. The remaining 15 hours may be selected from various departmental courses that have been approved. The general requirement for an interdisciplinary minor is that students may not take more than six hours from a single department. To strengthen research or applied skills, students are encouraged to complete either A S 4800 or A S 4900.

Interdisciplinary
A S 2600 Introduction to Aging Studies
A S 4030 Topics in Aging Studies
A S 4800 Special Projects
A S 4900 Practicum

Departmental
CDFS 3300 Caring Across Generations
CDFS 4390 Families in Later Life
CDFS 4391 Aging Health and Development
N FS 4210 Nutrition in Aging
NURS 3370 Health and Gerontology
PSY 4610 Adult Psychology and Aging
PSY 4630 Death and Dying
REC 3380 Introduction to Recreation for Persons with a Disability
REC 4470 Leisure and Aging
SOC 4020 Sociology of Aging
S W 3170 Family Caregiving Across the Life Span
S W 4430 Social Work with the Terminally Ill
SOC 4040 Health Care Delivery Issues
CDIS 4800 Speech and Language Disorders in the Adult Population

Courses in Aging Studies [A S]

2600 Introduction to Aging Studies. Three credits. (Same as SOC 2600.) Basic concepts, overview of the field, illustrations of problems, and applications for an aging America.

4030 Topics in Aging Studies. Three credits. (Same as SOC 4030.) An opportunity to integrate gerontological theory and research techniques with the practical problems of older persons.

4800 Special Projects. One to six credits. (Same as SOC 4800.) Field experiences or reading courses through which special interests or needs of the student may be pursued under individual supervision. No more than three hours may be used in the major. Arrangements must be made with an instructor prior to registration.

4900 Practicum. Three to six credits. Prerequisites: A S 2600 plus six hours of Aging Studies electives and senior standing. Student is placed in an agency setting on a contractual basis. Application must be made the preceding semester.