

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
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
SOC	4080	Group Work with the Elderly
CDIS	4800	Speech, Language, and Auditory Problems of the Aged

Courses in Aging Studies [A S]

- 2600 (260) 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 (403) 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 (480) 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 (490) 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.

