

# 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 15 semester hours. All students are required to take AS 2600. The remaining 12 hours may be selected from other Aging Studies courses or approved departmental courses. 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 AS 4800 or AS 4900.

### Interdisciplinary

AS	2600	Introduction to Aging Studies
AS	4030	Topics in Aging Studies
AS	4800	Special Projects
AS	4900	Practicum

### Departmental

CDFS	3300	Caring Across Generations
CDFS	4390	Families in Later Life
CDFS	4391	Aging Health and Development
NFS	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
SW	3170	Family Caregiving Across the Life Span
SW	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 [AS]

- 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: AS 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.

