

GERONTOLOGY MINOR

Through the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology students will explore issues and topics related to aging in today's society. Students will benefit from a broad knowledge base drawn from a selection of courses from departments across the university including the social and natural sciences and humanities. Gerontology incorporates an understanding of psychological, social, and biological changes across the lifespan and their effect on policy and the economy. The Gerontology minor will prepare students interested in working directly with older adults and their caregivers through their major field of study (e.g. nursing, occupational therapy) as well as those interested in policy, community services, human services, and business.

Students must take the 4 required courses and 2 electives. At least 1 course must be at 300-level or higher.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Introductory Course | | |
| IS-160 | Introduction to Gerontology | 3 |
| Development of Aging Course | | |
| BI-266 or PS-322 | Biology of Aging Psychology of Aging | 3 |
| Health Policy Course | | |
| Take one of these courses: | | 3 |
| PO-312 | Health Politics and Policy | |
| HC-220 | Health Policy | |
| HC-345 | Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System | |
| Experiential Learning Course | | |
| Take one from these courses: | | 3 |
| UR-142 | Practicum in Urban Studies-Introductory | |
| UR-242 | Practicum in Urban Studies-Intermediate | |
| UR-315 | Oral History for Urban Areas | |
| UR-450 | Internship: Urban Studies | |
| PS-400 | Internship in Psychology | |
| SO-410 | Field Work | |
| Electives | | |
| Take two courses from these courses: | | 6 |
| UR-142 | Practicum in Urban Studies-Introductory | |
| UR-242 | Practicum in Urban Studies-Intermediate | |
| UR-217 | Child Advocacy | |
| UR-221 | Introduction to Social Work | |
| UR-306 | Interviewing and Counseling Techniques | |
| UR-315 | Oral History for Urban Areas | |
| UR-321 | Advanced Social Work | |
| UR-350 | Urban Youth in American Society | |
| Total Credits | | 18 |

***A single semester of UR 142/242, UR 315, & PS 400/SO 410/UR 450 can only be used to fulfill either the experiential learning requirement or an elective. Students can opt to take UR 142/242 or PS 400/SO 410/UR 450 more than once to fulfil more than 1 requirement.