GERONTOLOGY, MINOR

Liberal Arts (Code 670-400)

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Gerontology is a multidisciplinary field that examines the correlates and consequences of human aging. To reflect this multidisciplinarity, the Gerontology minor includes courses from a variety of academic disciplines. Objectives of the minor include:

1. promoting an understanding of the multifaceted nature of the human aging process;
2. generating awareness of both the rewards and challenges associated with aging;
3. providing a broad program of study that complements a number of major programs and prepares students for graduate study and/or careers in the field of aging.

Twenty-four semester credits, including:

Code	Title	Credits
Select at least one of the following:		**3**
SW 315	Aging and the Aged	
SW/NRSG 360	Death and Bereavement	
Select remaining credits from the following:		**21**
BIOL 151	Biology of Humans	
BIOL 196	Human Nutrition	
BIOL 314	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
CSD 410	Communication Changes and Disorders of the Older Adult	
ECON 280	Health Economics	
HCAD 201	Overview of the U.S. Health Care System	
HCAD 222	Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Aging	
IDIS 125	Brain: Introduction to Neuroscience	
NRSG 211	Wellness: Food for Fitness	
NRSG 212	Navigating Health Care	
NRSG 213	Body, Mind, Spirit Wellness	
PHIL 306	Ethics of Health Care	
PSYC 230	Human Development	
PSYC 333	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	
RELS 315	Psychology of Religion	
SOC 316	Sociology of Family	
SOC 364	Social Gerontology	
SW 315	Aging and the Aged	
SW/NRSG 360	Death and Bereavement	

Up to three credits from Directed Studies, Independent Study, or Special Topics courses that focus on gerontological issues may be applied to the minor with approval from the Gerontology minor advisor.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following outcomes:

- Illustrate the multidisciplinary nature of the human aging process.
- Differentiate between myths and realities of the aging process.
- Discuss key issues impacting older people (e.g. social policies/programs, ethical concerns, health care).