

# GERONTOLOGY (GERO)

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## GERO 200 Introduction to Gerontology

**Description:** Introduction to social gerontology and human development in later life; emphasis on important elements of aging, such as socialization, family interaction, retirement, physical and psychological aging, and perceptions of older persons in contemporary society.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**Prerequisite for:** GERO 446, GERO 846, PSYC 446

**ACE:** ACE 6 Social Science

## GERO 307 Death and Dying

**Description:** Interdisciplinary survey of literature in the field of thanatology with an emphasis on working with the older patient and his or her family.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 410 Educational Gerontology

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 810

**Description:** Introduction to the field of education for and about the aging. Institutions and processes of education will be analyzed to determine their relationships and value to persons who are now old and those who are aging.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 435 Issues in Aging

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 835

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing

**Description:** For students in gerontology and in other fields who are interested in a humanistic approach to understanding significant issues which affect the lives of older people.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 9

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 442 Recreation Therapy: Intervention for the Aging

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 842

**Description:** Role of leisure services as related to understanding and working with elders. Emphasis on recreation programming as a mode of intervention. Analysis and study of the phases of aging, with reference to psychomotor, affective, and cognitive changes; introduction to the theories of aging and how they relate to the lifestyle of this population; recreational therapy intervention, activity adaptation and program design; leisure education and issues and trends.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 446 Psychology of Adult Development and Aging

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 846, PSYC 446

**Prerequisites:** PSYC 181 or GERO 200.

**Description:** Major social and psychological changes that occur as a function of aging. Both normal and abnormal patterns of developmental change including their implications for behavior.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 447 Mental Health and Aging

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 847

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing.

**Description:** Mental health needs of older adults. Identifying both positive mental health and pathological conditions. Treatment interventions effective with older adults and their families.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 450 Legal Aspects of Aging

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 850

**Description:** Consideration of the legal concerns which are likely to arise as people age. Includes introduction to the American legal system and emphasis on underlying legal concepts and issues of special importance to older persons.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 451 Long-term Care Administration

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 851

**Description:** Investigation of the broad range of policy issues, theoretical concerns, and practical management strategies influencing the design, organization, and delivery of long-term care services.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 452 Senior Housing

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 852

**Prerequisites:** Junior/Senior Standing

**Description:** Provides an in-depth understanding of the various housing options available to older adults including aging in place to hospice. Gain a working knowledge of the needs of older adults and how this is used in making decisions about housing.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

## GERO 455 Health Aspects of Aging

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 855

**Description:** Psychological, sociological, and physiological factors that influence the health of the aging, with particular emphasis given to biological changes that have implications for disease and health disorders.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**GERO 459 Disorders of Communication in Older Adults**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 859

**Description:** Familiarizes the student with the identification and symptomology, basic assessment and intervention strategies associated with disorders of communication affecting older adults and geriatric patients. Beneficial to students majoring in gerontology, or speech pathology, as an elective course, or as a professional enrichment course for persons working in these or related fields.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**GERO 467 Programs and Services for the Elderly**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 867

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing.

**Description:** Historical overview of programs for the elderly, to examine the national policy process as it relates to the older American, and to review the principles and practices relative to the existing national programs for the aged.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**GERO 469 Working with Minority Elderly**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 869, SOCW 404

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior in gerontology or social work.

**Description:** Interdisciplinary course designed to provide the student with knowledge of the differing status, attitudes, and experiences of the elderly within four major minority groups and to examine various service systems and practice models in terms of their relevance and effectiveness in meeting needs of minority elderly.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**GERO 472 Baby Boomers and 21st century**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 872

**Description:** Marketing decisions and strategies apply to all businesses and are influenced by the target market. The economic realities and the character of America will change due to shifting demographics of baby boomers. Businesses that understand the power of the baby boomers will succeed; failure to understand that power may lead to economic consequences. Students from many disciplines will benefit from this cross-referenced course blending the realities of gerontology with the predictions of baby boomer behavior and the resulting impact to all businesses.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** IND

**GERO 475 Mid-life Career Change and Pre-Retirement**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 875

**Description:** Examination of mid-life as it applies to the concept of second careers, existing resources, and the future of second careers; and the concept and practical implications of preretirement planning.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**GERO 485 Hospice and Other Services for the Dying Patient/Family**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 885, SOCW 485

**Description:** Designed to involve students in the recognition of fears, concerns, and needs of dying patients and their families by examining the hospice concept and other services available in our community. Factual information, readings, professional presentations, films, and experiential exercises are offered to aid the student in understanding that hospice is an alternative to the traditional medical model so that when the "cure" system is no longer functional, then the "care" system, hospice, can be offered.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**GERO 492 Special Studies in Gerontology**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 892

**Prerequisites:** 6 hrs gerontology.

**Description:** Special studies designed around the interests and needs of the individual student in such areas as the psychology, sociology, economics, or politics of aging, as well as operation of various service systems. May be either a literature review project or a field project in which experience is gained in the community identifying and analyzing needs and services related to older people.

**Credit Hours:** 1-3

**Min credits per semester:** 1

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** IND

**GERO 494 Practicum**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 894

**Prerequisites:** 9 hrs gerontology and permission.

**Description:** Opportunity for students to share field experiences; to obtain guidance concerning various relationships with agency, staff, and clients; and to develop a broadly based perspective of the field of aging.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 6

**Format:** FLD

**GERO 497 Senior Honors Project/Thesis**

**Prerequisites:** Senior Honors Program.

**Description:** Independent research project supervised by department/school faculty.

**Credit Hours:** 3-6

**Min credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 6

**Max credits per degree:** 6

**Format:** IND

**GERO 498 Counseling Skills in Gerontology**

**Crosslisted with:** GERO 898

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing.

**Description:** Develops basic counseling skills for application in gerontology.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC