

Gerontology Minor

Opportunities and challenges of human aging intersect with most academic and professional disciplines. Older adults receive a range of health, social, economic and other support services (e.g. through government programs, medical centers, senior centers, long-term care facilities, not-for-profit agencies) in order to help them age successfully at home or elsewhere. The 12 credit hour Undergraduate Minor in Gerontology is designed to introduce students to this important field.

~~All students must take a 3-credit introductory course. The remaining 9 credit hours must include at least two courses at the 3000-level or above. Substitutions or alternative courses may be included with approval of the Program Coordinator for Gerontology.~~

~~Students wishing to designate a 4000-level course as capstone for the BLS must coordinate this with Program Coordinator for Gerontology prior to starting the course.~~

General Requirements

The minor is 12 credit hours. All students must take SOC 2170/GERON 2170: Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies (3-credit hours). The remaining 9 GERON credit hours must include at least 6 credit hours at the 3000-level or above.

Substitutions or alternative courses may be included with approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator. At least 6 of the 12 credit hours required for the minor must be taken at UMSL. Students must achieve a grade of C- or higher in the required and elective courses to qualify for this minor.

Required Course

SOC/GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
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Electives

Complete at least 9 elective hours in GERON, with at least 6 hours at the 3000 level or above. ¹	9
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- ¹ Additional courses approved for the minor include: PSYCH 2268: Lifespan Developmental Psychology, SOC WK 3510: Human Behavior in the Social Environment and GS 3700/SOC WK 3700: Diversity and Social Justice. ~~Courses~~ Other courses that are aging-related but not cross listed with GERON may be substituted with the approval of the Gerontology Program Coordinator.

If other departments are affected by this proposal, please secure "sign-offs" and indicate for each department the following:

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
Sociology	Jim Craig	6037	No
Psychology	Ann Steffen	5382	No

Justification for request:

Added clarity to the program pathway for students.

Updated acceptable course work that is not GERON prefix.

Confirmed that students may earn C- or higher in all minor coursework.

Updated modality because some courses are offered online.