Why a Career in Gerontology?

For the first time in human history, people are living longer and the number of older persons is increasing worldwide producing what is being called a global "Age Wave." By the year 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be over the age of 65 and by 2050 there will be 19 million persons over the age of 85. These continued growth trends will result in a demand for professionals with knowledge and expertise in aging and aging related issues. Career opportunities in gerontology are forecasted to be the "next big thing" in the 21st Century workplace, increasing by over 36%. To learn more about 101+ careers in aging visit the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging website careersinaging.com.

Human Development and Family Sciences

Undergraduate Gerontology Minor

Open to All Majors!

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Did You Know?

For the first time in U.S. history, the number of people older than 60 is greater than the number of people younger than 15!

By 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be 65+

Those 100+ are the fastest growing age group worldwide!

The oldest living person is currently 116!
Careers in Aging

Consider the Possibilities
- Senior Services – Private & Non-profit
- Government & Community Agencies
- Health care & Long-term care
- Retirement Planning & Communities
- Financial Services
- Business & Industry
- Fitness & Wellness
- Aging Education & Research
- Lifelong Learning
- Elder Housing
- Elder Law & Advocacy
- Counseling Older Adults & families
- Direct Care Settings
- Consumer Products (electronic/digital)
- Travel & Tourism

Requirements

6 Credits, 2 of 3 below
- Adulthood & Aging (HDFS 2200)
- Aging in the American Society (HDFS 3240)
- Gender & Aging (HDFS 3249)

Electives, 9 Credits
- Any course not taken above
- Fieldwork in Aging (HDFS3080)
- Research Practicum in Aging (HDFS3092)
- Selected Topics in Aging (HDFS3098)
- Death & Dying (HDFS3252)
- Planning & Managing Human Services (HDFS3510)

Requirements continued
- Public Policy & The Family (HDFS3530)
- Independent Study in Aging (HDFS4099)
- Aging Implications for Health Professionals (AH3203)
- Health Psychology (Psych3105)

Job Placement

As the population continues to age, no matter what career path you choose, knowledge specifically related to older adults and their families will be needed to meet the demands and needs of our aging society – no area will go untouched!

"Global Aging over the next century will require students in the peak years of their careers - whatever their careers maybe - to spend some time providing services to, selling to, or designing things for persons in their retirement years. Undergraduates who understand older adults and the major issues they and their families face, will have a clear competitive edge in any market place."

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