

GERONTOLOGY MINOR

<https://chhs.unh.edu/sw/gerontology-minor>

Description

The gerontology interdisciplinary minor provides students with the opportunity to examine and evaluate the aging process as it affects the individual and society within the United States. Through a multidisciplinary course selection, students develop an understanding of aging from a variety of perspectives with a focus on how people age physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially. Students are encouraged to analyze the historical and philosophical foundation from which policies, programs, and professional activities affecting the aged are developed, implemented, and evaluated. The purpose of this minor is to prepare students as they enter their career fields on the effects that the growing elderly population will have in every component of modern life.

Requirements

To complete a minor in gerontology students are required to take a minimum of 20 credits (five courses).

GERO 795 Independent Study, is not a required course but is used by students and faculty as an option for creating an individual experience relating to aging. A faculty member must approve and oversee (mentor) the student's work in GERO 795 Independent Study. Additionally, the GMM coordinator must also approve of the proposal and retain a copy. A copy of the proposal and the final copy will be kept in the student's major academic folder.

Other courses available to students are courses within the various University colleges containing a 50 percent focus on aging in the United States and approved by the GMM coordinator with reviews by the Gerontology Minor Advisory Board.

Students who wish to discuss or find out more about the minor may make an appointment with the GMM Coordinator, College of Health and Human Services, Department of Social Work.

Code	Title	Credits
Required courses:		
GERO 500	I'm Old, So What! An introduction to aging in the United States	4
KIN 607	Biology of Aging	4
Select 3 additional courses. Some of the accepted courses are the following:		12
NURS 535	Death and Dying	
OT 501	Developmental Tasks of Adulthood	
PSYC #582	Adult Development and Aging	
PSYC 741	Advanced Topics	
SW 625	Social Welfare Policy in a Global Context	
SW #701	Women and Aging	
Total Credits		20

An updated list of University-wide approved courses may be picked up in the Gerontology Minor Coordinator's office, College of Health & Human Services, Department of Social Work, Pettee Hall.