

Minor in Gerontology

For the first time in US History, older adults are projected to outnumber children by the year 2034. Since 1900 the percentage of older adults in the US has almost quadrupled, from 4% in 1900 to 16% in 2019, and is projected to continue to increase. Americans are living longer than ever, and the need for students with training in aging is growing.

A minor is meant to complement both the student's career goals and the major(s) they have chosen. By adding a Gerontology minor, students become marketable in a wide array of fields and open themselves up to a love of working with older adults and investigating the process of aging. A minor adds an extra credential to your resume, gives you a unique edge in the job market or graduate school applications and will provide additional employment opportunities.

The minor in Gerontology is a 15-credit-hour program of study which includes 6 hours of required courses and 9 hours of electives taken from a list of approved gerontology courses.

Required courses (6 credit hours):

GERON 315 -- Introduction to Gerontology (3)

GERON 577 -- Introduction to Policy & Advocacy in Gerontology (3)

Elective courses – (9 credit hours)

Students may choose from a list of almost 40 options, allowing students to customize learning based on their interests and anticipated career path. Gerontology courses must be used for at least three of the elective credit hours. Courses not on the electives list may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the gerontology advisor and/or the program director. Students in many different fields choose to pair their primary major with a gerontology minor including:

Conflict Resolution

Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

Health Professions

Human Development and Family Studies

Hospitality Management

Interior Design

Interior Design

Kinesiology

Personal Financial Planning

Psychological Sciences

Social Work

Theatre



For more information or to declare the minor in gerontology please email gerontology@k-state.edu, visit www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/ or stop by the Center on Aging in 253 Justin Hall.

