

# Secondary Major in Gerontology

The number of older adults in the US increased by 36% between 2009 and 2020, compared to an increase of 3% for the under 65 population. By 2034 the number of adults 65+ is projected to outnumber those under 18 years of age. Professionals are needed to work in the field of aging which is diverse, has a multitude of employment options, and offers the opportunity to develop new programs and services. People in the field of gerontology experience strong job satisfaction while improving the lives of older adults.

The Secondary Major in Gerontology was developed to enhance job opportunities and develop new areas of specialty within a student's primary career path. It is a 24-credit-hour program of study. Courses may overlap with those taken for primary major requirements.

Students will choose from one of the following tracks:

- Gerontology (9 hours required) + Electives (15 hours)
- Gerontology (9 hours required) + Long-Term Care Administration Track (12 hours) + Elective (3 hours)

### ***Required courses for both tracks (9 credit hours):***

GERON 315 -- Introduction to Gerontology (3)

GERON 575 – Introduction to Diversity in the Aging Experience (3)

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

### ***Elective Courses***

Additional courses may be approved for gerontology credit on a case-by-case basis. Students may choose electives from the list based upon their professional goals. *Gerontology courses must be used for at least nine 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.

### ***Long-Term Care Administration Track (12 credit hours)***

- ACCTG 231 - Accounting for Business Operations (3)
- GERON 610 - Seminar in Long-Term Care Administration (3)
- GERON 615 - Long-Term Care Administration Internship (1-9)
- MANGT 420 - Principles of Management (3)



For more information or to declare the secondary major in gerontology please email [gerontology@k-state.edu](mailto:gerontology@k-state.edu), visit [www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/](http://www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/) or stop by the Center on Aging in 253 Justin Hall.

