

# Minor in Gerontology

For the first time in US History, older adults are projected to outnumber children by the year 2034. 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, give 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 credit hours of required courses and 9 credit hours of electives taken from a list of approved gerontology courses.

## ***Required courses (6 credit hours):***

GERON 315 - Introduction to Gerontology (3)

GERON 510 – Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy (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 may overlap with requirements for K-State 8 or the students' primary major. A wide range of classes which can be used as gerontology electives are available within the following departments:

*Conflict Resolution*

*Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health*

*Human Development and Family Studies*

*Gerontology*

*History*

*Hospitality Management*

*Interior Design*

*Kinesiology*

*Personal Financial Planning*

*Philosophy*

*Psychological Sciences*

*Social Work*

*Theatre*

*For more information or to declare the minor in gerontology please email [gerontology@k-state.edu](mailto:gerontology@k-state.edu) or stop by the Center on Aging in 253 Justin Hall.*



# Required and elective courses for Gerontology Minor or Secondary Major

## Health and Human Sciences

- GERON 315 Intro to Gerontology (3)
- GERON 400 Biogerontology (3)
- GERON 510 Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy (3)
- GERON 600 Seminar in Gerontology (3)
- GERON 605 Practicum in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 610 Seminar in Long-Term Care (3)
- GERON 615 Long-Term Care Internship (9)
- GERON 620 Problems in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 625 Health and Aging (3)
- GERON 630 Mental Health & Aging (3)
- GERON 705 Sexuality and Aging (3)
- GERON 710 Creativity and Aging (3)
- GERON 715 Aging Veterans (3)
- GERON 720 Design for Aging in Mod. World (3)

## Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design

- ID 651 Design for Supportive Environ. (3)

## Applied Human Sciences

- CNRES 530 Coping with Life Crises (3)
- CNRES 531 Core Conflict Resolution (3)
- CNRES 534 Organizational Conflict (3)
- CNRES 537 Elder & Family Decision Making (3)
- CNRES 539 Grief/Loss Across the Lifespan (3)
- HDFS 510 Human Development and Aging (3)
- HDFS 654 Death and the Family (3)

## Foods, Nutrition, Dietetics & Health

- FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 352 Personal Wellness (3)
- FNDH 400 Human Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 510 Life Span Nutrition (2)
- FNDH 720 Admin. Of Health Care Org. (3)

## History

- HIST 520 Death and Dying in History (3)
- HIST 534 Social History of Medicine (3)

## Kinesiology

- KIN 335 Physiology of Exercise (4)
- KIN 381 - Exercise & Chronic Disease (3)
- KIN 383 - Exercise and Older Adults (3)
- KIN 419 - Health Policy & Administration (3)
- KIN 612 – Policy, Built Environment and Physical Activity (3)

## Music, Theatre, and Dance

- THTRE 664 Creative Drama (3)
- THTRE 665 Drama Ther./Spec. Populations (3)
- THTRE 675 Drama Therapy/ Older Adults (3)

## Philosophy

- PHILO 365 Medical Ethics (3)

## Psychological Sciences

- PSYCH 518 Introduction to Health Psych (3)
- PSYCH 520 Life-Span Personality Dev. (3)
- PSYCH 715 Psychology of Aging (3)

## Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

- SOCWK 320 Dynamics of Working with Older Adults (3)

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Other courses may be approved for gerontology credit on a case by case basis. Contact the Gerontology advisor for more information at 785-532-5945 or [gerontology@k-state.edu](mailto:gerontology@k-state.edu). See <https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/academics/ugrad/course-schedule.html> for current course offerings.