



## **GERONTOLOGY** **Consider the Possibilities!**

### **The Gerontology Program at SCSU**



#### **What is Gerontology?**

Gerontology is the science that studies the process of aging in various dimensions: social, cultural, psychological, biological, demographic, political, legal, economic, and educational.

The Gerontology program at SCSU combines classroom instruction, service-learning, personalized attention, internships, and other experiential activities in order to integrate current theory and practice in aging.

In addition, the Gerontology Club and Sigma Phi Omega (the National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology) provide students an opportunity to network with each other, faculty and professionals interested in aging.

#### **Choose One of Three Gerontology programs**

- **Undergraduate Minor**

The undergraduate minor is for students with a variety of majors who want to work with an aging population. The minor is 24 credits.

- **Graduate Certificate**

The graduate certificate is for those currently enrolled in a graduate program or who already have a graduate degree. It provides specialized training in aging studies. The graduate certificate is a 12-15 credit program.

- **Master's in Science**

The master's degree is for students who have completed a Bachelor's degree and want to further their educational and career opportunities. The M.S. is a 34-36 credit degree. Thesis and non-thesis options are available.

#### **Career Opportunities:**

Students who study Gerontology can work in areas of:

Health Care	Social Services	Long Term Care	Business
Retail	Housing	Transportation	Public Policy
Education	Travel	Administration	Advocacy
Research	Recreation	Legal Services	Retirement Communities

#### **For more information:**

Contact the Gerontology program at (320) 308-3947 or visit the SCSU Gerontology website at [www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology)

## Gerontology Minor (24 credits)

### Core Requirements (9 credits)

GERO 208	Introduction to Gerontology	3 cr
GERO 411	Aging Policy & Programs	3 cr
GERO 444	Internship	3-6 cr

### Electives (15 credits of A+B+C)

#### Distribution A (at least 6 credits: 2 classes)

GERO 465	Health & Aging	3 cr
PSY 443	Psychology of Adulthood & Aging	3 cr
SOC 350	Sociology of Age & Aging	3 cr

#### Distribution B (no more than 3 credits: 0-1 class)

CMTY 333	Studying Communities	3 cr
REC 339	Therapeutic Recreation	3 cr
SSCI 204	Themes in Social Sciences*	3 cr

#### Distribution C (at least 6 credits: 2-5 classes)

BIOL 402	Biology of Aging	3 cr
CSD 440	Communication Disorders & Aging	3 cr
CMST 431	Communication & Aging	3 cr
CMTY 455	Grant Development	3 cr
FIRE 479	Social Insurance	3 cr
GERO 405	Aging & Diversity	3 cr
GERO 415	Women & Aging	3 cr
GERO 425	Dementia & Aging	3 cr
GERO 435	Housing Options for Older Adults	3 cr
GERO 440	Seminar (Topics)**	1-3 cr
HLTH 411	Nutrition & Older Adults	3 cr
PSY 345	Psychology of Death & Dying	3 cr
SOC 473	Sociology of the Elderly Family	3 cr
SOC 475	Sociology of Health & Illness	3 cr
SW 430	Social Work Practice & Aging	3 cr

*Other suitable electives may be selected with the approval of the gerontology minor advisor.*

## Gerontology Masters Degree

<b>Plan A (Thesis)</b>	<b>34 credits</b>
<b>Plan B (Starred Paper)</b>	<b>36 credits</b>
<b>Plan C (Practicum)</b>	<b>36 credits</b>

### Core Requirements: (9 credits: select at least 3)

GERO 620	Advanced Policy Issues in Gerontology	3 cr
GERO 630	Aging & Community	3 cr
GERO 565	Health & Aging	3 cr
PSY 647	Psychology of Aging: Theory & Research	3 cr
SOC 650	Sociology of Aging & the Life Course	3 cr

### Research Requirements: (9-12 credits)

ED 615	Introduction to Research	3 cr
OR		
SOC 679	Advanced Research (or equivalent)	3 cr
CEEP 678	Introduction to Graduate Statistics	3 cr
GERO 696	Practicum (Plan C)	6 cr
GERO 697	Starred Paper (Plan B)	6 cr
GERO 699	Thesis (Plan A)	6 cr

### Internship Requirement: (3-6 credits)

GERO 644	Gerontology Internship	3-6 cr
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### Electives: Plan A : (12 credits); Plans B & C : (15 credits)

BIOL 502	Biology of Aging	3 cr
CSD 540	Communication Disorders & Aging	2 cr

CEEP 646	Counseling of Older Persons	3 cr
CMST 531	Communication & Aging	3 cr
CMTY 555	Grant Development	3 cr
FIRE 579	Social Insurance	3 cr
GERO 505	Aging & Diversity	3 cr
GERO 511	Aging Policy & Programs	3 cr
GERO 515	Women & Aging	3 cr
GERO 525	Dementia & Aging	3 cr
GERO 535	Housing Options for Older Adults	3 cr
GERO 540	Seminar (Topics)**	1-3 cr
HLTH 511	Nutrition & Older Adults	3 cr
PSY 543	Psychology of Adulthood & Aging	3 cr
SOC 573	Sociology of the Elderly Family	3 cr
SOC 575	Sociology of Health & Illness	3 cr
SW 530	Social Work Practice & Aging	3 cr

*Other suitable electives may be selected with the approval of the gerontology graduate advisor. For students with an undergraduate specialization in gerontology, appropriate substitutions may be made in consultation with the advisor.*

## Gerontology Graduate Certificate (12-15 credits)

### Requirements (Choose 6 credits) from:

GERO 620	Advanced Policy Issues in Gerontology	3 cr
GERO 630	Aging & Community	3 cr
GERO 565	Health & Aging	3 cr
PSY 647	Psychology of Aging: Theory & Research	3 cr
SOC 650	Sociology of Aging & the Life Course	3 cr

### Electives (Choose 6-9 credits) from:

BIOL 502	Biology of Aging	3 cr
CSD 540	Communication Disorders & Aging	3 cr
CEEP 646	Counseling of Older Persons	3 cr
CMST 531	Communication & Aging	3 cr
FIRE 579	Social Insurance	3 cr
GERO 505	Aging & Diversity	3 cr
GERO 511	Aging Policy & Programs	3 cr
GERO 515	Women & Aging	3 cr
GERO 525	Dementia & Aging	3 cr
GERO 535	Housing Options for Older Adults	3 cr
GERO 540	Seminar (Topics)**	1-3 cr
HLTH 511	Nutrition & Older Adults	3 cr
PSY 543	Psychology of Adulthood & Aging	3 cr
SOC 573	Sociology of the Elderly Family	3 cr
SOC 575	Sociology of Health & Illness	3 cr
SW 530	Social Work Practice & Aging	3 cr

\* *The theme of the course must be age related and approved by the Gerontology advisor in order for the credits to count toward the Gerontology program.*

\*\* *May be repeated with different topics*

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