

GERONTOLOGY, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
HDFS 249N	Adult Development and Aging	3
Additional Courses		
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BIOL 155 or SOC 35	Introduction to the Biology of Aging Sociology of Aging	3
SOC 435/ HDFS 434 or HDFS 445/ PSYCH 416	Perspectives on Aging Development Throughout Adulthood	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 9 credits of the following:		9
ADTED 460	Introduction to Lifelong Learning and Adult Education	
AYFCE/CIED 845	Intergenerational Programs and Practices (must be approved by the Graduate School)	
BBH 316	Foundations and Principles of Health Promotion	
BBH 410	Developmental and Health Genetics	
BBH/HPA 440	Principles of Epidemiology	
BIOL 155	Introduction to the Biology of Aging	
CAS 421	Communication and Aging	
HDFS 413	Developmental Problems in Adulthood	
HDFS 445/ PSYCH 416	Development Throughout Adulthood	
HDFS 446	Programs and Services in Gerontology	
HDFS 447	Issues in Gerontology	
HM 306	Hospitality in Senior Living	
HPA 101	Introduction to Health Services Organization	
HPA 332	Health Systems Management	
HPA 442	Long-Term Care Management	
KINES 465	Neurobiology of Sensorimotor Stroke Rehabilitation	
KINES 481W	Scientific Basis of Exercise for Older Adults	
NURS 115	Medications and the Elderly Client	

NURS 310 Therapeutic Nursing Care of the Older Adult Client in a Variety of Settings

NURS 464 Dying and Death

RM 401 Fundamentals of Private Pensions

SOC 35 Sociology of Aging

SOC 423 Social Demography

SOC 435 Perspectives on Aging

Note: Students may enroll in special topics courses (297, 497) that focus on aging or old age, with faculty permission. With faculty approval, students may also enroll for independent studies in their major department to write a senior thesis focused on an issue of aging.