

GERONTOLOGY MINOR

Students in the Gerontology Minor program will study issues of aging from an interdisciplinary perspective and come to understand the interplay between them, including the health and medical as well as social and psychological needs of older persons. Although this interdisciplinary minor is housed in the School of Social Work, students in other majors may complete the minor in consultation with both the Chair of the Gerontology Minor and the students' academic advisors in their respective departments. Students must consult with their major advisor to select electives, practicum or volunteer experiences, and to integrate courses that will meet the requirements of the minor.

Minor - Gerontology

College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences

Degree Specific Credits: 21-23

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Catalog Year: 2018-2019

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		12
Integrating Courses		3
Practicum Courses		3-5
Gerontology Electives		3
Total Hours		21-23

Core Courses

Note: These courses provide students with a common knowledge base through an introduction to gerontology and study of three core areas: social aspects, psychological aspects, and health aspects of aging.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
AHHS 325	Introduction to Gerontology	3
AHHS 430	Health Aspects of Aging	3
PSYX 233	Fund of Psychology of Aging	3
S W 455	Social Gerontology	3
Total Hours		12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Integrating Courses

Notes: In each of the following majors, a course has been identified that will integrate the core course content with information and concepts within the major. A similar course will be identified in other majors not listed here.

Nursing students can also take NRS 377 through Montana State University with approval by advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		
CSD 365	Acquired Speech and Language Disorders (for Communication Sciences & Disorders majors)	3
KIN 483	Exercise Disease & Aging (for Health and Human Performance majors)	
PHAR 451	Therapeutics I (for Pharmacy majors)	
P T 520	Development Through the Life Span (for Physical Therapy majors)	
SOCI 332	Sociology of the Family (for Psychology, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies majors)	
S W 300	Hum Behav & Soc Environ (for Social Work majors)	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Practicum Courses

Notes: The courses provide experience working with both well and/or frail older persons.

Nursing students can also take NRS 454 through Montana State University with approval by advisor.

Students in majors that do not have access to a practicum course can enroll in AHHS 395 for up to 3 credits of service learning experience compatible with the student's major and interests.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete at least 3 credits from the following courses:		
AHHS 395	Geriatric Practicum (for Communicative Sciences & Disorders majors)	3-5
KIN 498	Internship (for Health & Human Performance majors)	
PHAR 585	Geriatric APPE (for Pharmacy majors)	
P T 583 & P T 584	Integrated Clinical Experience I and Integrated Clinical Experience II (for Physical Therapy majors)	
PSYX 398 or PSYX 298	Internship (for Psychology majors) Internship	
S W 398 or S W 495	Internship (for Social Work majors) Field Work Practicum	
SOCI 498	Internship (for Sociology majors)	
WGSS 398	Coop Education/Internship (for Women's & Gender Studies majors)	
Total Hours		3-5

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Gerontology Electives

Note: A student must take a minimum of 3 elective credits with at least 25% of the content focused on gerontology. Students may petition for approval of another elective course.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		3
AHHS 327	MGS Meeting	
AHHS 420	Geriatric Health Issues	
AHHS 491	Special Topics (Geriatric Healthcare)	
AHMS 270E	Medical Ethics	
ANTY 426	Culture, Health and Healing	
COMX 485	Communication and Health	
PHAR 320	Am Ind Health Issues	
PHL 321E	Philosophy & Biomedical Ethics	
PSYX 280	Fund of Memory and Cognition	
PSYX 348	Psychology of Family Violence	
S W 475	Death, Dying and Grief	
SOCI 332	Sociology of the Family	
SOCI 491	Special Topics (Sociology of Health & Illness)	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-
