

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. This interdisciplinary minor is housed in the College of Health, and students in any major may complete the program. Students must consult with the gerontology advisor in their department to select elective, practicum, and integrating courses that will meet the requirements of the minor.

Minor - Gerontology

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		12
Integrating Course		3
Practicum Course		3-6
Gerontology Electives		3
Total Hours		21-24

Degree Specific Credits: 20-24

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

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	Fundamentals 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 may take NRS 314 (Concepts of Psychosocial Nursing) through Montana State University with approval by advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		3
CSD 365	Acquired Communication and Swallowing Disorders (for Communicative Sciences & Disorders majors)	

KIN 483	Exercise Disease & Aging (for Integrative Physiology and Pre-Physical Therapy majors)
PHAR 451	Therapeutics I (for Pharmaceutical Science majors) ¹
PSYX 233	Fundamentals of Psychology of Aging (for Psychology Majors) ²
S W 300	Human Behavior & Social Environment (for Social Work majors)
Total Hours	3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

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Pharmacy students must complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences or another baccalaureate degree to receive a minor.

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Psychology students must complete an additional 3 credit elective.

Practicum Courses

Notes:

- The courses provide experience working with both well and/or frail older persons.
- Nursing students may take 409 (Nursing Practice in Chronic Care) 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 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:		3
AHHS 395	Geriatric Practicum (for Communicative Sciences & Disorders majors)	
KIN 498	Internship (for Integrative Physiology and Pre-Physical Therapy majors)	
PHAR 585	Geriatric APPE (for Pharmaceutical Science majors)	
PSYX 298	Internship (for Psychology majors)	
	or PSYX 398 Internship	
S W 495	Field Work Practicum (for Social Work majors)	
Total Hours		3

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 or more of the following courses:		3
AHHS 418	Geriatric Health Care	
AHMS 270E	Medical Ethics	
COMX 486	Health & Family Communication	

PHL 321E	Philosophy & Biomedical Ethics
PSYX 280	Fundamentals of Memory and Cognition
PSYX 348	Trauma and Resilience
PUBH 380	Public Health Nutrition
PUBH 391	Special Topics (American Indian Health Issues)
S W 475	Death, Dying and Grief
SOCI 332	Sociology of the Family
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Total Hours	
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Minimum Required Grade: C-