

Gerontology • College of Social Sciences

About the Program

Overview

The Gerontology Program offers a flexible, convenient opportunity for personal growth, higher education, and professional development for persons interested in aging and in working with older adults in various environments.

Department history/mission

In 1974, Madonna University established one of the first undergraduate Gerontology programs in the country. Currently, it is the only undergraduate Department of Gerontology in the State of Michigan and is one of few in the nation. The mission of the Department of Gerontology is to prepare students to address the concerns of an aging population and to promote the potential of persons in their later years.

Unique features

- Quality program with an innovative curriculum
- Faculty involvement; supportive staff
- The practical combined with the theoretical
- Ethical, professional, and humanistic approach
- Non-traditional, adaptable, and unique
- Accessible to student and community
- Individualized plans of study
- Small, personalized classes
- Flexible scheduling
- Student diversity

The program encourages an interdisciplinary approach and often students combine gerontology studies with business, criminal justice, nursing, education, hospice, psychology, religious studies, pastoral ministry, sign language, sociology, or social work.

Program Specifics

Students may pursue a Certificate of Achievement or Completion, associate or bachelor of science degree. Students can specialize in Case Management, Activity and Program Planning, Dementia Care, Eldercare Practice, or Nursing Home Administration.

Plan of Study

Gerontology Major: Bachelor of Science (42 s.h.*)

Required Major Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 2010	Intro to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	1 s.h.
GER 2300	Programs and Services for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3020	Program Planning for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3030	Spirituality of Aging	1 s.h.
GER 3070	Psychology of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3150	Physical Aspects of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3700	Legal Issues for Older Adults	2 s.h.
GER 4150	Social Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 4250	Public Policy & Resources in Aging	3 s.h.
GER 4760	Field Placement	4 s.h.
GER 4770	Field Seminar	2 s.h.
GER 4950	Gerontology Senior Seminar	3 s.h.
	Major electives	<u>8 s.h.</u>
		42 s.h.

*A minimum of 16 s.h. must be taken at Madonna University.

Gerontology Major: Associate of Science (31 s.h.)

Required Major Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 2010	Intro to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	1 s.h.
GER 2300	Programs and Services for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3020	Program Planning for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3030	Spirituality of Aging	1 s.h.
GER 3070	Psychology of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3150	Physical Aspects of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3700	Legal Issues for Older Adults	2 s.h.
GER 4150	Social Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 4760	Field Placement	4 s.h.
GER 4770	Field Seminar	2 s.h.
	Major electives	<u>2 s.h.</u>
		30 s.h.

Activity and Program Planning Certificate of Achievement (35 s.h.)

Required Courses:

ENG 1010	College Composition I	3 s.h.
GER 2010	Intro to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	1 s.h.
GER 2100	Physical Education Activities	2 s.h.
GER 2460	Working with Disabled Older Adults	2 s.h.
GER 3020	Program Planning for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3070	Psychology of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3100	Activity in Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3150	Physical Aspects of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3500	Mental Health and the Older Adult	3 s.h.
GER 3850	Documentation and Assessment	3 s.h.
GER 4760.4	Field Placement	4 s.h.
GER 4770	Field Seminar	2 s.h.
GER 4850	Gerontology Management	<u>3 s.h.</u>
		35 s.h.

Required Support Course:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
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Eldercare Practice Certificate of Completion (13 s.h.)

Required Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 2240	Supporting Family Caregivers	1 s.h.
GER 3500	Mental Health and the Older Adult	3 s.h.
GER 3850	Documentation and Assessment	3 s.h.
GER 3900	Care Management for Older Adults	<u>3 s.h.</u>
		13 s.h.

Gerontology Minor (20 s.h.**)

Required Minor Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
	Minor electives***	<u>17 s.h.</u>
		20 s.h.

**A minimum of 8 s.h. in upper division courses at Madonna University.

***Gerontology 4760 and 4770 may not be used to satisfy the minor elective requirements.



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Case Management Certificate of Achievement (32 s.h.)

Required Courses:

ENG 1010	College Composition I	3 s.h.
GER 2010	Intro to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	1 s.h.
GER 2240	Supporting Family Caregivers	2 s.h.
GER 2300	Programs and Services for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3070	Psychology of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3150	Physical Aspects of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3500	Mental Health and the Older Adult	3 s.h.
GER 3700	Legal Issues for Older Adults	2 s.h.
GER 3850	Documentation and Assessment	3 s.h.
GER 3900	Care Management for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 4760.6	Field Placement	4 s.h.
GER 4770	Field Seminar	<u>2 s.h.</u>
		32 s.h.

Required Support Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
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Dementia Care Certificate of Completion (11 s.h.)

Required Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 2010	Intro to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	1 s.h.
GER 2240	Supporting Family Caregivers	2 s.h.
GER 3100	Activity in Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3460	Difficult Behaviors: Dementia	<u>2 s.h.</u>
		11 s.h.

Gerontology Certificate of Achievement (34 s.h.)

Required Courses:

ENG 1010	College Composition I	3 s.h.
GER 2010	Intro to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	1 s.h.
GER 2300	Program Services for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3020	Program Planning for Older Adults	3 s.h.
GER 3030	Spirituality of Aging	1 s.h.
GER 3070	Psychology of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3150	Physical Aspects of Aging	3 s.h.
GER 3700	Legal Issues for Older Adults	2 s.h.
GER 4150	Social Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 4760	Field Placement	4 s.h.
GER 4770	Field Seminar	2 s.h.
	Gerontology electives	<u>5 s.h.</u>
		33 s.h.

Required Support Course:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
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Aging and Older Adults Certificate of Completion (9 s.h.)

Required Courses:

GER 1070	Intro to Gerontology	3 s.h.
GER 3070	Psychology of Aging (PSY)	3 s.h.
GER 3150	Physical Aspects of Aging	<u>3 s.h.</u>
		9 s.h.

Note:

All courses have been approved for continuing education credit in the renewal of the Nursing Home Administrator License.

Program Goals

The program's goals are to prepare individuals who:

- Understand the physical, social, psychological and spiritual aspects of aging
- Demonstrate writing and research skills
- Advocate for and with older adults from a variety of backgrounds and functional abilities
- Access appropriate community resources
- Create, monitor and administer different environments
- Evaluate aging public policy
- Integrate personal values with professional responsibilities
- Promote the ideals of gerontology by assisting older people

Career Options

The curriculum prepares students for employment in a new career area or for specialization within a current profession, including:

- Residential management
- Nursing home administration
- Home health management
- Special care units management
- Entrepreneurial gerontology
- Consulting and teaching
- Marketing and financial planning
- Leisure activities
- Case management

Where Our Grads Are Found

Our graduates are employed in a variety of career settings within Michigan and across the nation in long-term care, public policy, advocacy, private industry, public/government agencies and case management.