
Gerontology

In the College of Health and Human Services

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Offered by the Department

Master of Science degree in gerontology.

Major in gerontology with the B.A degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in gerontology.

Certificate in applied gerontology (offered only in Extension).

The Major

Gerontology concerns itself with the study and application of knowledge about the physical, social, and economic conditions of older people. Since the process of aging touches all aspects of human activity, gerontology is multidisciplinary in nature. Gerontology is becoming a major area of research in the biological, behavioral, and social sciences.

Every day there is a net increase of 1,000 Americans 65 years of age and over. This is an increase of more than 3,500,000 elderly persons per year. With this striking increase has come a growing need for more trained professionals to apply new knowledge about the elderly. Such knowledge is needed for planning and developing programs and services which improve the quality of life for older Americans.

Gerontological training and research is an important link in meeting the social, physical, and psychological needs of the elderly. Students of gerontology benefit through the personal understanding of their own aging process. Those wishing to pursue careers in aging will find many exciting opportunities for serving the elderly in a variety of settings.

One of the primary goals of the gerontology program is to provide students with a broad base for comprehensive understanding of the impact of society's changing demographics on every aspect of their social and work lives. It is through research, teaching, and community involvement that faculty members from numerous disciplines provide for the intellectual development of students, the enhancement of community programs, and the assurance of a better quality of life for older people in the community, the state, and the nation.

Advising

All College of Health and Human Services majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Gerontology Major

**With the B.A Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 21043)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in gerontology courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Gerontology 101, 250; Biology 100; Child and Family Development 135; Public Health 101; Psychology 101; and Social Work 110. (21 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to the section of the catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 36 upper division units to include Gerontology 350, 360, 370, 400A, 400B, 402, 520, 522; and 12 units selected with approval of the adviser from Child and Family Development 335; Gerontology 496, 499, and 596 (when appropriate); Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 433; Psychology 456; Recreation 580; Social Work 420*.

*Prerequisites waived.

Gerontology Minor

The minor in gerontology consists of a minimum of 18 units selected from Gerontology 101, 350, 360, 370, 400A, 400B, 402, 499, 522, 596; Child and Family Development 496*; Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 433; Recreation 580; Social Work 120, 420; Sociology 496*.

Additional prerequisites may be required for the courses in the minor.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major or the certificate, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

*When relevant.

Certificate in Applied Gerontology (Offered only in Extension)

This program is designed for persons working in the field of aging as well as those interested in obtaining employment in the aging field. Completion of the certificate program will enable participants to assume greater responsibility by broadening their knowledge of and skill in this specialty area. More specifically, the program is designed to provide the following:

1. A broad knowledge base in the bio-psycho-social aspects of aging.
2. Practical knowledge and skills in the application of this information towards services for older people.
3. Knowledge of government programs and program planning and evaluation techniques.
4. Knowledge of programs and services operating in local areas as well as gaps which exist in local programming.
5. Knowledge and skills needed to function in an advocacy capacity to improve services to the elderly.

Certificate Requirements:

1. Complete 18 semester units of coursework with a grade point average of 2.0 or better.
2. Complete coursework within four years after admission to the program.
3. Petition the College of Extended Studies for the certificate upon completion of 18 semester units.

To be admitted to the program, students are expected to show by previous coursework and/or experience some evidence of potential for completing the academic program. Previous courses in gerontology taken at SDSU or at other universities will be considered for credit toward certification on an individual basis, but not to exceed nine units.

The Department of Gerontology is responsible for the coordination of the certificate program in conjunction with the College of Extended Studies. Admission applications may be obtained from the College of Extended Studies. Applications may be submitted prior to entering the program or before the completion of nine semester units of coursework.

Students are required to submit an Open University Registration Form each semester to the College of Extended Studies.

Students accepted into the program will be assigned an adviser by the Department of Gerontology.

Required Courses for the Certificate Program

A minimum of 12 semester units must be selected from the following areas inclusive of the practicum:

I. **Introduction to Gerontology**

Gerontology 101. Introduction to Human Aging (3)

II. **Psychological Aspects of Aging**

Psychology 350. Abnormal Psychology (3)

III. **Sociological Aspects of Aging**

Gerontology 250. Intergenerational Issues and the Elderly (3)

Gerontology 350. Social Policy and Aging (3)

IV. **Practicum**

Gerontology 400A or 400B. Practicum in Gerontology (3) (Cr/NC)

Elective Courses

A minimum of six semester units selected from the following:

Gerontology 360. Diversity and Aging (3)

Gerontology 370. Images of Aging in Contemporary Society (3)

Gerontology 402. The Aging Network (3)

Gerontology 499. Special Study (1-3)

Gerontology 520. An Inside Look at Aging Programs—Program Analysis (3)

Gerontology 596. Advanced Special Topics in Gerontology (1-4)

Recreation 580. Leisure and the Aging Process (3)

Women's Studies 310. Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3)

Women's Studies 521. Life Cycles of Women (3)

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Greek – Refer to “Classics” in this section of the catalog.

Health Science – Refer to “Public Health” in this section of the catalog.

Hebrew

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Courses in Hebrew.

Major or minor work in Hebrew is not offered.

Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Hebrew to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Hebrew 201 or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is Hebrew 101 (with 100), 102, 200, and 201. Refer to section of catalog on “Graduation Requirements” for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first **two years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.

2. The first **three years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.

3. **Four years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.