GERONTOLOGY - MINOR

College of Education, Health and Human Services
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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Description
The Gerontology minor provides students with knowledge of the aging process and prepares students for professional positions in the diverse field of aging. Current predictions indicate that a “baby boomer” will turn 60 every seven seconds for the next 18 years. By 2050, it is estimated that one in five people will be over the age of 65, leading to an increase in demand for individuals with an understanding of the aging process.

The minor benefits students with a major or an interest in psychology, sociology, business, English, nursing, education, interior design, political science, speech pathology, audiology and recreation, parks and tourism management.

Fully Offered At:
  • Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare this minor, students must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State GPA. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

Minor Requirements

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<tr>
<td>GER 14029</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)</td>
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<td>GER 40566</td>
<td>PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING</td>
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<td>SOC 42879</td>
<td>AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)</td>
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<td>ARCH 45640</td>
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<td>SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS</td>
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<td>GER 44032</td>
<td>LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION</td>
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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 21

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA
2.250

• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
• Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Notes

• Students are required to meet with the human development and family students program coordinator to discuss course selection and procedures for completing the minor.
• Some courses require prerequisites, please see course descriptions for details.