Gerontology - Minor

College of Education, Health and Human Services
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Description
A 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, meaning there will be an increase in demand for individuals with an understanding of the aging process. As a result, pairing this minor with such majors as Psychology, Sociology, Business, English, Nursing, Education, Interior Design, Political Science, Speech Pathology, Audiology and Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management, among others, will prove to be beneficial for future employment.

After declaring the Gerontology minor, students are required to meet with the HDFS program coordinator to discuss course selection and procedures for completing the minor.

Fully Offered At:
• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students enrolled 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 enrolled 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.

Minor Requirements

GERO 14029 INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS) 3
GERO 40656 PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING 1 3
SOC 42879 AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD) 2 3
Choose from the following: 12
ARCH 45640 DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS
BSCI 40020 BIOLOGY OF AGING 2
GERO 44031 SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS
GERO 44032 LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION
HDFS 44035 ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT
HDFS 44036 GENERAL CASE MANAGEMENT METHODS
HED 46070 HEALTH RELATED ASPECTS OF AGING
NUTR 23511 SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)
or NUTR 33512 NUTRITION

NUTR 43521 FOOD CHOICES FOR PRESCRIBED DIETARY MODIFICATION
PHIL 40005 HEALTH CARE ETHICS
RPTM 36010 RECREATION, LEISURE AND AGING
SPA 44130 COMMUNICATION DISORDERS OF THE AGING
SOC 42010 DEATH AND DYING
SOC 42563 SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 21
1 Course requires PSYC 11762 as prerequisite.
2 Course requires SOC 12050 as prerequisite.
3 Course requires prerequisites, please see course description for details.

Graduation Requirement

Minimum Minor GPA 2.250