

GERONTOLOGY - MINOR

College of Education and Human Services
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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About This Program

The Gerontology minor provides a comprehensive understanding of aging's impact on individuals and society. Through coursework and practical experiences, you'll learn about health, social policy and end-of-life issues. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - 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.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (KSS)	3
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	3
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES	3
Minor Electives, choose from the following: 6		
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
COMM 36500	HEALTH COMMUNICATION	
EXSC 40612	EXERCISE LEADERSHIP FOR THE OLDER ADULT	
GERO 41096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION	

GERO 44030	RELATIONSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT ACROSS ADULTHOOD (WIC)
HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS
LTCA 44032	LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION I
NURS 20950	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (KSS)
PSYC 41581	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (KSS)
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.250	2.000

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

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Describe age-related changes in biological systems, social relationships, social roles (e.g., retirement), cognitive abilities and health and well-being.
2. Explain how gender identity, race, ethnicity, history, cohort, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status contribute to the experience of aging.
3. Describe the implications of population aging for individuals, families and society.

Admission GPA for Undergraduate Students

For admissions, the College of Education and Human Services considers a student to have established a Kent State University GPA after the student has successfully completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours.

New Students and Transfer Students: Undergraduate students who have not completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours will be evaluated for admission into an academic program, advanced study and the professional phase based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Once a student has successfully completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours, only the student's Kent State overall GPA will be considered for admission into a program, advanced study and professional phase. Transfer applicants

who have completed fewer than 12 semester credit hours of college-level coursework will be evaluated on both collegiate and high school records.

Current Students: Students who have completed 12 or more credit hours of previous college-level coursework — either at Kent State University or at another accredited institution — need an overall GPA of 2.00 or higher to declare a College of Education and Human Services major, minor or certificate unless a higher minimum GPA is specified by the program.

The following degree programs require a minimum 2.750 overall GPA for current students who have an established GPA to declare a major:

- American Sign Language/English Interpreting
- Early Childhood Education
- Integrated Language Arts
- Integrated Mathematics
- Integrated Science
- Integrated Social Studies
- Middle Childhood Education
- Physical Education, Health and Sport Exploration (only Health and Physical Education concentration or Physical Education Licensure concentration)
- Special Education

Full 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 and audiology.