

Gerontology- Master of Gerontological Studies, Doctor of Philosophy

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The MGS and Ph.D. programs are offered through the Department of Sociology and Gerontology with support from the Scripps Gerontology Center. The Certificate Program is offered through the Scripps Gerontology Center.

Gerontological Studies- Master of Gerontological Studies

Core courses are offered in gerontology, with additional courses available in other departments. This program is designed for students whose interests and career goals include research or applied work in the field of gerontology.

The program requires 37 semester hours, including course work, a practicum in the field of aging, and a culminating paper based on student interests.

Application Requirements

Admission is based on evaluations by the graduate faculty. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Applicants must submit:

1. academic transcripts,
2. general test scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE),
3. a minimum of three recommendation letters evaluating the student's academic capability, potential for success in graduate studies, and professional promise,
4. a personal statement indicating past academic and/or professional experiences, future career goals, and reasons for interest in gerontology, and
5. a resume or CV.

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(37 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
GTU 602	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
GTU 608	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4
GTU 609	Qualitative Research Methods	3

GTU 611	Essentials of Program Evaluation	3
GTU 641	Organizations and the Aging Enterprise	3
GTU 667	Social Policy in an Aging Society	3
GTU 705	Oral and Written Communication for Gerontologists	3
GTU 708	Quantitative Methods and Statistics	4
GTU 640	Internship	0
Choice of electives (include but not limited to):		11
FSW 535	Death Studies	
FSW 566	Interpersonal Perspectives on Adulthood and Aging	
GSC 601	College Teaching Enhancement Program	
GSC 602	College Teaching	
GSC 603	Academic Cultures	
GTU 556	Aging & Health	
GTU 579	Research on Inequality in Aging & Health	
GTU 702	Knowledge Construction & Advanced Theory	
GTU 709	Advanced Qualitative Research & Methods	
GTU 718	Applied Linear Regression in Gerontology	
GTU 745	Sociology of Aging	
GTU 747	Demography & Epidemiology of Aging	
GTU 750	Special Topics in Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Aging Research	
GTU 751	Applied Categorical Regression Techniques in Aging	
KNH 685	Physical Activity and Nutrition in Aging	
POL 567	Public Budgeting	
SLM 571	Sport, Leisure, and Aging	

Total Credit Hours **37**

Social Gerontology- Doctor of Philosophy

Our doctoral program encourages students to integrate knowledge and research methods from a range of behavioral and social sciences in their study of social gerontology. Our program builds scholars and educators who can meet the challenges, demands, and opportunities presented by global aging. As a graduate of the doctoral program, students are prepared to teach and conduct research in institutions of higher education, and hold positions in policy or service organizations.

Application Requirements

Required application materials are academic transcripts, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, a letter or statement describing career objectives and areas of interest in gerontology, an interview, and letters of recommendation. Applications may be submitted by those who have earned a bachelor's degree and those who have earned or are in the process of completing a master's degree. Those entering with a bachelor's degree are required to begin their

studies by fulfilling the current core requirements for the Master of Gerontological Studies (MGS) Program (43 semester hours). Students are accepted into the doctoral program from a range of disciplines. Faculty will work with the student to determine which MGS core courses must be taken as part of their doctoral studies.

Program Requirements

In addition to the general requirements specified by the Graduate School, requirements for the Ph.D. in Social Gerontology include 60 post-master's degree credit hours consisting of 40-42 credit hours of coursework (with a grade of B- or higher in the required courses); satisfactory performance on oral and written qualifying examinations; submission of an acceptable dissertation; and satisfactory performance on a final oral examination (dissertation defense).

Any course applied to the MGS degree cannot also be applied to the PhD degree.

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Required Courses		
GSC 601	College Teaching Enhancement Program	1
GTU 609	Qualitative Research Methods	3
GTU 702	Knowledge Construction & Advanced Theory	3
GTU 705	Oral and Written Communication for Gerontologists	3
GTU 708	Quantitative Methods and Statistics	4
GTU 718	Applied Linear Regression in Gerontology	3
GTU 745	Sociology of Aging	3
GTU 850	Doctoral Dissertation Research ¹	16
Complete a minimum of 4 credits from the following:		
GTU 709	Advanced Qualitative Research & Methods	4-6
or GTU 750 & GTU 751	Special Topics in Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Aging Research and Applied Categorical Regression Techniques in Aging	

Elective Courses **18-20**

Select enough elective courses to meet the minimum 60 hours requirement.

Electives include, but are not limited to the following:

GTU 602	Perspectives in Gerontology
GTU 608	Research Methods in the Social Sciences
GTU 611	Essentials of Program Evaluation
GTU 615	Readings in Gerontology
GTU 620	Supervised Research or Reading on Selected Topics in Gerontology
GTU 641	Organizations and the Aging Enterprise
GTU 667	Social Policy in an Aging Society
GTU 705	Oral and Written Communication for Gerontologists

GTU 709	Advanced Qualitative Research & Methods
GTU 747	Demography & Epidemiology of Aging
GTU 750	Special Topics in Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Aging Research
GTU 751	Applied Categorical Regression Techniques in Aging
GTU 790	Pre-Candidacy Doctoral Research in Gerontology
Total Credit Hours	60

¹ Minimum 16 credit hours, maximum 60.