Gerontology Minor

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Rapid and significant growth of the older population is a global phenomenon; virtually every person in the world has become or is in the process of becoming part of an aging society. The aging of society has an impact on every aspect of our lives and on all of our social institutions.

The Gerontology minor includes two concentration areas or tracks. The *Health and Aging Practice, Policy, and Administration* track is designed to introduce future professionals in fields such as medicine, nursing, public health, public administration, rehabilitation, and social work to current issues, policies, and programs affecting the health and well-being of older adults. The *Leadership and Innovation in an Aging Society* track is designed to prepare students from an array of majors to work and thrive in an aging society. With one-quarter of the nation age 60 and over, societal aging will impact service provision, product development, and organizational structures and functions. This minor uniquely prepares students to live and work in this ever-changing world.

Program Requirements

(18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Complete the following:		
GTY 154	Aging in American Society	3
or GTY 254	Global Aging	
Complete One of Two Tracks:		**15**
1) Health and Aging Practice, Policy, and Administration Track [1]		
Complete all:		
GTY 365	Social Policy and Programs in Gerontology	
or GTY 465	Policies & Programs in an Aging Society	
GTY/SOC 357	Medical Sociology	
or GTY 456	Aging & Health	
Complete 3 credit hours from one or more of the following options:		
EDL 110	The University and the Student	
GTY 110	Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Volunteer Experience	
GTY 310	Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Leadership Experience	
GTY 362	Data & Decision Making in Aging	
GTY 440	Gerontology Capstone Internship	
GTY/POL 474	Using Large Datasets in the Social Sciences	
GTY 479	Research on Inequality in Aging & Health	
Select two of the following:		
GTY/SOC 318	Social Forces and Aging	
GTY 354	Issues & Controversies in Aging	
GTY 362	Data & Decision Making in Aging	
GTY 465	Policies & Programs in an Aging Society	
GTY/POL 474	Using Large Datasets in the Social Sciences	
GTY 479	Research on Inequality in Aging & Health	
MBI 131	Community Health Perspectives	
or KNH 125	Introduction to Public Health	
MBI 361	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	
ORG 354	The Social Dynamics of Strategy and Leadership	
ORG 361	Innovation in Organizations	
POL 261	Public Administration	
POL 362	Public Management, Leadership, and Administrative Politics	
POL 467	Public Budgeting	
POL 468	Public Personnel Administration	
2) Leadership and Innovation in an Aging Society Track		
Complete all:		
GTY 354	Issues & Controversies in Aging	
ORG 361	Innovation in Organizations	
Complete 3 credit hours from one or more of the following options:		
EDL 110	The University and the Student	
EDL 290	The Nature of Group Leadership	
GTY 110	Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Volunteer Experience	
GTY 310	Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Leadership Experience	
GTY 362	Data & Decision Making in Aging	
GTY 440	Gerontology Capstone Internship	
Select two of the following:		
GTY/POL 491	Social Network Analysis	
MGT 291	Introduction to Management & Leadership	
ORG 354	The Social Dynamics of Strategy and Leadership	
POL 362	Public Management, Leadership, and Administrative Politics	
POL 365	Decision-Making in Public Affairs	
POL 468	Public Personnel Administration	
SOC 225	Work and Occupational Justice	
SOC 454	Organizations and Society	
Total Credit Hours		**18**

[1] Some courses appear in two requirement areas. Students who take such courses may use them to fulfill one requirement only.