

# GERONTOLOGY, MINOR

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## Coordinator

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Gerontology is an interdisciplinary specialization that focuses on aging and the aging process. This specialization is designed to enhance the understanding of aging and enrich interactions among generations. It is a valuable adjunct for those preparing to work directly with, or indirectly for, older persons. Employment opportunities for students who have academic preparation in gerontology are available in community agencies, long term care facilities, hospitals, assisted living facilities, hospices, retirement villages, senior centers, and mental health facilities among others. The program is open to students in any major.

Students conduct an internship in an organization which provides services to older adults and students actively participate in a service learning project. Opportunities to participate in campus and community activities are available.

Sigma Phi Omega, the national gerontology honorary society recognized students' exemplary scholastic accomplishments in the field of aging. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply. The Anne Bicknell Scholarship is offered (based upon available funding) and an application, essay and references are required.

## Advisement

Students planning to complete the program in gerontology will declare a major within a department. Major responsibility for advisement will rest within this department. However, the coordinator will assist students in the selection of gerontology courses and internship sites to fulfill the requirements for the minor in gerontology. Students must assume responsibility for fulfilling all requirements for graduation.

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