

GERONTOLOGY, MINOR

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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.

To access Minor Requirements, please view the Curriculum Guide tab.

RELATED LINKS

Gerontology, Minor Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/gerontology-minor/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

CURRICULUM GUIDE

GPA REQUIREMENT

Minor GPA: 2.0 or higher

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

- Students must complete at least 6 credit hours in their minor from SRU
- A minimum of 6 credit hours must be upper division (courses numbered 300 and above)
- A minor shall be no fewer than 18 credits.

Code	Title	Hours
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Required Courses

Student must complete at least one content course from each block below, plus two additional courses from any of the three blocks.	15
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Gerontology Courses

GERO 265	Aging and the Older Person (Required)	
GERO 425	Women and Aging	
GERO 465	Seminar in Gerontology	
GERO 490	Independent Study	
Health/Science Courses		
EXSC 434	Physiology of Aging and Physical Activity	
HLTH 314	Nutrition and Health	
NURS 498	Selected Topics	
RCTH 364	Biomechanics of Individuals with Disabilities	
RCTH 420	Recreational Therapy for Older Adults	
Psychology/Sociology Courses		
GERO 414	Death and Dying	
INDP 342	Sociology of Aging	
PSYC 365	Psychology of Aging	
Internship		
GERO 450	Gerontology Internship (Required) ¹	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Prerequisite – must have 9 hours of GERO courses

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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