



## GERONTOLOGY



University of Findlay

### Program Overview

Gerontology is the a field of practice where professionals and paraprofessionals plan and provide services to meet the needs of older adults as well as their families. With the increasing number of older adults, there is a need to address the social, psychological, spiritual, and physical needs of these older adults. The expanding diversity of the aging population calls for well-versed and well-trained professionals and paraprofessionals to address the individual and unique needs of older adults.

The University of Findlay offers a minor and certificate in gerontology. The certificate is available to non-degree seeking students and awarded to students who complete the minor. The curriculum explores aging issues in general, psychological and sociological issues of the aging individual, as well as ethical issues as they affect the caregiver, the professional, and the older adult.

### Program Highlights

**Minor Option** - The gerontology minor provides a sound background relevant for employment in a variety of occupations, not only in healthcare but also in business, education, and the humanities.

**Close Contact** - Gerontology minor and certificate students work closely with faculty and support departments throughout their time at the university.

**Certificate Option** - The certificate program, which includes four required gerontology courses and two electives, is a great option offered to current professionals who work with or are looking to work with older adults.

**Graduate Work Prep** - The interdisciplinary training and analytical skills gained through the gerontology program prepares students for graduate work in a number of fields.

### WHY GERONTOLOGY

In 2020, 1 in 6 people in the United States were over the age of 65. Older adults make up over 16% of the total population of the United States, growing at a rate that is 5 times faster than the total population. Students who minor in gerontology are better prepared to meet the growing needs and serve this ever-growing population.

### ABOUT OUR FACULTY

Full-time Gerontology faculty have experience in gerontology as well as social work, including community-based mental health.

## SAMPLE CURRICULUM

### Gerontology Minor and Certificate **Requirements** (18 semester hours)

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|----------|--------------------------|-------|
| GERN 200 | The Aging Process+       | 3 hrs |
| GERN 241 | The Psychology of Aging+ | 3 hrs |
| GERN 242 | The Sociology of Aging+  | 3 hrs |
| GERN 425 | Gerontology Ethics+      | 3 hrs |

### Gerontology Minor and Certificate **Electives** (must select two of the following)

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| GERN 210      | Diversity and Aging+                       | 3 hrs      |
| GERN 400      | Internship+                                | 3 hrs      |
| GERN 450      | Senior Seminar: Selected Topics            | 3 hrs      |
| SOWK 101      | Introduction to Social Work                | 3 hrs      |
| BIOL 201/201L | Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology w/lab | 4 hrs      |
| BIOL 322/322L | Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab         | 4 hrs      |
| BIOL 323/323L | Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab        | 4 hrs      |
| HEPR 205      | Human Nutrition                            | 3 hrs      |
| GEND 350      | Topics in Gender Studies                   | 2 to 4 hrs |
| SOCI 230      | Sociology of the Family                    | 3 hrs      |
| SOCI 250      | Human Diversity in America                 | 3 hrs      |
| PSYC 208      | Lifespan Development                       | 3 hrs      |
| PSYC 309      | Health Psychology                          | 3 hrs      |

+Indicates courses that fulfill CORE+ general education requirements.



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