

# Gerontology Certificate Program

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## Program Description

A graduate gerontology certificate program is offered through the College of Arts and Sciences Continuing Education Division and the Center on Aging Studies. The certificate can be completed either in conjunction with a graduate degree program or as a free-standing credential. Students in such diverse fields as sociology, psychology, nursing, dental hygiene, pharmacy, law, social work and education have completed the certificate. Students enrolled in a degree program must declare their intention to pursue the certificate to their adviser and to the gerontology adviser in the Center on Aging Studies. As the number and proportion of older adults in the population increases, career opportunities in a variety of arenas are on the rise.

## Required Courses

Eighteen credit hours are required to complete the minor or certificate:

<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>Hours</b>
A&S 5500	Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Aging	3
<b>Sociology Core (Choose one)</b>		
SOCIOL 410R	Aging in Contemporary Society	3
SOCSC 411P	Aging in American Society: Past and Present	4
SOCIOL 5554	Sociology of the Aging Woman	3
SOCIOL 5560	Sociology of Death & Dying	3
SOCIOL 5580	Special Topics (Approved 3-credit special topics course can meet the Sociology requirement.)	3
<b>Psychology Core (Choose one)</b>		
PSYCH 5540	The Psychology of Aging	3
PSYCH 5543	Adult Development and Aging	3
<b>Health/Biology Core (Requires three credit hours)</b>		
NATSC 430PC	Biological & Ethical Issues in Aging	3
NURSE 5530A	The Experience of Health in Aging: Physiological	1
NURSE 5530B	The Experience of Health in Aging: Relationship	1
NURSE 5530C	The Experience of Health in Aging: Community	1
<b>Field Practicum</b>		
A&S 5592	Field Practicum in Aging	3

## Elective Courses

Three elective credit hours can be taken to complete the program. Students should contact the gerontology adviser or the Center on Aging Studies Web site for a current list of courses available for elective credit. Students wishing to enroll in the certificate program must meet all requirements for admission to UMKC and to their intended major academic unit (if applicable). They must declare their intention to pursue the certificate to their adviser and to the gerontology adviser in the Center on Aging Studies. For information on enrollment, contact the gerontology program adviser at the Center on Aging Studies.