



GERONTOLOGY SOCIAL WORK FOCUS

The Gerontology interest area affords students the opportunity to explore the issues faced by and learn strategies for intervening with older adults and their families in healthcare and home settings. The focus of this work is to aid older adults their families in managing the social, emotional, psychological challenges they may face related to the unique demands brought about by the aging process and identify resources to meet their needs.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Volunteer at a senior center or senior living community

Join The Gerontology Association of American (GSA)

Join Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE Social Work)

Read articles academic publications: The Journal of Gerontological Social Work, The Gerontologist and The Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences

Join the NASW Aging Specialty Practice Section

Attend the annual interprofessional educational event at the College of Medicine

SAMPLE COURSES

Please note that these are course suggestions, not requirements for students interested in this area. Course availability varies based on semester, program, and location. Course offerings are subject to change. Students should consult with their advisors for additional guidance about their program of study. MSW students who receive approval from the MSW Program Director may take one elective for degree credit outside the College of Social Work.

COURSE NAME & NUMBER

SOW 5324: SW PRACTICE WITH GROUPS

SOW 5603: SOCIAL WORK IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS¹

SOW 5611: FAMILY COUNSELING

SOW 5646: GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK¹

SOW 5648: PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF AGING¹

SOW 5745: LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT¹

ADE 5193: EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN GERONTOLOGY

ARE 5460: THERAPEUTIC USE OF ART MATERIALS²

MHS 6938: SPECIAL TOPICS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

NGR 5255: DYNAMICS OF AGING

NSP 3685: GRIEF, LOSS, TRAUMA¹

PSY 6919R: SEMINAR IN CURRENT RESEARCH TOPICS

SYA 3741: DEATH AND DYING¹

SYA 4930: SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY²

SYA 5136: LIFECOURSE EPIDEMIOLOGY

SYA 6933: SOCIOLOGY OF SUCCESSFUL AGING

SYD 5212: HEALTH AND SURVIVAL²

SYG 2010: SOCIAL PROBLEMS¹

SYO 5416: STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH

SYP 3730/6933: AGING AND THE LIFE COURSE¹

SYP 5733: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING

SYP 5737: THE DYNAMICS OF AGING AND SOCIAL CHANGE

SYP 5738: AGING POLICIES AND SERVICES¹

URP 5939: PLANNING AND AGING¹

¹Counts toward the Certificate in Gerontology.

²Counts toward the Certificate in Gerontology with some modification. Must discuss with Director and Professor.