



Pittsburg State University Program Guide

Department: Interdisciplinary and Pre-Professional

Minors

As of Fall 2017

Minor Interdisciplinary Gerontology

The Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor will provide students an introduction to the range of experiences and the service needs of older adults. Specifically, students will learn how aging affects older adults' family relations, role in society (as grandparents, parents, employees, and friends), emotional experiences, cognitive abilities, health functioning, and recreational activities. Additionally, through use of an interdisciplinary approach, students will develop an appreciation of the range of professionals whose activities influence and are influenced by older adults. The Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor is particularly relevant to students across disciplines as it is expected that the population of people 65 years of age and older will continue to outstrip the number of professionals receiving training experiences preparing them for meeting the needs of older adults.

The Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor requires 21 credit hours, which includes the three credit hour course GERO 155 Interdisciplinary Introduction to Gerontology, which will provide a survey of the aging process from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor compliments a variety of majors at Pittsburg State University, including, but not limited to: Health, Human Performance, and Recreation; Family and Consumer Sciences; Sociology; Social Work; Psychology and Counseling; Political Science; Nursing; Biology (Pre-Dental and Pre-Medicine); Management and Marketing; and Technical Education. The overarching goal of this minor is to provide students from diverse academic backgrounds the knowledge, skills and experiences enabling them to provide services tailored to the unique needs of older adults.

To complete the Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor, students must complete a total of 21 credit hours from the courses listed below. GERO 155 Interdisciplinary Introduction to Gerontology is a required course. The following courses are being recommended for the Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor:

GERO 155: Interdisciplinary Introduction to Gerontology3

Eighteen Hours Chosen from the Following

PSYCH 263: Developmental Psychology	3
or FCS 285: Lifespan Human Development	3
SWK 341: Social Work and the Aged	3
PSYCH 360: Psychology of Aging	3
PSYCH 362: Death and Dying	3
NURS 405: Health Alterations in Older Adults	3
REC 441: Therapeutic Interventions for Older Adults	3
FCS 581: Aging and the Family	3

Special Notes

GERO 155 Interdisciplinary Introduction to Gerontology is a required course.

PSYCH 263 Developmental Psychology: Prerequisite PSYCH 155 General Psychology or permission of instructor.

NURS 405 Health Alterations in Older Adults: Prerequisite of successful completion of Level 1 nursing courses waived with permission of instructor.

FCS 581 Aging and the Family: Prerequisite of FCS 480 Dynamics of Family Relationships waived with permission of instructor.

Notes

NOTE: The information contained herein is intended to be used for the planning of a student's academic program and does not constitute a contract. While this guide was prepared with the latest information, courses, graduation requirements, and curricula are subject to change.

When a student attains 85 semester hours of credit (including current enrollment) the student must apply for a degree check in the Office of the Registrar (Degree Checking Section), Room 102 Russ Hall.

MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The minimum requirements for graduation include 124 semester hours of which 60 hours must be from a four year university. In addition, 45 semester hours must be upper division and 30 hours in residence at PSU (including 24 of the last 30). Minimum GPA for non-education degree is 2.0 overall [2.0 in major], secondary education degree is 2.5 overall [2.75 in major], and early/late childhood/unified degree is 2.80 overall [3.0 in major]. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any minor and in residence coursework is required. General Education and all degree requirements are provided in the online catalog. Refer to individual departments for specific requirements.