

# GERONTOLOGY MINOR

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## Program Description

A Gerontology minor familiarizes students with one of our society's most prevalent issues: the dramatic increase in the aging population. This interdisciplinary program will examine the many dimensions of the aging process and help students to understand the range of social, psychological, and physiological issues facing our country's advanced-age population. A minor in gerontology is clearly linked to career opportunities in a range of highly-skilled jobs related to science, medicine, mental and behavioral health, healthcare, and human rights advocacy.

## Transfer Credit

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## Financial Information

Tuition and fees for subsequent years may vary. Other expenses include books and housing. For more tuition and fee information, please consult this catalog's Financial Information (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/financial-information-undergraduate-programs/>) section.

## Curricular Requirements

A student with GPA of at least 2.25 and a major at UNE may minor in Gerontology with the approval of the Assistant Academic Director of the School of Psychology and Brain Sciences. Declarations must occur before the completion of the first semester of the junior year. A minimum of eighteen hours of approved course credit with a minimum grade of C- in each course is required for the minor in Gerontology.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Program Required Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
PSY 218	Fundamentals of Gerontology	3
PSY 250	Lifespan Dev in Context	3
Two Electives from List A		6
Two Electives from List B		6-7
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18-19</b>

<sup>1</sup> To ensure that the Gerontology minor represents a substantive and independent program of study, overlap between major and minor courses, including core courses, should be kept to a minimum.

Additionally, while some courses can fulfill both core and program requirements, the credits earned do not count twice towards the minimum total required credits for the degree.

## Program-Specific Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<b>List A</b>		
OS 341	Health/Wellness/Aging Society	3
PSY 325	Psychology of Aging	3
SOC 228	(Sociology of Aging)	3
<b>List B</b>		
ANT 211	Medical Anthropology	3
BIO 208	Intro Anatomy & Physiology I	4
or BIO 209	Intro Anatomy & Physiology II	
BIO 318	Nutrition through the Life Cycle	3
or NUTR 220	Nutrition	
EXS 120	Personal Health And Wellness	3
PHI 201	Bio-Medical Ethics	3
or IHS 310	Ethics for Interprofessional Practice	
PHI 205	The Future of Humanity	3
PHI 402	Philosophy of Biology	3
PSY 205	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 365	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PUB 200	Foundations in Public Health	3
PUB 310	Social, Behavioral & Environmental Factors in Public Health (Social, Behavioral & Environmental Factors in Public Health)	3
SOC 150	Intro to Sociology	3
SOC 355	Medical Sociology	3
SSW 310	Social Welfare Policy and Advocacy	3

## Academic and Technical Standards

A minimum of eighteen hours of approved course credit with a minimum grade of C- in each course is required for the minor in Gerontology.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the interdisciplinary Gerontology minor, students will be able to:

- Describe the biological, psychological, and sociocultural factors associated with aging as well as their plasticity and remediation.
- Describe the physical, cognitive, and social role changes associated with aging.
- Articulate and integrate multi-disciplinary models and theories commonly applied in the field of gerontology.
- Critically evaluate major societal challenges and opportunities resulting from the changing demographic of the aging population in the United States.
- Explain and analyze variations in aging due to factors such as gender, social, class, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, and mental health status.