

Aging, Minor

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Are you passionate about caring for older adults? Learn how to improve the well-being of our rapidly growing senior population, and gain expertise in this high-demand area.

Description

People are living longer. While this represents one of the crowning achievements of the last century, it is also a significant challenge. Longer lives must be planned for.

ASU's minor program in aging offers students the opportunity to create positive differences in the lives of older adults. This program helps students develop the tools and mindset that enable them to anticipate challenges in existing social structures at every level as the proportion of retired adults increases faster than that of persons in the workforce. Students learn to develop solutions for an aging population's needs in areas of personal finance, transportation, increased demands for health care, assisted-living options and recreation.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

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The minor in aging consists of 15 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered

by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to fulfill the requirements of this minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

Introductory Coursework (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

[ASB 102: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 101: Introductory Sociology \(SB\)](#) (3)

Aging Core (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

Classes selected for the Aging Core may not also apply to the Aging Electives.

[COM 417: Communication and Aging](#) (3)

[FAS 436: Sexuality in Mid-Life and Beyond](#) (3)

[IAS 450: Philosophical and Spiritual Issues in Death and Dying](#) (3)

[PSY 447: Psychology of Aging \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 400: Perspectives on Aging \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 418: Aging and the Life Course \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

Upper Division Aging Electives (complete two courses) -- 6 credit hours

Classes not selected for the Aging Core may be chosen and applied towards the Aging Electives.

[COM 417: Communication and Aging](#) (3)

[FAS 436: Sexuality in Mid-Life and Beyond](#) (3)

[HSC 410: Supporting the Health of Older Adults](#) (3)

[HSC 412: Health Issues in Later Life](#) (3)

[IAS 450: Philosophical and Spiritual Issues in Death and Dying](#) (3)

[PSY 447: Psychology of Aging \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 400: Perspectives on Aging \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 418: Aging and the Life Course \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BS in aging

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Career opportunities

The minor in aging is a pathway to a career researching, developing policies for, or providing services to older populations. Employment in associated career fields is expected to increase commensurately with the needs of a growing and diverse population. People who work with aging populations are employed in public and private agencies that deal with a wide variety of social issues, including:

- access to health care
- assisted-living facilities and management
- education
- disabilities
- discrimination
- elder abuse and family support
- health, mental health and end-of-life decisions
- housing
- recreational opportunities
- transportation

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