Aging, Minor

Are you passionate about caring for older adults? Learn how to improve the well-being of our rapidly growing senior population by gaining expertise in this high-demand area, which prepares you for a role in research, education, service delivery or for administrative roles in a variety of settings.

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 minor program helps students develop the tools and mindset 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 in areas of personal finance, transportation, increased demands for health care, assisted-living options, and recreation needs for an aging population.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2022 - 2023 Minor Map

The minor in aging consists of 18 credit hours, including 12 credit hours of upper-division coursework. At least six upper-division credit hours must be completed through coursework in the New College of
Interdisciplinary Arts and Science. All courses used to fulfill the requirements of this minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

**Introductory Coursework (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

- ASB 102: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (SB & G) (3)
- DST 101: Introduction to Disability Studies (C) (3)
- ENG 203: Introduction to Health Humanities (HU) (3)
- HRC 200: Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis (SB & C) (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 (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

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

- AMS 417: Religious Traditions of the American Southwest (3)
- ASB 346: Marriage and Family Diversity (SB & C) (3)
- BIO 312 / IAS 340 / PHI 320: Bioethics (HU) (3)
- COM 413: Resilient Relationships and Communities (3)
- COM 417: Communication and Aging (3)
- DST 322: Social and Cultural Implications of the Many Forms of Disability (3)
- DST 394: Civil Rights Law and Accessibility Compliance (3)
- DST 458: Disability and Communication Advocacy (3)
- FAS 436: Sexuality in Mid-Life and Beyond (3)
- HCR 430: Foundation to Health Care Systems (3)
- HRC 494: Veterans and Critical Disability Studies (3)
- HSC 410: Supporting the Health of Older Adults (3)
- HSC 412: Health Issues in Later Life (3)
- IAS 430: Science and Religion (L or HU) (3)
- IAS 450: Philosophical and Spiritual Issues in Death and Dying (3)
- PHI 324: Existential Ethics (HU) (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)
- SOC 426: Social Inequalities (SB) (3)
- WST 444: Gender, Health, and Bodies (SB) (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 program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Career Opportunities

The minor in aging is a pathway to a career researching, developing policies 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 working with aging populations are employed in public and private agencies dealing with a wide variety of social issues, including:

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

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