GERONTOLOGY (GRO)

GRO 201 Envisioning Your Old Age 3
Students think critically about aging in the current US context and
develop proposals for change to ensure their ideal old age will be
possible. Required for minor in Gerontology.

GRO 300X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course
Schedule for current offerings.

GRO 400X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course
Schedule for current offerings.

GRO 411 Silver Industries 3
Overview of the longevity economy and its influences on entrepreneurial
opportunities. Case illustrations highlighted. Using the entrepreneurial
business model, students explore opportunities, risks, and rewards in the
silver industries market.
Notes: Same as ENT 511.

GRO 444 Baby Boomers 3
Social and cultural impact of Baby Boomer phenomenon, including
implications of cohort size, diversity, and life experiences (culture,
relationships, politics, health, finances) for images of aging, products,
services, and policies.

GRO 451 Gerontology Independent Study 3
Intensive independent study of specialized topics in gerontology.
Prerequisites: Requires written plan including activities and assignments
to facilitate achievement of one or more of the undergraduate
gerontology SLOs, permission of sponsoring instructor, credentialing
of the sponsoring instructor to teach gerontology, and approval of
gerontology undergraduate coordinator and department head.
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

GRO 511 Silver Industries 3
Overview of the longevity economy and its influences on entrepreneurial
opportunities. Case illustrations highlighted. Using the entrepreneurial
business model, students explore opportunities, risks, and rewards in the
silver industries market.
Notes: Same as ENT 511.

GRO 570 Social Services for the Aging 3
An overview of current issues in the need and delivery of social services
to the aging. Students learn skills designed to prepare them for effective
practice with older adults and their families.
Notes: Same as SWK 570.

GRO 600X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course
Schedule for current offerings.

GRO 602 Seminar: Critical Issues of Aging 3
Analysis of critical issues affecting the aged and how these issues are
being addressed using the social ecological model and life course theory.

GRO 620 Research Methods in Gerontology 3
The integration and application of qualitative and quantitative research
designs and methods used in gerontology. Additional attention focuses
on the formulation and writing of a research proposal.
Prerequisites: GRO 501 and permission of instructor.

GRO 621 Health and Aging 3
Explores the concept of successful aging from a holistic perspective
using the seven dimensions of health and wellness and the use of
interdisciplinary teams to support healthy aging.

GRO 622 Financing Longevity 3
Overview of concepts related to financing longevity in the United States.
Topics include retirement, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, long term
care insurance and related products.

GRO 631 Planning and Evaluation for Professionals in Aging 3
Introduction to the knowledge and skills related to planning and
evaluating innovative responses to the aging of society using program
theory as a foundation.

GRO 634 Diversity, Inclusion, and Aging 3
An examination of issues related to diversity among older adults. Focus
will be on the interaction of class, gender, race/ethnicity, culture, sexual
orientation, and historical period with the aging process.

GRO 645 Introduction to Cognitive Aging and Disorders 3
An examination of cognition and aging including normal aging, mild
cognitive impairment, and dementia. Focus will be on preparing
gerontologists to work with older adults with various cognitive function.

GRO 650 Administrator in Training - Assisted Living 3
Introduction of knowledge and skills necessary to be an administrator of
adult and family care homes. Directed practical experience in approved
assisted living or group home to meet state requirements for the
administrator-in-training certification.

GRO 651 Theoretical Foundations of Aging 3
Examines the historical development of the profession and discipline of
gerontology and various gerontology related roles in a range of settings
based on theories of aging.

GRO 666 Special Topics in Gerontology 1,3
Study of a special topic in gerontology.
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

GRO 679 Integrated Capstone in Gerontology 3
A synthesis of ideas, perspectives, and concepts gained from the study of
gerontology. Students must utilize gerontology research and theory in a
field experience to conclude their course of study.
Prerequisites: Admission to the M.S. in Gerontology. completion of at
least two-thirds of coursework including GRO 602, GRO 620, GRO 621,
GRO 651, and SWK 570; and permission of instructor.

GRO 680 Elder Law for Professionals in Aging 3
An examination of legal and financial topics related to aging. Focus
will be on preparing gerontologists to work with older adults and their
families as they navigate complex legal issues.

GRO 695 Independent Study 1-3
Intensive study in an area of special interest in gerontology.
Notes: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours credit.

GRO 699 Thesis 1-6
Individual guidance in the development of a specific research problem.
May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit. (Graded on S-U basis)

GRO 750X Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course
Schedule for current offerings.

GRO 801 Thesis Extension 1-3
Thesis Extension.

GRO 803 Grad Resrch Proj Ext 1-3
Research Extension.