**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 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 589 Experimental Course: The Grateful Dead Legacy 3**
Examines the fans of the Grateful Dead as a baby boomer lifestyle community, their music and legacy, including their impact on business, art, technology, etc., and their fans.

**GRO 602 Seminar: Critical Issues of Aging 3**
Intensive review and analysis of the literature and research on issues and unresolved problems of aging. Offered both face-to-face and online.

**GRO 610 Life Planning for the Third Age 3**
Integrative approach to explore how trends in finances, relationships, health, self-development, housing and work/leisure time interact to impact quality of life and options available to aging adults.

**GRO 611C Wkrforce/HumRes Pol - Aging Soc 1.5**
Examines the impact of aging societies on workforce issues and the need for government and employer policies and programs.

**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**
Examines aspects of health and aging from an integration of biomedical and psychosocial perspectives. Foundations for the professional practice of gerontology.

**GRO 622 Financing Longevity: Topics in Insurance 3**
Overview of concepts and products of insurance related to financing longevity in the United States. Topics include 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 649 Gerontology Internship or Research Experience I 3**
First internship or research experience for graduate students in gerontology. 140 to 160 hours in a program approved site developed from among nonprofit, governmental, or business settings.  
**Prerequisites:** GRO 501 and permission of instructor.  
**Notes:** Grade: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U).

**GRO 651 Theoretical Foundations of Aging 3**
Integration of current literature and theoretical applications in gerontology focusing on specific area(s) of student’s specialty and practicum experiences. Additional emphasis on professional writing, presentations, networks, and extramural funding.

**GRO 676 Special Topics in Gerontology 1,3**
Study of a special topic in gerontology.  
**Notes:** May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

**GRO 677 Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Healthy Aging 3**
Examination of entrepreneurship opportunities related to the aging population, with specific attention to products and services that extend the healthy lifespan. Includes development of Business Opportunity Analysis.  
**Notes:** Same as ENT 677, KIN 677.

**GRO 679 Gerontology Internship or Research Experience II 3**
Supervised experience as a participant/observer in structured setting with older adults in order to link theory and practice and increase professional expertise or supervised research in gerontological topic.  
**Prerequisites:** Admission to the MS 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 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 711 Experimental Course 3**
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.