

# GERONTOLOGY, M.S.

The M.S. in Gerontology is a fully online program requiring 30 credit hours of course work including a capstone with field experience. It trains professionals for leading roles to meet the needs of America's growing elderly population. Students understand the basic processes of aging, apply theoretical approaches to aging to their particular fields and circumstances, and evaluate information about older adults from various sources and perspectives.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (<https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide/>).

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit a personal essay elaborating on their experience and/or interest in working with older adults.

## Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 30 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Core Courses (21 credits)</b>		
GRO 570	Social Services for the Aging	3
GRO 602	Seminar: Critical Issues of Aging	3
GRO 620	Research Methods in Gerontology	3
GRO 621	Health and Aging	3
GRO 634	Diversity, Inclusion, and Aging	3
GRO 651	Theoretical Foundations of Aging	3
GRO 679	Integrated Capstone in Gerontology	3
<b>Electives (9 credits)</b>		
Select 9 credits of elective courses *		9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

\* Under advisement to meet the student's educational objectives.

## Accelerated B.A. or B.S. to M.S. in Gerontology

### Application and Admission

Undergraduate students at UNC Greensboro may apply for admission to the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP) in Gerontology. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5, based on at least 30 credits earned at UNC Greensboro is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credits and may not apply for admission to the AMP before the first semester of the junior year.

All applicants must complete the standard application requirements for the M.S. in Gerontology program including three letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose. Applicants to the AMP must also submit an academic writing sample and a resume.

### Courses

Up to, but not more than, 12 credits of graduate courses may be double-counted. For a course to apply toward both degrees, the student must

earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in the course and fulfill graduate-level requirements.

The M.S. degree requires 30 credits of graduate-level course work. If the maximum of 12 credits is double-counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, the student must complete a minimum of 18 credits of further graduate-level course work to complete the M.S. degree. Please see the *University Catalog* for a full description of the M.S. degree requirements.

The following courses may be counted toward both an undergraduate degree and the M.S. in Gerontology degree. All courses leading to the completion of the M.S. degree must be approved by the GRO Graduate Program Coordinator.

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GRO 570	Social Services for the Aging	3
GRO 602	Seminar: Critical Issues of Aging	3
GRO 621	Health and Aging	3
GRO 651	Theoretical Foundations of Aging	3

Please consult with an advisor to determine how courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor's degree program. All degree requirements for the M.S. in Gerontology remain the same.