

GERONTOLOGY

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The Minor Program in Gerontology (18 credits)

Christopher Newport University offers a multi-disciplinary minor in gerontology for undergraduates. The program is designed to meet the following student goals:

1. Provide a body of knowledge about older persons combined with skills obtained from the student's major discipline to prepare for careers in nursing home administration, administrative positions in community aging programs, research and planning, recreation, social work, counseling, adult education, and others.
2. Serve as a minor for the student who has no career goals in the field but has an interest in gerontology. Any of the courses may be taken without commitment to the entire program.

Program Requirements:

All courses must be approved by the Director prior to enrollment.

1. A minimum of 18 credits of course work, as listed below are needed to complete the minor.
2. Core requirements: BIOL 234; PSYC 340; SOCL 305; and select one of the following: SOCL 491, SOWK 401, or approved substitute;
3. Select two approved electives (6 credit hours).
4. Students wishing to use other courses as gerontology electives must have the advance written approval of the Director of Gerontology. Students using listed elective courses for the program in gerontology will be expected to do assignments within the courses to focus on the study of the elderly.

THE CURRICULUM IN GERONTOLOGY

The following course descriptions appear in appropriate sections throughout the catalog.

Core

BIOL 234	Aging and Health: Biological and Physiological Perspectives
PSYC 340	Adult Development and Aging
SOCL 305	Sociology of Aging
SOCL 491	Practicum in Sociology
SOWK 401	Field Instruction

Electives

PHIL 384	Medical Ethics
SOCL 315	Sociology of Health and Health Care
SOCL 492	Reading in Sociology
SOWK 201	Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare
SOWK 368W	WI:Social Policy Analysis
SOWK 492	Readings in Social Work