GRN Minor Course Descriptions

COM 296 Cross-cultural Communication and Aging (3)
Examines the impact of culture on Communication and aging processes.

COM 392 Aging and Communication (3)
Communicative behavior of the elderly within the contexts of friendship networks, health care systems, the workplace and the family. Social forces that influence society’s perceptions of the aging communicator.

GRN 101 Introduction to Gerontology (3)
Introduction to the social, psychological, physiological, and philosophical aspects of aging through reading, writing, and field work.

GRN 440 Current Issues in Gerontology (4)
Study of current issues and topics in the field of aging from an interdisciplinary and global perspective. Participation in an intergenerational service-learning project.

GRN 446 Health Care Access for the Elderly (3)
An Introduction to the US health care system with an emphasis on issues related to the elderly. Problems of access to health care for the aging population, their families and communities.

GRN 491 Directed Independent Study in Gerontology (1-3)
Independent study with a member of the gerontology faculty. Requires consent of the gerontology coordinator.

GRN 495 Special Topic Seminar in Gerontology (3)
Discussion of special topic related to gerontology.

HEA 325 Health and Aging (3)
Introduction to the health characteristics of the aging population.

PAR 215 Bioethics (3)
Examination of the principles and problems in the application of ethical theory to medical research and practice.

PSY 223 Life Span Human Development (3)
Variables and factors underlying human growth and development across the life span. Physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and sexual developments are emphasized.

PSY 324 Psychology of Aging (3)
Examines psychological aspects of aging, including personality stability and change, normal aging, and developmental research methods.

PSY 416 Adult Development and Life Transitions (3)
Explores normative and non-normative changes of adulthood.
RTH 369 Recreation Therapy in Gerontology (3)
Biological, sociological, and psychological aspects of aging as related to the planning and delivery of recreation therapy for older adults.

* SOC 336 Sociology of Aging (3)
Sociological theories and methods used to explain the aging process. Topics include demography, age stratification, the life course perspective, health, housing, and social policy.

SOC 220 Birth and Death (3)
The examination of the sociological dimensions of "human entry and exit." Gerontology students study the role of the aged in the life course status passages.

SOC 418 Women and Aging (3)
Examines women's experience of old age and the aging process. Specific emphasis on family, medical, and economical institutions.

SWK 310 Social Service Practice for the Elderly (3)
Health, social and income needs of an aging population will be related to current laws, programs, administrative networks, and politics.

* Required Course