

AGING, MINOR

Older adults are living longer than any other time in history. By 2035, older adults will outnumber children. There is a genuine need for social work students to be adequately trained to meet the needs of older adults in settings including: medical, hospice, long-term care, rehabilitation, home and community-based services, behavioral health, corrections, criminal justice, research and policy analysis, program development, advocacy, education, and training.

The Social Work Minor in Aging will provide an opportunity for undergraduate social work students to obtain skills and knowledge in gerontology. Their classroom training will culminate in a field practicum in an agency that serves older adults. In this setting, students will have the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have learned in the classroom and acquire direct practice skills by interacting with clients in the field with the support of an agency field instructor. This will prepare students to work with the aging population after graduation.

Requirements

The Social Work Minor in Aging is open to Undergraduate Social Work Students only. It includes 22 total credits, including the following required courses and electives:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses (already required for the Social Work program)		
SOC WRK 250	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOC WRK 421	Field Education & Integrated Field Seminar I	5
SOC WRK 422	Field Education & Integrated Seminar II	5
Electives		
Choose three courses from those listed below:		9
SOC WRK 300	Aged to Perfection: Introduction to the Study of Aging	
SOC WRK 564	Concepts, Controversies, and Critical Policies for Older Adults	
SOC WRK 680	Death and Dying	
SOC WRK 685	Social Gerontology	
Total Credits		22