

Aging Studies Program

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The Aging Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary minor in Gerontology designed to meet the needs of students interested in pursuing a career working with or for the older adult population. The minor provides students the opportunity to examine the biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural perspectives which influence the status of the aging individual in society. Students who complete the Gerontology minor will be exposed to the basic social policies and personal skills required for working effectively with older persons.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the successful completion of 15 semester hours. All students are required to take GERO 2600. The remaining 12 hours may be selected from other Gerontology courses or approved departmental courses. The general requirement for an interdisciplinary minor is that students may not take more than six hours from a single department. To strengthen research or applied skills, students are encouraged to complete either GERO 4800 or GERO 4900.

Interdisciplinary

GERO	2600	Introduction to Gerontology
GERO	4030	Topics in Gerontology
GERO	4800	Special Projects
GERO	4900	Practicum

Departmental

CDFS	3300	Caring Across Generations
CDFS	4390	Families in Later Life
CDFS	4391	Aging Health and Development
NFS	4210	Nutrition in Aging
NURS	3370	Health and Gerontology
PSY	4610	Adult Psychology and Aging
PSY	4630	Death and Dying
REC	3380	Introduction to Recreation for Persons with a Disability
REC	4470	Leisure and Aging
SOC	4020	Sociology of Aging
SW	3170	Family Caregiving Across the Life Span
SW	4430	Social Work with the Terminally Ill
SOC	4040	Health Care Delivery Issues
CDIS	4800	Speech and Language Disorders in the Adult Population

Courses in Gerontology [GERO]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Global Studies Program

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The objectives of this interdisciplinary major and minor are to prepare students to make effective decisions as global citizens; induce and nurture global and international perspectives in students as they pursue various academic majors and career goals; and increase academic opportunities for undergraduate students to study, learn, and explore cultural and physical environments other than their own.

Program Requirements

Global Studies courses are selected from over 100 courses in five colleges at MTSU. There are three concentrations within the Global Studies major—Globalization and Culture, Globalization and Commerce, and Globalization and Science—and a minor with different emphases. The student selecting Globalization and Culture will take courses largely from the liberal and fine arts and the humanities; those selecting Globalization and Commerce can choose courses from disciplines such as business, finance, and economics; those who choose Globalization and Science will typically take courses in basic and applied sciences or human/behavioral science. In all concentrations, the primary goal of the Global Studies major is to broaden the world perspective of students and prepare them for the global marketplace.

Required General Education Courses (41 hours)

Students select courses in Communication, History, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences as outlined on pages 64-67.

Required Courses (9 hours)

GS 2010	Introduction to Cross-Cultural Experiences (3 hours)
GS 3010	Field Experience and Study Abroad (1–12 hours, 3 hours required)
GS 4990	Senior Seminar (3 hours)

Concentration (24 hours)

With the advisement of the Global Studies advisor/director, students select concentrations that best reflect their academic, professional, and personal interests (Globalization and Culture, Globalization and Commerce, or Globalization and Science). Students select courses to total at least 24 hours of credit. No more than four (4) courses may be selected from a single discipline.

Electives (16–19 hours)

Electives will reflect the student's academic and career interests and will be chosen with the advisement of the Global Studies advisor/director

Foreign Language (12 hours)

Global Studies majors will successfully complete 12 hours of a foreign language that best suits their academic and career needs.