

GERONTOLOGY (GERO)

GERO 201 Gerontology: Services and Policies (3)

An overview of programs and policies designed to enable older adults to obtain necessary services, enhance their health, improve or maintain their economic well-being, and provide support to families of the aging. Trends in the aging programs, services, and policies are discussed. Topics include work, retirement, and income maintenance; delivery and regulation of health care; and social or community services that promote well-being in older adults. Depending on current health and safety regulations, visits are made to providers serving older adults and their families, and an experiential learning component is integrated into the course.

GERO 320 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (3)

An introduction to the factors affecting the quality of life of people with dementia and their caregivers: the cultural, social and physical environments, social support, societal attitudes and intervention, and management strategies. Attention is given to the diagnosis of dementia; types, prevalence and course of the illness; behavioral, cognitive, and physical symptoms; ethical and legal issues; professional management and treatment issues; family care-giving issues; and implications for health and social policy.

GERO 397 Independent Study (1-3)

May be repeated.