AGING STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Division: Social Sciences

PROGRAM CODE: 2A45947

The Aging Studies Associate in Arts Degree focuses on the study and application of knowledge about the physical, social, and economic conditions of older people. Aging affects all aspects of human activity; thus, the study of aging is multidisciplinary in nature. This degree helps to prepare students interested in pursuing academic and career pathways in the field of aging. Students who earn the Aging Studies AA Degree should consider pursuing a bachelor's degree in Aging/Gerontology, a bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Gerontology, or a related field. Career paths may include placements in county councils on aging, area agencies on aging, social services agencies, housing authorities, long-term care, recreation facilities, and many other public and private agencies. The Aging Studies Associate in Arts Degree requires a total of 18-20 units in the major, in addition to other graduation requirements.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses (9 units):		
SOC 101 F	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC 101HF	Honors Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 201 F	Dying and Death	3
SOC 250 F	Sociology of Aging	3
Restricted Electives (9-11 units):		**9-11**
HED 140 F	Health Science	3
PSY 120 F	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 139 F	Developmental Psychology: Life Cycle	3
PSY 219 F	The Human Services	3
SOC 102 F	Social Problems	3
SOC 198 F	Sociology Internship	1
SOC 199 F	Sociology Independent Study	1
SOC 275 F	Sociology of the Family	3
or SOC 275HF	Honors Sociology of the Family	
SOC 299 F	Sociology Independent Study - Advanced	1
Total Units		**18-20**

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

Outcome 1: Describe knowledge of relationships among older adults, their families, and society.

Outcome 2: Compare and contrast current theory and research in the interdisciplinary field of gerontology and its role in society to assess biological, social, and psychological issues that impact older adults and those who work with and care for them.

Outcome 3: Analyze aspects of ageism in American society and socially conscious behavior regarding the older population.