

Minor in Aging and Society

People are living longer, and the number of older persons is increasing. These trends are evident in American society, as well as in many countries around the world. In the U.S., life expectancy has increased, from approximately 45 years of age in 1900 to more than 75 year now. At the beginning of the 21st century, one in eight people in the U.S. was over 65. And the age group growing fastest in our society and in many other countries is the “very old,” people aged 85 and over.

This growth in our elderly population will continue into the future. By the middle of the 21st century, one in five Americans will be over 65, and there will be 15 to 18 million persons over the age of 85. These growth trends will result in a demand for both citizens and professionals with knowledge and expertise in the subject of aging. The area of Social Gerontology will offer expanded career opportunities for the disciplines and professions who will serve our older population (The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, 2014).

Minor Requirements				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
HLTH 104	Introduction to Gerontology	Three (3)		
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	Three (3)		
Select Four Courses				
<i>*Only one additional 100 level course can be chosen; three must be upper level- 300 or above.</i>				
FSAD 307	Human Responses to Death	Three (3)		
HEFI 202	Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan	Three (3)		
HLTH 103	Health Current Perspectives and Practical Applications	Three (3)		
HLTH 212	Happiness, Health and Wellbeing	Three (3)		
GRST 201	Introduction to Gender Studies	Three (3)		
HUSV 201	Introduction to Human Services	Three (3)		
PSYC 225	Human Development	Three (3)		
SOCI 105	American Social Problems	Three (3)		
SOCI 210	Sociology of the Family	Three(3)		
SOCI 313	Women and Aging	Three (3)		
SOCI 320	Sociology of Health, Illness and Health Care	Three (3)		
SOCI 330	Sociology of Gendered Lives	Three (3)		
SSCI 315	Death, Dying and Bereavement	Three (3)		

Twelve of the eighteen credits for a minor **MUST** be SUNY Canton credit. Students can use six credits of transfer toward a minor.