

GERONTOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts
Minor

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HEALTHY AGING
LIFE COURSE
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Is Gerontology for you?

Population aging is one of the most significant demographic phenomena of the 21st century and will shape healthcare, finance, social services, housing, transportation, as well as the experiences of aging at the individual, family, and community level.

We offer several comprehensive and innovative programs in SFU's Department of Gerontology: the multidisciplinary study of physical, social, and psychological aspects of aging and older adults.

The Gerontology minor is for third- and fourth-year undergraduate students who want to add a program in aging to their academic careers. It is a great choice for anyone who expects to work or volunteer with seniors or who simply enjoys older adults. The interdisciplinary courses look at how individuals, families, and communities are impacted by the process of aging.

Our Post Baccalaureate Diploma program provides tailored curriculum for individuals intending to gain coursework-based educational training in gerontology.

Where will you go from here?

Gerontology is one of the growth areas of the 21st century. More than 14 per cent of the population, or five million Canadians are over 65. That number will double in the next 25 years. This population bulge will have a significant impact on the health care sector as well as companies and services as they begin to "gerontologize" their operations.

We are a community of faculty, researchers, and students looking at aging from an interdisciplinary perspective. Issues covered in courses and research include:

- Health and aging
- Aging and the built environment
- Technology and aging
- Sociology and aging

Classes are held at SFU's Vancouver campus and we offer opportunities to gain experience working with seniors in the Lower Mainland through our practicum and internship programs.

Want to know more?

Admission requires a minimum of 60 units with a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA). Students must also complete at least two of the following prerequisite courses or obtain a minimum C grade in GERO 300 or B grade in GERO 101:

- BPK 105 - Fundamentals of Human Structure and Function
- BPK 142 - Introduction to Kinesiology
- PSYC 100 - Introduction to Psychology I
- PSYC 102 - Introduction to Psychology II
- SA 150 - Introduction to Sociology
- STAT 203 - Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences
- HSCI 100 - Human Biology
- HSCI 130 - Foundations of Health Science

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