In recognition of the special needs of older adults in Central Florida, the University offers an eighteen-hour interdisciplinary program leading to a Minor in Aging Studies. The minor is open to all students in any major. This minor prepares students for careers in applied gerontology, research, public service or for graduate training. Courses focus on the physiological, psychological, sociological, environmental, cultural, legal-ethical and public policy issues affecting older adults. Students majoring in health professions, biomedical sciences, criminal justice and legal studies, hospitality management, psychology, social work, nursing, sociology, business, exercise science, physical education, communication sciences and disorders or education find study of the aging process especially helpful.

Minor Admission Requirements
- None

Minor Requirements
- A required internship, along with course options that include service-learning activities, complements the web-based courses.
- Students select one of the internship courses listed below depending on their major. BSW majors must take the 9 credit hour field education course.

Prerequisite Courses
- None

Required Courses (6 hrs)
- GEY 3001 Gerontology: An Interdisciplinary Overview 3 hrs
- Select One:
  - HSA 4941 Internship 3 hrs
  - PSY 3951 Undergraduate Field Work 3 hrs
  - SYP 4941 Internship 3 hrs
  - SOW 4510 Field Education 8 hrs
  - SOW 4941 Internship 9 hrs

1 For full-time social work majors. Cannot be used with SOW 4941.
2 For part-time social work majors. Cannot be used with SOW 4510.

Restricted Electives (12 hrs)
- Students select FOUR additional courses from the following courses: A maximum of TWO courses must be taken in the College of Health and Public Affairs and at least TWO courses must be taken from other colleges.

College of Health and Public Affairs
- HSA 4220 Long Term Patient Management 3 hrs
- HSA 3222 Long Term Care and Administration 3 hrs
- HSC 4564 Health Care Needs of the Elderly 3 hrs
- PLA 4530 Legal Issues of the Elderly 3 hrs
- SOW 4645 Social Services for the Elderly 3 hrs
- NUR 4286 Gerontologic Nursing 3 hrs
- SOW 3740 Social Work Practice with Loss & Life's Transitions 3 hrs

Other Colleges
- DEP 3464 Psychology of Aging 3 hrs
- SYP 4730 Patterns of Aging in Society 3 hrs
- 1 GEY 5007 Women and Healthy Aging 3 hrs
- SYP 4732 Minority Aging 3 hrs

1 Open to undergraduates with senior standing

Foreign Language Requirements
- None

Total Semester Hours Required
- 18