

Program:	Gerontology	Dept:	Sociology, Gerontology and Substance Abuse Studies
Major:	Gerontology	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5650

Gerontology, M.A.

The Adult Education – Gerontology major provides the student with a base of information and experiences, in and out of the classroom, for dealing with the many aspects of aging. Many of today's concerns with a more mature population are explored. The emphasis in the Gerontology major is on the "humanistic" approach, recognizing that aging is a developmental state. Anticipated interest groups for Gerontology major:

- Students interested in working with the elderly
- Nursing home personnel, including administrators, activity directors, and nurses
- People in health occupations
- Directors, outreach workers, etc., Involved with senior citizen centers, retirement homes, mobile meals programs, agencies currently working with the elderly, (e.g., Area Wide Agency on Aging)

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Writing Assessment. Complete a writing assessment with passing score.
- Thesis. If applicable, complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it publicly, submit two paper copies of the thesis to the library and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and submit the thesis' title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....13 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GERO	5023	Orientation to Gerontology
GERO	5743	Gerontology Colloquium
GERO	5823	Gerontology Research
GERO	5900	Practicum in Gerontology, OR
GERO	5900	Thesis

Guided Electives..... 14-15 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GERO	5213	Health & Social Services for Seniors
GERO	5342	Politics of Aging
GERO	5363	Psychology of Aging
GERO	5443	Biology of Human Aging
GERO	5463	Bereavement Counseling
GERO	5523	Qualitative Gerontology
GERO	5731	Drug Issues for Older Adults
SOC	5053	Sociology of Aging
ADED	5313	Techniques of Teaching Adults
ADED	5453	Psychology of Adult Development

Electives (Advisor Approval Required) 4-5 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 32 HOURS