

The Ohio State University  
College of Medicine

Ageing Minor

**School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences**

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The study of aging is an interdisciplinary field focusing on the health and well-being of older adults and their families. According to the US Bureau of the Census, the older population--persons 65 years or older--numbered 40.3 million in 2010. They represented 13% of the U.S. population, about one in every eight Americans. By 2030, there will be about 72.1 million older persons. The population 65+ is expected to grow to be 19% of the population by 2030. In Ohio, 1.5 million people are age 65 and over, and Ohio has the 7th largest older population in the nation.

This minor prepares undergraduate students to pursue graduate opportunities in fields with an aging focus, such as medicine, health and rehabilitation sciences, nursing, pharmacy, psychology, social work, consumer sciences, speech and hearing, anthropology, and sociology. The minor also positions students well to enter the work force in jobs engaged with the elderly. It is expected that there will be an increasing need for individuals with this more specialized knowledge base in the workforce.

The minor in aging requires a minimum of 12 credit hours in core aging courses and in related courses drawn from several departments. All students must take HTHRHSC 4600S, Health after Mid-Life, and at least two courses chosen from the core courses and 2-3 from the additional courses listed below, for a total of at least 12 credit hours.

Once the aging minor program coordinator (or the coordinator's designee) has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the Health Sciences Program.

*\*Some courses in this minor may have pre-requisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses.*

**Required course**

HTHRHSC 4600S Health after Mid-Life (3)

**Core Courses (Students are to take 2 out of the 5 courses)**

HDFS 5430 Adult Development and Aging (3)

Anthropology 5645 Biology of Senescence (3) OR

Anthropology 5642 Growth and Development (3)

Psychology 4552 Psychology of Adult Years (3) OR

Psychology 4597.01 Contemporary World: Aging, Health, and Psychological Functioning in the Modern World (3)

**Additional courses**

HTHRHSC 5610 Death, Loss, and Grief in Multiple Perspectives (2) OR Social Work 5011 Loss and Grief: A social work practice perspective (2)

HTHRHSC 5650 Aging and Public Policy Issues (3)

HTHRHSC 5660 Long Term Care Services Across the Continuum (4)

HTHRHSC 5600 Global Aging (2)

HTHRHSC 5620 Aging, Accessibility, and Design (3)

Psych 3340 Introduction to lifespan developmental psychology (3)

Psych 4597.01 Contemporary World: Aging, Health, and Psychological Functioning in the Modern World (3)

Social Work 5009 Family Caregiving: Contemporary Issues, Programs, and Policies (3)

Social Work 5010 Women and Aging: International Perspective (2)

Speech and Hearing Science 3350 Speech-Language

Communication across the Life Span: Issues and Problems in our Communities (3)

**Ageing minor program guidelines**

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required A minimum of 12 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval The minor course work can be approved by any advisor if following the minor sheet. Any variations from the minor sheet must be approved by an HRS advisor in 206 Atwell Hall.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed by the beginning of the junior year.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the minor coordinator (or the coordinator's designee).

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