

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GERONTOLOGY

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Quinnipiac is one of the few universities to offer an undergraduate major that anticipates one of the growing realities in our society: the rise in the number of older Americans. Every aspect of our society will be affected by the rapidly growing number of people over age 65. Gerontology prepares students to have careers that can address these societal changes. Jobs related to gerontology are among the fastest growing in the U.S. right now, and can be found in a range of professions, from health and business to policy and social programs. Nearly every profession entails working with clients over 65. Our curriculum is unique in that it provides students with a broad understanding of the various issues older individuals and their families face in later life: how our families and social networks changes as we age, the effects of aging on our minds and bodies, and which social programs and policies exist to help older people and families. Because the effects of an aging population are so far-reaching, the program is based on interdisciplinary studies, including courses from sociology, psychology, biology, philosophy and law.

Gerontology majors also complete two semester-long internships in public or private agencies involved directly with the elderly, such as senior centers, retirement complexes, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, community aging services, case management agencies and nursing homes. Students are prepared to continue their education or assume careers in aging-related areas such as social work, law, public health, medicine, health administration and public policy.

Gerontology Curriculum

In addition to the University Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum>) and the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/cas-curriculum>) requirements, students majoring in Gerontology must meet the following requirements for graduation:

Code	Title	Credits
Gerontology Core Requirements		
Required courses for the major in gerontology:		
SO 101	Introduction to Sociology ¹	3
PS 101	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3
GT 205	From College to Career (SO/CJ 205)	1
GT 263	Sociology of Aging (SO 263)	3
PS 234	Adult Development & Aging (GT 234)	3
GT 290	Research Methods (SO 290)	3
BMS 200	Biology and Experience of Human Aging ¹	3
GT 382	Studying Social Issues with Statistics (SO 382)	3
GT 385	Senior Seminar (SO 385)	3
Two internships in the community:		
GT 392	Internship in the Community (SO 392)	3

GT 394	Advanced Internship in the Community	3
Select two of the following:		6
SO 241	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ¹	
SO 244	Social Stratification ¹	
SO 255	Sociology of Families (WS 255) ¹	
SO 264	Social Welfare Institutions	
SO 266	Population and Society ¹	
SO 280	Illness and Disability ¹	
SO 305	Death, Grief and Bereavement (GT 305)	
PL 220	Ethics and Human Values ¹	
PL 234	Philosophies of Health, Healing and Medicine ¹	
PL 368	Philosophy of Death and Dying	
PS 325	Health Psychology	
Any PT or OT course		
Select two of the following:		6
GT 270	Program Planning and Administration (SO 270)	
GT 305	Death, Grief and Bereavement (SO 305)	
GT 311	Introduction to Social Work (SO 311)	
GT 315	Case Management (SO 315)	
Total Credits		43

¹ These courses also satisfy University Curriculum requirements.

Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective freshmen are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions (<http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions>) page of this catalog.