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Certificate in Aging Studies - Certificate in Aging Studies

Type:Certificate

If you want to advance, you can't stand still in today's world. Stepping forward to earn more education can distinguish you from your peers—and make you more desirable in the workforce.

A professional certificate is one way to take that step.

Certificates are not full college degrees and only require completion of relevant courses. *Offered online*, a LaGrange College certificate can help to clear a pathway to a brighter future.

The Aging Studies Certificate is designed to offer training to those interested in pursuing careers related to serving the aging. Offered through the Sociology program, this certificate provides a working knowledge of critical issues facing an aging population.

Student learning objectives include:

- Competency in the basic components and knowledge involving the services needed for an aging population in the U.S.
- An understanding of the contemporary issues facing an aging population and the social issues involved
- An awareness of global issues facing an aging population

Students must make a “C” or better in the following courses:

1. SOCI 1000: Introduction to Sociology (3 credit hours)
2. SOCI 2500: Kinship and Family (3)
3. SOCI 2250: Introduction to Gerontology (3)
4. SOCI 2350: Death and Dying (3)
5. SOCI 3450: Social Policy and Aging (3)

All courses are offered online.

Email soonline@lagrange.edu for more information.

B.A. in Sociology with a Concentration in Gerontology - B.A. in Sociology with a Concentration in Gerontology

Type:Major

For a Sociology major with a Gerontology concentration, a total of 36 semester hours is required:

Nine (9) hours of Gerontology courses

- SOCI 2250 Introduction to Gerontology
- SOCI 2350 Death and Dying
- SOCI 3450 Social Policy and Aging

15 hours of required Sociology major courses

- SOCI 3900 Methods I: Introduction to Methodology
- SOCI 3950 Methods II: Understanding Data Analysis
- SOCI 4000 or 4475 Theory I or Theory II
- SOCI 4950 Presenting Social Analysis (Senior Seminar)

12 hours in Sociology electives

These courses must be satisfied with a grade of "C" or higher

Minor in Gerontology - Minor in Gerontology

Type:Minor

The minor curriculum combines two basic kinds of expertise: (1) increased knowledge of the sociological processes of aging, and (2) the development of in-service skills to address the social needs which accompany these processes.

Students electing this minor do so to accomplish different goals: (1) training for a service career in the field of aging; (2) preparation for a specialized graduate program; or, (3) personal enrichment and development in understanding the aging process. The gerontology minor is an asset to students seeking employment in such fields as health care, counseling, recreation, nutritional service, education, business, welfare services, and private and public administration.

Minor Requirements: 15 hours (Four required courses plus one elective)

Required Courses: Students must make a "C" or better

- SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 2250 Introduction to Gerontology
- SOCI 2350 Death and Dying
- SOCI 3450 Social Policy and Aging

Electives:

SOCI 3700 Medical Sociology

SOCI 3200 Civil Society and Social Responsibility

SOCI 3500 Race, Ethnicity and Gender in Society

SOCI 4200 Social Inequality & Stratification

SOCI 4500 Sociology Internship (3-6 hours)

PSYC 3351 Introduction to Counseling

PSYC 3358 Psychology of Aging

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