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# GERONTOLOGY TIMES



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## What's New in Gerontology?

Looking for a high-demand, leadership career opportunity?

### Executive Health Care Administration Certificate

The **Executive Health Care Administration Certificate** at **SCSU** pairs practical business and administration skills with essential knowledge of aging needed to effectively manage and coordinate work in nursing home, assisted living, and other health care settings. The certificate prepares students to take the licensure exam for assisted living and nursing home administrators as required by the state of Minnesota. Click for more information. [Executive Health Care Administration Certificate](#)

Completion of the Executive Health Care Administration Certificate also fulfills the requirements for the Gerontology Minor. For more information, contact Dr. Phyllis Greenberg ([pagreenberg@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:pagreenberg@stcloudstate.edu)).

## March is Careers in Aging Month!

Learn about the many different career paths you can follow to work in the field of aging and/or with older adults!

### Gerontology Careers Information Tables:

SCSU Atwood: March 12th, 19th, & 26th. 10am - 1pm

SCSU Library: March 12th, 19th, & 26th. 10am - 3pm



## NEWSLETTER

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## Gerontology Career Panel & Alumni Celebration

*You are invited!*

Please join us to celebrate our Gerontology alumni, community partners, and current students!

- Learn about career opportunities in aging!
- Network with professionals in the field!

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm

In person: Alumni Room, Atwood Memorial Center

Via Zoom: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99669253216>

Meeting ID: 996 6925 3216 Passcode: GERO

*Snacks & Prizes!*

# Fall 2024 Course Offerings

## Undergraduate Classes

GERO 208- 54 **Introduction to Gerontology** (Diversity, Goal Area 5) Online asynchronous

GERO 411 **Aging Policies & Programs** Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm T (8/27; 9/17; 10/15; 11/5; 12/3) *May be taken concurrently with GERO 470*

GERO 420 **Ethics in Gerontology & Geriatrics** (Diversity, Goal Area 9) Online asynchronous

GERO 425 **Dementia & Aging** Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm M (8/26; 9/16; 9/30; 10/21; 11/4)

GERO 470 **Global Aging** (Diversity, Goal Area 5 and Goal Area 8 ) Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm T (9/3; 9/24; 10/8; 10/29; 11/19) *May be taken concurrently with GERO 411*

GERO 444-01 **Gerontology Internship**– By permission only

## Graduate Classes

GERO 511 **Aging Policies & Programs** Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm T (8/27; 9/17; 10/15; 11/5; 12/3). *May be taken concurrently with GERO 570*

GERO 520 **Ethics in Gerontology & Geriatrics** Online asynchronous

GERO 525 **Dementia & Aging** Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm M (8/26; 9/16; 9/30; 10/21; 11/4) *May be taken concurrently with GERO 630*

GERO 570 **Global Aging** Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm T (9/3; 9/24; 10/8; 10/29; 11/19) *May be taken concurrently with GERO 511*

GERO 630 **Aging and Community** Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm M (9/9; 9/23; 10/7; 10/28; 12/2) *May be taken concurrently with GERO 525*

GERO 644– 01 **Gerontology Internship**– By permission only

GERO 699– 01 **Thesis**- By permission only

GERO 699– 02 **Starred Paper**- By permission only

GERO 699– 03 **Comprehensive Exam**- By permission only

**The Gerontology Program offers an Undergraduate Minor, Masters Degree, Graduate Certificate, & Executive Health Care Administration Certificate!**

For more information visit our website at [www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology) or contact us:

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Gerontology: Brown Hall 312 [gerontology@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:gerontology@stcloudstate.edu)

## Featured Fall 2024 Courses

### Introduction to Gerontology

#### GERO 208-54- Asynchronous Online

What does aging mean to you? The processes of aging affects each of us in different ways, including biologically, psychologically, and socially. This class introduces the interdisciplinary study of human aging and provides a view of the world's rapidly aging population.

**\*\*Meets Liberal Education Goal Area 5 & Diversity Requirements\*\***

### Aging Policies and Programs

#### GERO 411/511

Examine the range and variety of services and programs for the older population, especially those supported and/or funded under the policy, administrative, fiscal, or legislative control of federal, state, and local governments.

*Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm T (8/27; 9/17; 10/15; 11/5; 12/3) May be taken concurrently with GERO 470*

### Ethics in Gerontology and Geriatrics

#### GERO 420/520- Asynchronous Online

Driving with dementia? Self-neglect? Right to refuse treatment? What do I do if...? Using case studies, current literature and real-life scenarios, we will explore a wide range of ethical dilemmas in aging practice and policy from individual, professional, and societal levels.

**\*\*Meets Liberal Education Goal Area 9 & Diversity Requirements\*\***

### Dementia and Aging

#### GERO 425/525

What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia? What should you know about working with or caring for a person with dementia? Learn about the nature, causes and symptoms of dementia, as well as the impact it can have on individuals, families and caregivers.

*Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm M (8/26; 9/16; 9/30; 10/21; 11/4)*

### Global Aging

#### GERO 470/570

Aging is a global phenomenon (e.g. demographic trends, historical influences and the lived experience). The intersection of factors such as gender, ethnicity, geography, and class are explored.

*Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm T (9/3; 9/24; 10/8; 10/29; 11/19) May be taken concurrently with GERO 411 & 511*

**\*\*Meets Liberal Education Goal Area 5, 8, & Diversity Requirements\*\***

### Aging and Community

#### GERO 630

Aging & Community: Current issues in Social Gerontology, Culture & Diversity. This course explores the diverse experience of human aging in the U.S. and globally, with a primary focus on the interpersonal and instrumental concerns related to aging within different communities.

*Hybrid: Asynchronous + 5 synchronous sessions 5:30– 8:20 pm M (9/9; 9/23; 10/7; 10/28; 12/2) May be taken concurrently with GERO 525*

## SPRING AND SUMMER 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

### Gerontology Internship & Professional Seminar GERO 444/644 - By Permission Only

Students complete an internship experience at a community site. The concurrent seminar helps students reflect on the "real world" internship experience and its relationship to prior gerontology course work, professionalism, and ethics.

### Culminating Exam, Thesis, Project GERO 699- By Permission Only

*Scheduling concerns? Not sure which course to pick? Let us help!*

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## Minnesota Gerontological Society

The Minnesota Gerontological Society is the leading interdisciplinary, membership-based organization supporting education, research and practice in the field of aging in the state of Minnesota.



**BUILDING BRIDGES**  
MGS 48TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
APRIL 18-19, 2024

Save the Date

**MGS 48th  
ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

April 18-19, 2024 • Pre Conference April 18, 2024 at 2:30-4:30

## Recent Presentations

- Greenberg, P.A. and Danielson, J. (2023). *Preceptor/Agency Perspectives: What Works and What is Missing*. Symposium presentation at The Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Karasik, R.J. (2023). Gerontology Internships, Practicum, and Field Work from a Faculty Perspective. Symposium Paper (Creating an Age-Savvy Workforce Through Gerontological Internships). 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL.
- Masters, J., Staley, M. & Karasik, R.J. Forethought of After thought? The Future of Gerontological Education. Poster: 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL.
- VanderWerf, J., Greenberg, P.A. and Karasik, R.J. (2023). Now Showing: The Use of Films in Advanced Gerontology Classes. Poster presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Conference, Tampa, FL.

# Gerontology Events



GSA 2023 in Tampa, Florida



Silent Auction Fall 2023



Project Homeless Connect Fall 2023



GERO Students, Alumni & Faculty at ANA, Spring2023



First GERO Club Meeting of Spring 2024



Side Street Spring 2024

**Thank you to all of our community partners for your ongoing support and hosting student interns and service-learners!**

# Gerontology Student Organizations

The SCSU Gerontology Program hosts two student/professional organizations: the SCSU Gerontology Club and Sigma Phi Omega -The International Academic Honors and Professional Society in Gerontology. Join one or both!

## SCSU GERONTOLOGY CLUB

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join "The Gerontology Club" which meets with our local chapter of the honors society. The groups participates in community projects, offers tutoring and mentorship, and of course, hold fabulous social events! Leadership opportunities are available. Upcoming meetings: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm to pm Brown Hall 313.

## SIGMA PHI OMEGA- INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC HONOR AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY IN GERONTOLOGY

Sigma Phi Omega "seeks to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, friendship, and service to older persons, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic excellence and professionalism in gerontology. Our Motto is "Excellence in Gerontology". Students are recognized with Honor Cord and Medallion on day of graduation.

*"Students, faculty, and community professionals are encouraged to join! [Sigma Phi Omega](#)*

**NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO GET INVOLVED!**

**INTERNSHIPS!:** If you are interested in pursuing a Spring or Summer internship, please contact Dr. Rona Karasik ([karasik@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:karasik@stcloudstate.edu)) as soon as possible to begin the planning process!

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## GERO Program Alumni

**We want to hear from you!**

Let us know how you are doing. Send us an email and, even if you have done so before, take a minute or two to fill out our online GERO Alumni survey:

[SCSU Gerontology Program Alumni Survey](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!