

**Masters of Science**

**in Gerontology**

## WHY PURSUE A MASTER’S IN GERONTOLOGY AT CSUF?

The emerging field of gerontology is **the study of aging from a multi-disciplinary perspective.** The unprecedented growth of the older population has created a growing demand for well-trained specialists with expertise in gerontology.

At CSUF, the Master of Science in Gerontology (MSG) provides students with a strong foundation in **both applied and theoretical gerontology**, with an emphasis on **biological, psychological, and social aspects of aging**. Our program prepares students to serve the growing aging population in a variety of settings from business to government to health and human services. Our alumni serve as **practitioners, educators, researchers, advocates, and policy makers**.

The MSG at CSUF is offered through the Gerontology Academic Program. This unique program is composed of dozens of faculty representing diverse academic disciplines, exposing students to a wide variety of course offerings and research opportunities.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

#### Students must fill out both a university application and a gerontology application. Requirements for admission include:

* A bachelor’s degree in gerontology or in a related field with an undergraduate minor, certificate or emphasis in gerontology, or the equivalent. In the absence of these, the application must have 12 units of upper-division coursework in gerontology, or their equivalent, and have completed a statistics course
* A grade-point average of at least 3.0 in gerontology-related coursework
* Three (3) letters of recommendation
* A letter from the student stating professional objectives
* Written Critical Thinking Assessment
* Interview with gerontology faculty members

#### In addition, the following factors will be taken into consideration:

* Previous paid or volunteer experience in working with older adults
* Research experience

# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### The MSG requires 30 units of approved graduate work with a minimum of 21 units at the 500 level.

1. **Core Courses** (18 units)

### Gerontology 500 Applied Gerontology/Professional Development (3)

* Gerontology 501 Research Methods in Gerontology (3)
* Gerontology 503 Aging and Public Policy (3)
* Gerontology 507 Biopsychosocial Aging (3)
* Gerontology 535 Evaluation and Program Planning (3)
* Gerontology 595 Gerontology Internship (3)

1. **Electives** (9 units)

### Electives are offered directly through the gerontology program or are cross-listed with other departments. Given that gerontology is a multidisciplinary program, students are required to take, in addition to gerontology-housed electives, electives from some of these other departments. Current elective options can be found on the CSUF Gerontology home page.

1. **Thesis or Project** (3 units) Take at least one of the following:

### Gerontology 597 Project (3)

* Gerontology 598 Thesis (3)

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