REGISTRATION: **Before** you register for the Gero 597 or Gero 598 course, you must meet with your committee to present your Thesis/Project Proposal. The committee consists of three faculty members whose interests align with your thesis or project topic. You will work with your committee chair to ensure the proposal is ready to be presented. A copy of your proposal and timeline must be submitted to the committee members for review before the proposal meeting. A presentation of your proposal and timeline will take place at an agreed upon time with all three committee members present.

*Only under special circumstances can a student enroll in Gero 597 or Gero 598 before the Project or Thesis Proposal. The chair of the committee can approve registration by signing this form if he/she deems that the student is exceptionally close to presenting their Thesis/Project Proposal.*

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out your personal information below by typing your responses. You must obtain a signature from your committee chair. In addition, attach a copy of your project or thesis proposal. Submit the signed form and proposal to the graduate academic advisor for a permit to add the course. Alternatively, you may scan the signed form and email it, along with an electronic copy of the proposal, to the graduate advisor.

The project/thesis will culminate in a final paper. Gero 597 (project) and Gero 598 (thesis) are 3 unit courses. You may register for Gero 597 or Gero 598 only once. You can earn a maximum of 3 units for this course (about 9 hours of work per week).

**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:**

*The M.S. in Gerontology Prospectus (proposal) must incorporate the following information in APA format:*

1. **Cover page** [Project Title, Your Name & Committee Members’ Names, University Name]
2. **An abstract** that briefly summaries the project/thesis [150 – 250 words]
3. **A statement of the problem** that motivates your project/thesis [1- 3 sentences]
4. **For thesis include your research questions** [2-4 sentences]
5. **Your thesis hypothesis** OR your **project objectives/goals** (e.g. how do you plan on answering your research questions or suggesting solutions for the problem)
6. **Review of the relevant literature**
7. **Theoretical framework** for the project/thesis (i.e. the theories you are using to answer your research questions)
8. **For thesis include methodology** for gathering data, testing the hypothesis, and answering the research questions.  
   **For project include procedures** for producing intended product (i.e., develop curricula, website, etc.) and the intended audience.
9. **Timeline** for the completion of your project [list expected deadlines to complete each portion of thesis/project, anticipate any potential problems and include your expected completion date]
10. **Reference List** in APA format [include all references used in proposal]
11. **Optional:** Your thesis/project advisor may require other items such as IRB approval or other relevant information for your specific goals.
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APPLICATION FOR GERONTOLOGY
Gero 597 Project/Gero 598 Thesis

Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)                                      Semester: (e.g. Fall 2016)

First Name and Middle Initial                                      Last Name

CWID#                                      Email                                      Telephone

Local Address (Street, City, Zip)

Please select one:  597 Project:  598 Thesis:

APPROVAL:

Print Name – Thesis/Project Chair                                      Signature

Print Name – Committee Member 2                                      Signature

Print Name - Committee Member 3                                      Signature

Print Name – Graduate Advisor                                      Signature

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