

AGING STUDIES, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Banner Code: 3_AA_AGNG

Control Number: 07510

Financial Aid Eligible

Gerontology, the interdisciplinary study of aging, offers students an understanding of their own aging and of society's response to the increasing population of older people. Biological, psychological, and sociological aspects of aging are explored. The coursework for the Certificate of Achievement in Aging Studies will provide information about the aging process and training to work in services and agencies that interact with older people. Many of the courses are cross disciplinary and, therefore, can count towards the Certificate of Achievement as well as the general education requirements for the A.A. Degree. Coursework will also transfer as elective and general education requirements to a four-year institution.

Students have the option of completing the 21-unit Certificate of Achievement in Aging Studies on its own or in conjunction with the A.A. degree. Those seeking new careers in gerontology and/or transfer to a four-year institution should complete the Associate in Arts Degree requirements in conjunction with those for the Aging Studies Certificate of Achievement.

Coastline College students completing the A.A. Degree and Aging Studies Certificate of Achievement qualify for our degree partnership with CSUF. For information about the Coastline College/Cal State Fullerton degree partnership in human services and aging studies call Coastline College at (714) 241-2613 or Human Services Office, CSUF, (714) 278-2255.

Coastline College and CSU Long Beach have a partnership that allows a maximum of 6 units (SOC C120 Introduction to Aging Studies and 3 units of elective courses) to be applied to CSULB's 15 unit Gerontology Minor. Contact Coastline College at (714) 241-6213 or the Gerontology Department at CSULB for further information.

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Apply major gerontology theories and principles of the field to everyday life and determine the impact of these theories on the aging individual and/or society as a whole.
2. Apply effective communication skills in a variety of gerontology settings.
3. Support opinions/ideas using solid gerontology research principles.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/general-education/>).

Course	Title	Units
Required Core ¹		
Complete the following:		
AGNG C120	Introduction to Aging Studies	3

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or SOC C120	Introduction to Aging Studies	
AGNG C122	Biology of Aging	3
or BIOL C120	Biology of Aging	
AGNG C170	Psychology of Aging	3
or PSYC C170	Psychology of Aging	
Red Cross Standard First Aid/CPR Card ²		
Program Electives ³		6-7.5
Select a minimum of six units of the following:		
AGNG C131	Home Care	
AGNG C223	Healthy Aging	
or HLTH C223	Healthy Aging	
AGNG C225	Nutrition through the Lifecycle	
or FN C225	Nutrition through the Lifecycle	
LAW C142	Probate Administration/Estate Planning	
LAW C148	Elder Law	
Program Field Courses ¹		
Complete the following:		
HSVC C274	Human Services Seminar	1
HSVC C275	Human Services Field Studies	2
<i>Units Required for Major</i>		<i>18-19.5</i>
Local General Education, CSU General education, or IGETC pattern		varies
Electives to Satisfy Unit Requirement		varies
Total Degree Units		60

¹ Some courses in the program are not offered every semester. AGNG C131 Home Care, HSVC C274 Human Services Seminar, and HSVC C275 Human Services Field Studies are offered once per year, usually in the fall semester. Plan your full schedule with the timing of your courses in mind.

² Additional Requirement: Students must obtain a current Red Cross Standard First Aid/CPR Card.

³ Students wishing to work in Home Care should select AGNG C131 Home Care as their elective.