

# GERONTOLOGY/AGING STUDIES, A.S.

The Gerontology/Aging Studies, A.S. at MSJC prepares students to promote and contribute to the wellness of an aging population. After completion, graduates are prepared for employment in various aging-related careers. The program is designed using an interdisciplinary perspective on aging and older adults. Students are trained in the best practices of gerontological education, research, and practice. The program prepared graduates to meet the needs of an aging world while improving the lives of older adults. Students will gain skills to promote positive aging and help older adults optimally age. In addition to the 21 units of required Gerontology courses, students must also complete all MSJC General Education Option A requirements (a total of 60 units) for the Associate of Science degree in Gerontology/Aging Studies.

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## Program Map

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
GERO-504	Introduction to Social Gerontology	3
HS-120	Introduction to Public Health	3
HS-121	Fundamentals of Healthful Living	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring Semester 1		Units
GERO-501	Aging Policy and Practice	3
GERO-502	Diversity and Ethics in Aging	3
HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
HIST-112	U.S. History Since 1865	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
Fall Semester 2		Units
GERO-503	End of Life Issues	3
NUTR-101	Introduction to Nutrition Science	3
ASL-110	Deaf Culture and Community	3
AH-105	Medical Terminology	3
PE-115	First Aid and CPR	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring Semester 2		Units
GERO-510	Fundamentals of Caregiving	3
GERO-511	Resources and Services for Older Adults	3
GERO-550	Gerontology Fieldwork Experience	3
COMM-117 or LEAD-500 or SOCI-102	Organizational Communication or Leadership Development (formerly LEAD-101) or Contemporary Social Problems	3
PE-195 or PSYC-103	Introduction to Kinesiology or Human Development	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

## Requirements

An Associate Degree in this program requires students to complete MSJC's local General Education, Option A, by fulfilling all general education areas. In addition, students must complete all major requirements and complete an overall total of 60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>MSJC General Education Option A (<a href="https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/">https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/</a>)</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Required Gerontology Courses</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)</b>		

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GERO-502	Diversity and Ethics in Aging	3
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GERO-504	Introduction to Social Gerontology	3
GERO-510	Fundamentals of Caregiving	3
GERO-511	Resources and Services for Older Adults	3
GERO-550	Gerontology Fieldwork Experience	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>21</b>

## Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a **Career Quiz** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available **in-demand jobs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the **MSJC Program** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.