

Planning Schedule for Advanced Certificate in Gerontology

Semester	Advance Certificate Courses – 15 credits
Fall	<p>Choose from list of courses below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PH 639 – Social and Cultural Aspects of Aging (3) LAW 521 – Elder Law (3) PSY 625 – Wisdom and Knowledge (3) SOC 615 – Sociology of Health and Health Services (3) SW 726 – Social Work Practice with the Aged (3) (restricted to MSW students) Other courses that will allow you to focus on aging (with permission of Advisor) <p>IS 610 – Field Work (1-3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 6 – 15 credits</p>
Spring	<p>IS 611 – Culminating Seminar (3)</p> <p>Choose from list of courses below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PH 636 – Policies, Programs and Services for the Elderly (3) PH 637 – Death and Dying (3) PH 640 – Health and Aging (3) LAW 532 – Health Law (3) PSY 625 – Wisdom and Knowledge (3) SOC 716 – Seminar in Medical Sociology (3) SW 727 – Seminar in Social Work with the Aged (3) (restricted to MSW students) Other courses that will allow you to focus on aging (with permission of Advisor) <p>IS 610 – Field work (1-3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 6 – 15 credits</p>

Field Work – The IS 610 Field Work requirement for the Advanced Certificate in Gerontology includes a minimum of 240 hours of approved Field Work, attendance at monthly meetings, and completion of a Field Work paper. You can fulfill this requirement by enrolling in IS 610 for 3 credits and working with an agency for 8 hours a week for 30 weeks (2 semesters) or 16 hours a week for 15 weeks (1 semester or summer). Or, with approval of your advisor, you may be able to count a Field Work or Practicum completed for another graduate degree program (e.g., law, nursing, public health, social work) and take IS 610 for 1 credit to cover your participation in monthly group meetings and your Field Work paper.

Culminating Seminar – IS 611 is the culminating seminar with outputs that include a scholarly paper and an exit interview based on a portfolio that the student compiles over the duration of the program.