

## Why Gerontology?

### Expanding Career Opportunities:

Populations are aging world-wide and professionals with knowledge and expertise in aging will be in great demand. Expanded career opportunities in aging-related work are expected in many disciplines.

**Stimulating and Challenging:** The field of aging is diverse, offering many different types of meaningful employment opportunities.

**Multidisciplinary Focus:** Varied needs of older persons ensure exciting opportunities for working side by side with professionals from numerous disciplines.

**Potential to Make a Difference:** Help to address the challenges of old age and ensure quality of the life throughout life; fight social injustice due to ageism and health disparities; join efforts to redefine the period of later life as positive and fulfilling.

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## University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### Undergraduate Certificate on Aging



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School of Social Work

- ◆ Social Justice
- ◆ Well-being/ Quality of Life
- ◆ Diversity

“Aging in place within a sense of place  
in Hawai'i and the Pacific”

### University of Hawaii at Manoa: Undergraduate Certificate on Aging Program:

The UH Undergraduate Certificate on Aging is a 15-credit, interdisciplinary program for students in all majors. Administered by the Center on Aging, it draws upon approved UHM gerontology courses to provide a foundational overview of aging: an introductory, interdisciplinary survey of gerontology; core courses on psychology, sociology, and biology/health aspects of aging; and a practicum/capstone course. Following criteria defined in *Standards and Guidelines for Gerontology and Geriatrics in Higher Education*, the certificate covers content and develops skills to prepare graduates in any field to apply a gerontological perspective in their respective lines of work. Graduates of the program will be sensitized to the needs, challenges, and resources of later life and will be better equipped to provide services for older customers and to design products that are age-friendly. Those services and products will vary, depending on the field of the student.





### Certificate Requirements

- The Undergraduate Certificate on Aging is a 15-credit program.
- Students take five approved aging-related courses in three different departments, one of which is a capstone course. (For a list of current courses offered and course descriptions, visit <https://www.hawaii.edu/aging/list-of-current-or-upcoming-courses-offered-at-uhm/>)
- Each student will have at least one certificate advisor, who will provide guidance in designing a program that best fits the interest of that student.
- Please see the COA website <https://www.hawaii.edu/aging/faqs/> for additional information and FAQ's .

### How to Apply:

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### UHM Undergraduate Courses in Aging :

(Semesters and instructors may vary; some courses may be offered through Extension)

### Capstone Project:

A culminating capstone project offers the opportunity to conduct guided research under the supervision of a faculty advisor.

### Certification:

Upon successful completion of the coursework and the capstone project, students will receive a Certificate from Center on Aging University of Hawai‘ i at Mānoa attesting to completion of the program requirements.



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