

Sociology MA/PhD Program with Gerontology Certificate – Kent State University

Sample Plan of Study (Credit Hours in Parentheses)

	Fall	Spring
Year 1	Professional and Ethical Issues in Sociology (3) Early Sociological Theory (3) Quantitative Research Methodology (4)	Multivariate Techniques in Sociology (4) Death & Dying (3) (42010/52010)* Elective Course (3)
Year 2	Advanced Data Analysis (4) Aging in Society (3) or Sociology of Health & Health Care (3) Thesis Hours (3)	Contemporary Sociological Theory (3) College Teaching of Sociology (3) Thesis Hours (3) Individual Investigation/Research Hours (1)
Year 3	Sociology of Aging and the Life course (3) Practicum in Gerontology (3) Individual Investigation/Research Hours (1 credit hour; work on publishing thesis)	Qualitative Research Methods (4) Interdisciplinary Seminar in Gerontology (3) Special Topics - SOC 72895 (2-3); work on advancing to candidacy)
Year 4	Dissertation I (15)	Dissertation I (15)
Year 5	Dissertation II (15)	Dissertation II (15)

*Doctoral students are only allowed one 4/5000 (i.e., undergrad/grad course)

Information on Gerontology Courses

Course Number	Course Name	University	Course Format	Typically Offered	Notes
3006:695	Practicum in Gerontology	Akron or Kent	Individual experience-learning	Every Fall, Spring, Summer	Work with Director (Stanley or Smith) to develop a practicum experience. This can be complementary to practicum experience requirements in audiology (e.g., focus on older adult patients). We have a handbook with all the details and requirements. It is also possible to use a Practicum course from the student's home discipline. The student would need to focus their experience on older adults and complete a final report focused on gerontology for the Gerontology Certificate.
GERO 70656	Psychology of Aging	Kent	Online, asynchronous	Every Fall	
BSCI 50020	Biology of Aging	Kent	100% online	Every Fall and Summer I	
3006:680 GERO 61191	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Gerontology	Akron or Kent	Currently online, synchronous seminar; might be offered in person	Every Spring. Alternates between Akron and Kent. Typically, Tuesday evenings (e.g., 5-7:30 pm)	Interprofessional education: students from different disciplines learn side-by-side in this course