

MINOR REQUIREMENTS: A minor in Geology may be earned by students pursuing a Master of Education degree. Undergraduate course prerequisites for a graduate major: 20 semester hours of geology.

Graduate course requirements for a graduate minor: 12 semester hours of geology.

PROGRAM ADMISSION: In addition to the University requirements for admission to the Graduate School at ULM, applicants for regular admission to the Master of Science in Geosciences degree program will meet the following criteria:

1. A minimum score of 900 on the GRE General Test (Verbal plus Quantitative).
2. A minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 2.8 during the junior-senior years, or a 3.0 in all Geosciences courses which must total at least 21 semester hours.

Applicants who fail to meet the above standards may be admitted on conditional status as recommended by the Graduate Faculty of the Department of Geosciences in concert with the Director of Graduate Studies and Research. Applicants who do not present a score of 900 on the GRE General Test (Verbal plus Quantitative) must achieve such a score within six months after their conditional admission or after the completion of twelve semester hours, whichever comes first.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Undergraduate requirements: Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a major in geosciences or a related area; selected undergraduate background courses in Geosciences may be required.

Requirements for a major: 30 semester hours of geosciences and related courses, including Geosciences 599 of which a maximum of six hours may be used on the degree plan. All students will participate in a weekly seminar and enroll in Geosciences 416 for at least three semesters.

GERONTOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

M.A. in Gerontology

Certificate in Gerontological Studies

Areas of concentration for the M.A. in Gerontology include Long-Term Care Administration, Program Administration, and Aging Studies.

Areas of concentration for the Certificate in Gerontological Studies include Nursing and Generalist.

PROGRAM ADMISSION (M.A. in Gerontology): In addition to the University requirements for admission to the Graduate School at ULM, all applicants for regular admission to the Master of Arts in Gerontology degree program must meet one of the following criteria:

1. A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade-point average of 2.75 or 3.00 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate or combined undergraduate and graduate course work.
2. A minimum combined score of 900 on the Graduate Record Examination General Test (Verbal plus Quantitative).
3. A total of at least 1900 points determined by multiplying the cumulative overall undergraduate grade point average by the Graduate Record Examination General Test score (Verbal plus Quantitative).

In addition, all students must take the Graduate Record Exam prior to or within the first semester of graduate enrollment.

Applicants who fail to meet the above standards may be admitted on conditional status as recommended by the Gerontology Admission Committee and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies and Research. The student's admission may be changed to regular if they have earned a 3.25 on the first 6 hours of gerontology graduate hours pursued.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (M.A. in Gerontology): Requirements for a degree in Gerontology with an concentration in Long-Term Care Administration: Gerontology or

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Biology 510, Gerontology 512, 565, 567, 587, 588, 590, FCSC 436, Management 507, three hours of gerontology electives, and six hours of gerontology or free electives for a total of 39 hours for the degree. Students in this concentration must complete the state required Administrator in Training (AIT) for their Gerontology 590 Internship. Six hours of gerontology electives will be substituted for Gerontology 590 if a student already possesses the Nursing Home Administrator's license.

Requirements for the degree in Gerontology with an concentration in Program Administration: Gerontology or Biology 510, Gerontology 512, 567, 540, 545, 568, Gerontology or Speech 526 or Counseling 650A, six hours of Gerontology electives, six hours of gerontology or free electives, and Gerontology 590 or 599 for a total of 39 hours for the degree. Students in this concentration may complete Gerontology 590 (an internship of 32 hours per week for 15 weeks) or Gerontology 599 (Thesis). Persons already employed full-time in an agency providing services to seniors may appeal for a waiver of the internship/thesis requirement and take six additional hours of gerontology electives.

Requirements for the degree in Gerontology with an concentration in Aging Studies: Gerontology or Biology 510, Gerontology 512, 567, 452, 575, 599, Sociology 451 or Psychology 439, nine hours of gerontology electives, and six hours of gerontology or free electives for a total of 39 hours for the degree. Students in this concentration must write a thesis unless an internship is approved by the student's committee and department head. Persons who are already employed full-time in an agency providing services to seniors may appeal to the department head for a waiver of the internship/thesis requirement and take six additional hours of gerontology electives.

CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGICAL STUDIES

PROGRAM ADMISSION: In addition to the University requirements for admission to the Graduate School at ULM, all applicants for regular admission to the Certificate Program must meet one of the following criteria:

1. A minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 2.75 or a minimum 3.0 on the last sixty semester hours of undergraduate or combined undergraduate and graduate course work.
2. A minimum combined score of 900 on the GRE General Test (Verbal plus Quantitative).
3. A combined score of 1900 determined by multiplying the cumulative undergraduate grade point average by the Graduate Record Examination General Test score (Verbal plus Quantitative).

In addition, students must take the Graduate Record Examination prior to or within their first semester of graduate enrollment.

Applicants who fail to meet the above standards may be admitted on conditional status as recommended by the Gerontology Admission Committee and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies and Research. The student's admission may be changed to regular if they have earned a 3.25 on the first 6 hours of gerontology graduate hours pursued.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Undergraduate requirements: Bachelor's degree from an accredited University. Students may be required to make up undergraduate deficiencies in the Generalist and Nursing areas before taking the basic core requirements (9 semester hours) depending on the student's prior academic preparation and/or work experience.

Basic core requirements for the Certificate in Gerontological Studies: Gerontology 510, 512, and Speech/Gerontology 526 or Counselor Education 650A.

Additional requirements, Generalist: 9 semester hours of Gerontology electives. Each student's credentials will be evaluated by the Head of the Program at the time of admission.

Additional requirements, Nursing: 9 semester hours from the following: Nursing 433, 435, and 436; Sociology 425. Nursing 436 will be required for persons without prior experience in a gerontology setting. Each student's credentials will be evaluated by the Head of the Program at the time of admission.