WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY AT UNCC ADD TO YOUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE?

UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor, Graduate Certificate and Master’s Degree in Gerontology

WHAT IS GERONTOLOGY?

Gerontology is the study of aging and older adults. Students of gerontology study not only physiological changes that occur with aging, but also social roles, normative expectations, attitudes and beliefs, stereotypes, and policy, health and economic issues which define the aging experience.

HOW DOES GERONTOLOGY COMPLEMENT MY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE?

It is becoming increasingly important for criminal justice and legal professionals to have an understanding of the psychological, social, and medical issues confronting an older population. Criminologists are facing many challenging issues pertaining to a rapidly increasing proportion of older adults. Areas receiving attention include an understanding of the nature and extent of crime committed by older adults, the manner in which police and other legal professionals interact with older adults, the victimization and mistreatment of older adults, and an ever-increasing array of legal issues pertaining to an aging society. An understanding of gerontology will be an asset to any student interested in a criminal justice, criminology, or legal career.
WHAT UNC CHARLOTTE FACULTY SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT ARE THEIR RESEARCH INTERESTS?

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WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNCC?

AARP
www.aarp.org
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging
www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/
The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology
www.geron.org/StudentOrg/careers.htm
Southern Gerontological Society
http://www.wfu.edu/gerontology/sgs/
UNC Institute on Aging
http://www.aging.unc.edu/
National Institute of Justice
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij
National Center on Elder Abuse
http://www.elderabusecenter.org

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