WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY at UNCC ADD TO YOUR ECONOMICS 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 ECONOMICS DEGREE?

In 20 years, as baby boomers age, the U.S. population aged 62 and older will likely increase from 45 million to nearly 80 million. Additionally, these boomers are living longer than all previous age cohorts. Critical questions include: Will this growing population of older Americans work or retire more than their predecessors? How much they will have saved for their retirement? How much will health care for these individuals cost? How will demographic trends affect the public and private retirement support programs that have traditionally been extended to retirees in the United States? A combination of studies in Economics and Gerontology can help one to more fully understand the relationships between age demographics, retirement and health care policy, economic behavior, and the health and economic circumstances of people as they age.
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/

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