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

By the year 2030 we expect one out of five persons in American Society to be over the age of 65. Sociology majors are trained to understand human social interaction. With this population aging and the Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) approaching retirement, a sociologist who has formal training in aging and older adults will have a greater understanding of the experiences and challenges of this large segment of our population. This understanding is critical to our ability to meet the needs of older adults as well as the families and communities who may care for them.
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
American Sociological Association section on Aging & the Life Course
www.asanet.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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