



## SOC 262: Social Issues in Aging

This course actively engages the student with a myriad of issues in the aging process with on-site programs at service agencies and presentations by senior care representatives. An in-depth study of the social trends effecting lifestyles examines such issues as senior living arrangement, health care programs and benefits, senior organizations and community services, elder abuse and seniors as victims of crime, stress factors, legal and end-of-life issues as well as profiles of the three aging stages with specific concerns and required responses. The course also examines career opportunities for senior assistance and guidelines for care management. Three lecture hours per week.

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will have a comprehensive knowledge of the Gerontology/Geriatric glossary of terms and theories, the holistic nature and problems encountered in the aging process, the myriad legislative benefits/advocacy/ protections as well as social/health/agencies for support.
2. The student will gain a skill and competency to explain clearly information required for seniors, to offer coping strategies and enlighten seniors to the challenges and choices amidst the social trends which are currently affecting their lifestyles.
3. Because of the great deal of affective learning in the course, the student will have gained a sensitivity to all senior issues and concerns to better understand their role as facilitators.

**Credits:** 3

**Program:** Sociology