

AAS 494 African Dance Ensemble (A). *Cross-listed as DNS 494. Prerequisite AAS 232 and 433.* Provides a study of advanced techniques in solo, duet and ensemble experience to explore special areas of drumming and dance; costuming and relationships to dances; and acquaintance with another dance culture and production methods. Entails class studies for lectures, demonstrations and performances. Includes video studies for discussion and examples of performance. 3 Cr.

AAS 499 Independent Study in AAS (A). Arranged in consultation with the instructor-sponsor and in accordance with procedures of the Office of Academic Advisement prior to registration. 1-6 Cr.

AGING STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR (585) 395-5506

Overview

An interdisciplinary aging studies minor is available for students interested in the study of aging/gerontology. The 18-credit minor includes courses, as available, in biology, nursing, psychology, recreation and leisure, social work, sociology and women, and gender studies. The minor consists of four required courses, an elective course, and a field experience related to aging. In addition to a field experience in aging, an elective course that relates to aging may be chosen from a variety of disciplines with the approval of the coordinator.

What is a minor in aging studies?

The interdisciplinary minor in aging studies is designed to meet the needs of students interested in pursuing a career working with or for older adults and their families. This field of study is becoming more prominent as the percentage of older adults increases in the United States and other countries. Students enrolled in the minor have the opportunity to learn about aging from a variety of perspectives and disciplines at The College at Brockport.

Courses and program

The approved 18-credit interdisciplinary minor may be combined with any other academic major offered by The College at Brockport. The aging studies minor consists of four required courses, an elective course, and a field experience in aging.

There are a variety of aging related courses and related topics offered by different departments. These courses may be selected individually to develop a concentration to meet student interests or career objectives. The aging studies coordinator can discuss these options.

Faculty and facilities

Aging studies courses are taught by faculty members from different departments of the College working together in a common interest area. They teach and work together in aging studies because of the importance of the area, their interest, and their knowledge.

The College at Brockport has excellent cooperative arrangements with public and private organizations throughout the region, enabling excellent opportunities for field experiences related to aging studies.

The College at Brockport Drake Memorial Library has a substantial and growing collection of holdings related to aging studies, with interlibrary loan arrangements to meet student needs.

The aging studies minor at The College at Brockport also has a funded scholarship from the New York State Federation of Home Bureaus.

Career opportunities

Continued growth is expected in employment opportunities that involve work with older adults and their families as more people are living longer and there is a public interest in meeting their needs.

Curriculum:	Aging Studies Minor Requirements	Credits
SWO 476	Issues of Aging in America	3
BIO 281	Human Biology	3
PSH 436	Psychology of Aging	3
REL 406	Leisure and Aging	3
_____	Approved Aging Studies Field Experience (SWO 499: Independent Study)	3
_____	An Approved Elective (listed below)	3
	Total:	18

PRO 204	Developmental Assessment
SWO 477	Perspectives on Older Adults and the Aging Family
WMS 380	Issues in Men's and Women's Health
SOC 465	Sociology of Aging
SWO 372	Sex and the Life Cycle
BIO 495	Mechanisms of Aging (for Biology Majors only)

Additional courses that relate to aging studies may be available. Course substitutions may be recommended by the aging studies coordinator.

For more information about the interdisciplinary minor in aging studies, contact Aging Studies Coordinator Jason A. Dauenhauer, PhD, MSW, Department of Social Work, (585) 395-5506, jdauenha@brockport.edu.

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What is Anthropology?

Anthropology is the systematic study of human behavior and experience over time and space as reflected in thousands of cultures around the world—from prehistoric foragers to contemporary industrial societies. Its primary concerns are to:

- Understand the origins of human behavior and culture over 60 million years of primate evolution and six million years of human evolution;
- Understand the diversity of the human condition based on historical, archaeological, ethnographic and biological perspectives;
- Utilize a wide range of anthropological data derived from participant observation and ethnographic interviews, archaeological and paleontological excavation, field studies of non-human primates, and laboratory work to understand human behavior;
- Solve modern social problems by critically appraising and analyzing anthropological data.

Our program provides cross-cultural knowledge, critical thinking, and practical hands-on skills toward understanding the diversity of human experience through the anthropological subfields of archaeology, cultural anthropology, and biological anthropology. Students benefit from small classes in upper division majors' courses, one-on-one contact with faculty, and a broad range of course offerings.