

College of Medicine, Florida State University
Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences (IMS) Program
List of Community Patient Care - Gerontology/Aging Studies Focus Electives

See an Academic Advisor and review Curriculum Sheet for more information

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Course #	Name	Credits	Description	Prerequisites	Department Offering Course	University Requirements	Misc Information
DEP 4404	Psychology of Adult Development and Aging	3	This course focuses on the study of the major psychological issues of adulthood and aging, including age-related changes in psychological, social, and physical functioning; interpersonal and family relationships; career development and retirement; mental and physical health; death and bereavement; and coping with the process of aging.	PSY 2012	Psychology		Fall
NSP 3425	Health Issues: Concerns Through the Life Cycle	3	This course focuses on issues related to women throughout the life cycle including sexuality, obesity, anorexia, cancer, etc. Emphasis is on prevention of illness and rights to health care access.		Nursing		Fall
SOW 4602	Social Work in Health Settings	3	This course focuses on social work practice in health settings from a "person-in-environment" perspective, preparing students with an understanding of the roles that social workers play in health settings, the structure of health care delivery systems, organizational and professional ethics and standards, challenges we face in health care policy, and patient issues and how to help to address these issues. Specific knowledge and skills in a health care setting are addressed, including biopsychosocial assessments, chart documentation, treatment planning, and discharge planning.		Social Work		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
SOW 4645	Gerontological Social Work	3	This course introduces students to social gerontology and gerontological social work. Topics cover the demography of aging and the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of aging; social and health care policies that impact older persons, their caregivers, and the aging network of services; the impact of ageism, sexism, racism, ableism, ableism, and homophobia on our work with older people; as well as the promotion of dignity, self-determination, and socio-economic justice for older people.		Social Work		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
SYP 3730	Aging and the Life Course	3	This course introduces students to aging from a variety of perspectives, integrating information from various social science disciplines. This course focuses on several important areas of theory and research, including the way older people interface with society and the tools used to study older adults and aging processes.		Sociology	Before Fall 2025: Social Science	Fall, Spring, Summer