

WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES?

UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor, a Concentration in Gerontology within the Interdisciplinary BA, and a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology (with an [Early Entry](#) option)

WHAT IS GERONTOLOGY?

Gerontology is the study of longevity. 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 our aging experience.

HOW DOES GERONTOLOGY COMPLEMENT MY WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES?

The study of aging with a focus on women provides context to our individual and world views. Understanding the biological, social, and environmental factors that contribute to women's health and longevity is crucial for our society's stabilization as overall, women tend to live longer than men. In a professional setting you will have interactions with aging women and recognizing how social roles and expectations shift over time can make you a more conscientious advocate for women and those who love them. Women face unique psychosocial challenges related to aging, which are most often rooted in the history of how women have been perceived by their worlds, but women also offer lessons in resiliency that you can learn and share with others. The intersectionality of women who are aging enhances our view to know that they are diverse and multifaceted. This has a direct link to how we can address the disparities and creation of policies and interventions that are for all humans who self-identify as a woman.

WHAT UNC CHARLOTTE FACULTY SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT ARE THEIR RESEARCH INTERESTS?

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WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNC Charlotte?

AARP www.aarp.org

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging

<https://www.geron.org/academy-for-gerontology-in-higher-education-aghe>

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology

<https://agework.geron.org/>

Exploring Careers in Aging

<https://exploringcareersinaging.com/>

Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/1573-0719/>

Southern Gerontological Society

<https://www.springer.com/journal/10823/>

UNC Institute on Aging

<https://www.med.unc.edu/aging/>

American Society on Aging

<https://www.asaging.org/>

LeadingAge

<https://leadingage.org/>

Help Age USA

helpageusa.org/older-women/

National Organization for Women

<https://now.org/about/careers-and-internships/>

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