

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM GERONTOLOGY

**History:**

Gerontology is the study of the process of human aging in all its many aspects: physical, psychological, cultural, and social. Gerontology academic programs are gaining nationwide appeal, as the demographic profile of the U.S. population is rapidly changing, primarily reflective of the increasing age of the population. The interdisciplinary gerontology major draws on a select combination of arts & sciences and professional courses to provide students with an arts and science foundation, a broad-based understanding of individual and social aspects of aging, and professional skills relevant to their career goals. The major will also prepare students to attain a position with an aging focus, such as jobs in senior centers, corporations, nursing homes, nutrition programs, volunteer programs, and area agencies on aging or other human services organizations.

**Purpose:**

The overall purpose of the program is to educate students who in their professional careers will work to sustain or improve the quality of life of older persons. The major in gerontology will prepare students for admission to graduate or professional schools, such as medicine, law, dentistry, social work, occupational/ physical therapy, public administration, urban planning, business, or gerontology. The gerontology degree program will also serve as a Bachelor of Science completion degree for existing and planned health science degrees.

**Enrollment:**

Students can be accepted into the program at the beginning of any term. Students may enroll on a full-time or part-time basis. Entering freshmen, transfer students, and students already holding a degree may begin the program.

**Length of Program:**

The curriculum consists of 126 credits.

**Application Procedures:**

Students should complete the regular application online at our website [ololcollege.edu](http://ololcollege.edu) indicating Gerontology as the selected program. Any questions related to the online application process should be addressed through the Admissions Office at 225-768-1700. There is no separate application process for a Gerontology Degree. The student is required to complete a *Declaration of Major* form which must be signed by the Gerontology Program Director.

**Tuition:**

See the Published Tuition & Fee Schedule available from the Admissions Office or on our website.

**Financial Assistance:**

Our Lady of the Lake College has financial aid counselors available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form this may be done online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

**Transferability:**

Credit earned at a regionally accredited college or university is transferable provided the course is equivalent in content to the course offered at Our Lady of the Lake College. A final grade of C or better must be earned in courses to be transferred. Credit for college level achievement may be awarded through CLEP and/or ACT/PEP examinations. Time limits for transferability of some courses may exist. Information is available in the Office of the Registrar.

**Accreditation:**

Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake College.

## Bachelor of Science in Gerontology Degree Requirements

<b>SEMESTER 1</b>		<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
ENGL 1310 English I	3	ENGL 1311 English II	3
PHIL 2310 Philosophy and Critical Thinking	3	BIOL 1110 Introduction to Medical Terminology	1
CHEM 1310 Introduction to Chemistry	3	RELS 1310 Introduction to Theology	3
ACSM 1110 Introduction to College Education	1	CSCI 1310 Computer Applications	3
GERO 1310 Introduction to Gerontology	3	MATH 1315 College Algebra	3
SOCI 1310 Introductory Sociology	3	PSYC 1310 Introductory Psychology	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>SEMESTER 3</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	
BIOL 2310, 2310L Human Anatomy & Phys I & lab	4	HIST 1311 or 1315 World History II or American History II	3
GERO 2310 Fundamentals of Movement Science	3	LTCA 1310 Introduction to Long Term Care Administration	3
PHIL 2320 Ethical Issues in Health Care	3	BIOL 2320 Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	3
HIST 1310 or 1315 World History I or American History I	3	HSER 2320 Macroeconomics in Healthcare	3
MATH 2315, 2315L General Statistics & lab	4	HSER 2315 Introduction to Accounting	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SEMESTER 5</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	
PSYC 2330 Psychology Across the Life Span	3	PSYC 3325 The Psychology of Aging	3
GERO 3410 Exercise in Health and Disease	4	GERO 3315 The Physiology of Aging	3
LTCA 2310 Administrative Problems in Aging	3	HSER 3340 Healthcare Systems and Trends	3
ANTH 3315 Ethnomedicine	3	HSER 3350 Healthcare Management	3
SCIENCE ELECTIVE Consent of Advisor	3	PSYC 4310 Research Methods	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SEMESTER 7</b>		<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	
GERO 3310 Health Promotion and Aging	3	GERO 3320 Aging and Disabilities	3
SOCI 3220 Medical Sociology	3	RELS 4310 Spirituality, Prayer and Healing	3
GERO 4910 Directed Research in Aging	3	SOCI 3315 Death and Dying	3
SOCI4310 Sociology of Health and Medicine	4	GERO 4310 Gerontology Practicum	6
SCIENCE ELECTIVE Consent of Advisor	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE</b>			<b>126</b>