

<b>USC SCHOOL</b>	Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
<b>ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT</b>	Gerontology
<b>GRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	Master of Arts in Medical Gerontology
<b>POST CODE</b>	1757
<b>TERM EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Spring 2021

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Arts in Medical Gerontology allows individuals interested in the health and medical care of older adults to expand upon existing knowledge of the aging process. Students are familiarized with the whole person approach to aging which includes examining the environment in which older persons live in, nutritional practices, and the care team that provides services. Students will develop expertise in areas such as: signs of normal aging and diseases of aging; complexities related to multiple chronic diseases; risks of polypharmacy (use of multiple medications); technology's role in the delivery of healthcare, and the principles of safety, comfort and convenience within built environments.

**COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS**

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Open to all majors	
Recommended Pre-Health preparation	

**PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS**

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

**CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)**

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

*If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk (\*) and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

<b>Dept. Prefix - Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Units</b>
GERO 561	Introduction to Aging and Normal Changes with Aging	4
GERO 562	Diseases of Aging with Emphasis on Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes	4
GERO 563	Geropsychology	4
GERO 564	Multiple Chronic Conditions and Older Adults	4
GERO 566	Cognitive Decline: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia and Advances in Imaging	4
GERO 567	Prevention of Chronic Diseases through Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Lifestyle Changes	4
GERO 569	Healthcare Leadership and Administration	1
GERO Electives	Graduate Degree Electives (selected in consultation with an advisor)	8

**PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK**

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

**TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE**

**TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE**
**TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS**

**TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE**

**TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)**

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE**

**NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

Pre-Health preparation is recommended.

Students may be approved to take up to 8 units of approved 400-level gerontology elective coursework (ex. Gerontology Study Abroad courses).

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**Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean**

**Date Approved**

Senior Associate Dean

**Authorizing Dean's Title**