SOCIAL WORK AND GERONTOLOGY (PH.D. DUAL-TITLE)

The school offers a Dual-Title Degree in Gerontology. Gerontology is a multi-disciplinary field that integrates theory, practice knowledge, and research methodology to benefit older adults. Gerontologists trained at the Ph.D. level have the opportunity to play a key role in developing gerontological practices and in training new generations of practitioners and researchers in the field. The dual-title degree requires coursework in addition to the conventional social work doctoral program. Twelve credits are required for the dual-title that focuses on gerontological content in lieu of a cognate.

Code	Title	Credits
Required coursework		
SW 7995	Introduction to Gerontology	3
SW 9420	Research Practicum	2-3
Additional courses		
NUR 7415	Physical and Psychosocial Issues in Aging	3

Faculty with gerontological expertise from the School of Social Work and other university schools and colleges will serve as mentors for students in the program. Students are also required to incorporate gerontological content into the research practicum and the substantive comprehensive exam. They are also expected to make gerontological content a substantial component of their dissertation and to include a gerontology faculty member on their dissertation committee.