



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGING STUDIES

The interdisciplinary M.S. in Aging Studies degree at Eastern Illinois University is a graduate program structured to launch or expand careers in the aging/gerontology field for our students. The program is offered in a fully online delivery format. Plans of study are individually tailored to meet students' needs. Our Master's degree program prepares professionals for diverse careers in aging/gerontology and retention, graduation, and career placement rates exceed 95%.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Aging Policy in Action
- Communication and Aging
- Educational Response to Third Age Learning
- Health and Aging
- Physical Activity and Aging
- Psychological Processes in the Aged
- Research Methods
- Societal Theories of Aging
- Internship or Independent Study or Thesis
- 6 credit hours of elective courses

Target Audience:

Our program welcomes returning students who are continuing in their professional career development and those who have recently completed an undergraduate degree. Students may enroll full-time or part-time.

Admission Information:

- Applications accepted year-round for enrollment in beginning in fall, spring, or summer semesters.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- GRE is not required.
- Because the program is interdisciplinary, one particular major is not given preference over another for admission.
- Application materials:
 - www.eiu.edu/ma_agingstudies/applicationprocess.php
 - 1 to 2-page letter of intent
 - Two reference letters
 - Official transcripts

Cost of Program/Textbook Rental:

Estimated cost for the entire degree (including all fees and textbook rental/ mailing) is \$12,000 for in- and out-of-state students. We are the most affordable Aging Studies/Gerontology graduate program in the state of Illinois. Financial Aid Information:
<http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/loan.php>

Delivery Format/Credit Hours:

All courses are available in an online straightforward delivery format <https://www.eiu.edu/d2l/>. There are no on-campus or residency requirements. The degree includes 27 required credit hours and 6 elective credit hours for a total of 33 credit hours for degree completion.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration:

The M.S. in Aging Studies program is an interdisciplinary collaboration among multiple faculty and academic units at EIU.

- Human Services
- Communication Studies
- Public Health & Nutrition
- Kinesiology, Sports, & Recreation
- Psychology
- Secondary Education & Foundations
- Biological Sciences
- Political Science

The program provides an integrative, research- and theory-based learning experience for students. Throughout the program of study, students will develop a well-rounded, transferrable skill set in preparation for launching or continuing careers in the aging field.

Application for Graduate Assistantship:

<https://www.eiu.edu/graduate/GAapplication/GAappl.php>