

# Gerontology Program Orientation



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# Gerontology Program Overview

## Introductions

- **School of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement  
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- **Gerontology Program  
GRN Coordinator (FT)  
Professor Darlene Yee-Melichar, EdD, CHES**
- **Gerontology Faculty (FERP)  
Professor Brian de Vries, PhD  
Professor Anabel Pelham, PhD**

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➤ **Gerontology Faculty (PT)**

**Edwin Cabigao, PhD, RN**

**Margriet de Lange, MA**

**Cristina Flores, PhD, RN**

**Monika Scott, MA**

**Patricia McGinnis, JD**

➤ **PACE Staff (FT)**

**Kai Quach**

**Gina James**

**Bridget McCracken**

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- **College of Health and Social Sciences (CHSS)**
  - **School of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE)**
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- 1. Criminal Justice Studies**
  - 2. Environmental Studies**
  - 3. Gerontology Program (GRN)**
  - 4. Public Administration**
  - 5. Urban Studies and Planning**

# Gerontology Program Overview

## History

- **The MA in GRN at SFSU was established in 1986 and is the first, and thus the oldest, graduate program in Gerontology in the CSU and the UC systems.**
- **The MA in GRN is administratively housed in the College of Health and Social Sciences (CHSS), working in partnership with the School of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) and enjoying collaboration with academic units throughout the college, university and with the communities it serves.**
- **The MA in GRN is an interdisciplinary, professional program in applied gerontology designed for students preparing for a career in the field of aging, or a related human service field, who wish to improve their knowledge and skills.**
- **The MA in GRN adheres to the standards and guidelines established by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) for professional master's level programs.**

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## Goals

Course work leading to the MA in GRN is designed to:

- **Emphasize the broad, interdisciplinary nature of issues which relate to and influence older adults;**
- **Provide students with the academic background, professional experience, and research capabilities necessary to pursue advanced study at the doctoral level; and**
- **Prepare students for professional practice and leadership positions in the public and private sectors where gerontological knowledge is required.**

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## MA in Gerontology - Required Curriculum

### Core (11 courses)

GRN 705	Aging in a Multidimensional Context	3	Fa
GRN 710	Aging Processes: Health and Human Services	3	Fa
GRN 715	Age and Social Policy	3	Fa
GRN 725	Aging and Diversity	3	Sp
GRN 735	Ethical and Legal Issues in Aging and Social Services	3	Sp
GRN 760	Research Methods in Gerontology	3	Fa
GRN 765	Age and the Continuum of Care	3	Sp
GRN 838	Gerontology Seminar	3	Fa
GRN 839	Gerontology Internship	3	Sp
GRN 890	Integrative Seminar	3	Sp
<b>Elective</b>	<b>Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Minimum Total</b>		<b>33</b>	

# Internship Experience

- **GRN 838, Gerontology Seminar (3)**
- **GRN 839, Gerontology Internship (3)**

**Instruction (Site Selection, Site Placement, Learning Contract, Progress Reports, Final Evaluation)**

**Fieldwork (Site Visits, Preceptor Supervision, University Supervision)**



# Research and Culminating Experience

- **GRN 760, Gerontology Research (3)**
- **GRN 890, Culminating Experience (3)**

**“Students are prepared with tools which allow them to use quantitative and qualitative methods in applied research for solving a variety of practical problems in the community” (SFSU Bulletin).**

# Elective Curriculum

**3 unit course of interest to you**

**Upper division or graduate course only**

**(GRN 500, GRN 510, GRN 699)**

**Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor**

**Fall or Spring semester**

**GRN 897, Gerontology Research is acceptable**

**Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor**

**Fall or Spring semester**

**RCFE administrator state certification – in  
collaboration with Eldercare Advocacy Bay Area  
(EABA)**

# Faculty Advisement and Two-Year Student Roadmap

## Semester 1 (Fall 2015)

GRN 500 or 510  
(if needed)

GRN 705

GRN 710

GRN 715

## Semester 2 (Spring 2016)

GRN 500 or 510  
(if needed)

GRN 725

GRN 735

GRN 765

## Semester 3 (Fall 2016)

GRN 760

GRN 838

Elective\*

## Semester 4 (Spring 2017)

GRN 890

GRN 839

Elective\*

# Scholarships

- **Long-Term Care Administration Scholarship (SNF)**
- **Patrick Nobis RCFE Scholarship Fund (ALA)**
- **Michelle Benjamin Scholarship Fund (ADRD)**
- **Monarch Village/Peninsula del Rey Scholarship Fund (IH)**
- **Sixty Plus Scholarship Fund**
- **Anabel Pelham Gerontology Scholarship**
- **Sally Casanova CA Pre-Doctoral Scholarship**

# Student Opportunities

- **Gerontology library and shared meeting room (HSS 322)**
- **GRN Student Assistants(Ras, Tas)**
- **CHSS Student Resource Center (HSS 254)**

# Student Organization

## Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

- To promote the conduct of interdisciplinary research in aging by expanding the quantity of and improving the quality of Gerontological research, and by increasing its funding recourses.
- To disseminate Gerontological research knowledge to researchers, practitioners, and to decision and opinion makers.
- To provide a vehicle for constructive student involvement, recognition and representation in the research and aging field.
- To gain exposure to professionals in the community as well as throughout the United States.
- To inform students and the community of GSA's purposes, goals and programs and benefits.
- To provide faculty and students in the aging and research field a forum for professional dialogue.

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- **Any Comments?**
  - **Any Questions?**
    - **Thank You**

