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Welcome to SF State's Gerontology Program



PACE - Gerontology Program

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PROGRAMS WITHIN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (PACE)

Environmental Studies Gerontology



The Gerontology Program is a freestanding interdisciplinary and professional M.A. degree program designed for students preparing for a career in the field of aging or in a related human service field.

[More About Gerontology](#)

Public Administration

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Introduction to the FT People

- ❖ **College of Health and Social Sciences (CHSS)**
Alvin Alvarez, PhD, Dean and Professor
- ❖ **School of Public Administration and Civic Engagement (PACE)**
M. Jasper Rubin, PhD, Director and Associate Professor
- ❖ **PACE - Gerontology Faculty (GRN)**
Darlene Yee-Melichar, EdD, Professor and Coordinator
Emiko Takagi, PhD, Assistant Professor

Introduction to the PT People

❖ **PACE - Gerontology Faculty (PT)**

Edwin Cabigao, MA, PhD, RN

Cristina Flores, MA, PhD, RN

Patricia McGinnis, JD

❖ **PACE - Gerontology Staff**

Kai Quach

Bridget McCracken, MPA (DTC)

Introduction to Affiliated Faculty

❖ Joyce Hermoso, PhD

Social Work Faculty Sponsor

SF State Scholars Program

BASW-MA in Gerontology

❖ Christopher Bettinger, PhD

Sociology Faculty Sponsor

SF State Scholars Program

BA in Sociology-MA in Gerontology

Introduction to Students

Please share a little information about yourself:

- Your name?
- Academic background (undergrad college, degree)?
- Life experiences related to aging (parents, grandparents)?
- Background related to aging (any work or volunteer experience)?
- Areas of specific interests in aging if any?

Updates on Campus Operation

- For the current information
 - SF State Campus Plan - <https://news.sfsu.edu/campus-plan>
 - Students & Families - <https://news.sfsu.edu/campus-plan/students-families>
- Library resources during campus closure - <https://libguides.sfsu.edu/updates>
- For class information, check your iLearn course sites: <https://ilearn.sfsu.edu/>
- For course registration and transcript, check your SF State Gateway/MySFSU site: <https://idp.sfsu.edu>

Goals of the M.A. in Gerontology

The MA in Gerontology is designed to:

- 1) emphasize the broad, interdisciplinary nature of issues which relate to and influence older adults;
- 2) provide students with the academic expertise, professional experience and research capabilities necessary to pursue advanced study at the doctoral and professional level;
- 3) prepare students for professional practice and leadership positions in the public and private sectors where gerontological knowledge is required;
- 4) empower students with a vision of diversity, social justice, consumer-driven services and global issues to promote intergenerational understanding; and
- 5) invest in students a working knowledge of theoretical foundations and prepare students with tools to use quantitative and qualitative methods in applied research for solving a variety of practical problems in the community and link the micro and macro aspects of aging.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Provide students with a broad, interdisciplinary understanding of issues which relate to aging and influence older adults
- Provide students with the content information, experiential qualifications, and research capabilities needed to pursue advanced studies in aging-related fields
- Prepare students for professional practice and leadership positions in the public and private sectors where gerontological knowledge is required
- Empower students with a vision of social justice, diversity, and consumer-driven services to promote intergenerational understanding in a global context
- Provide students with academic knowledge, skills, and experiences to conduct applied research to solve the problems in aging-related communities

Gerontology Curriculum

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
Elective	Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor (GRN 699, GRN 897, GRN 899, and courses in other programs)	3	All

Minimum Total **33**

Internship Experience

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

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

*** Internship Learning Contract must be signed by all parties before starting the internship placement.**

Fieldwork (Site Visits, Preceptor Supervision, University Supervision)

Research and Culminating Experience

- **GRN 760, Gerontology Research (3)**
- **GRN 890, Culminating Experience (3)**
- **GRN 897, Gerontology Research (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

Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor

Fall or Spring semester

GRN 699/GRN 899 Special Study is acceptable

GRN 897, Gerontology Research is acceptable

Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor

Fall or Spring semester

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

Faculty Advisement and Two-Year Student Roadmap

Semester 1 (Fall 2021)

GRN 699 (optional)

GRN 705

GRN 710

GRN 715

Semester 2 (Spring 2022)

GRN 699 (optional)

GRN 725

GRN 735

GRN 765

Semester 3 (Fall 2022)

GRN 760

GRN 838

Elective*

Semester 4 (Spring 2023)

GRN 890

GRN 839

Elective*

SF State Scholars Program

- The SF State Scholars Program offers students a unique opportunity to earn two degrees (**BA in Social Work + MA in Gerontology**, or **BA in Sociology + MA in Gerontology**) in five years.
- This blended, interdisciplinary program is designed to provide students with an academic roadmap and meaningful opportunities to: 1) be active learners fully engaged in exploring our most important societal issues, 2) promote life-long learning, 3) a richer understanding of aging in the global world, and 4) a realization of the activist potential of our disciplines.
- Successful completion of both degrees (**BA in Social Work + MA in Gerontology**, or **BA in Sociology + MA in Gerontology**) will enable students to master the knowledge, competencies and skills needed to leverage themselves for advanced doctoral/professional studies, productive career opportunities, and worthwhile service to a diverse community of elders.

SF Scholars Program - 2 degrees in 5 years

BA in Social Work + MA in Gerontology

Additional info course
you before applying

Course/Undergraduate course
Course/Graduate Course

SF State Scholars *Tentative* Social Work + Gerontology Roadmap

**Students must meet with their advisor prior to registering for courses. This roadmap is designed for general planning ONLY! Roadmaps for more than 5 years plan may vary please consult with your department.

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate

Fall	Spring
ENGR 134	ENGR 130
Area III	PHY 100
Area A	Area A
Area D	Area B
SP Elective	SP Elective
23 Units (23 total)	23 Units (30 total)

Fall	Spring	Summer
BIOL 100	Area B1-B3	SP Elective
BIOL 30B	Area D	
Area C	Area C	
Area C	SP Elective	
SP Elective	SP Elective	
23 Units (40 total)	23-24 Units (60-63 total)	0 Units (60-64 total)

Fall	Spring	Summer
SW 800	SW 801	SP Elective
SW 802	SW 800	SP Elective
SW 410	SW 400	
Area UD-B	SW 400	
SW 800	Area UD-C	
23 Units (76-79 total)	23 Units (99-101 total)	0 Units (99-100 total)
Apply to SF Scholars		
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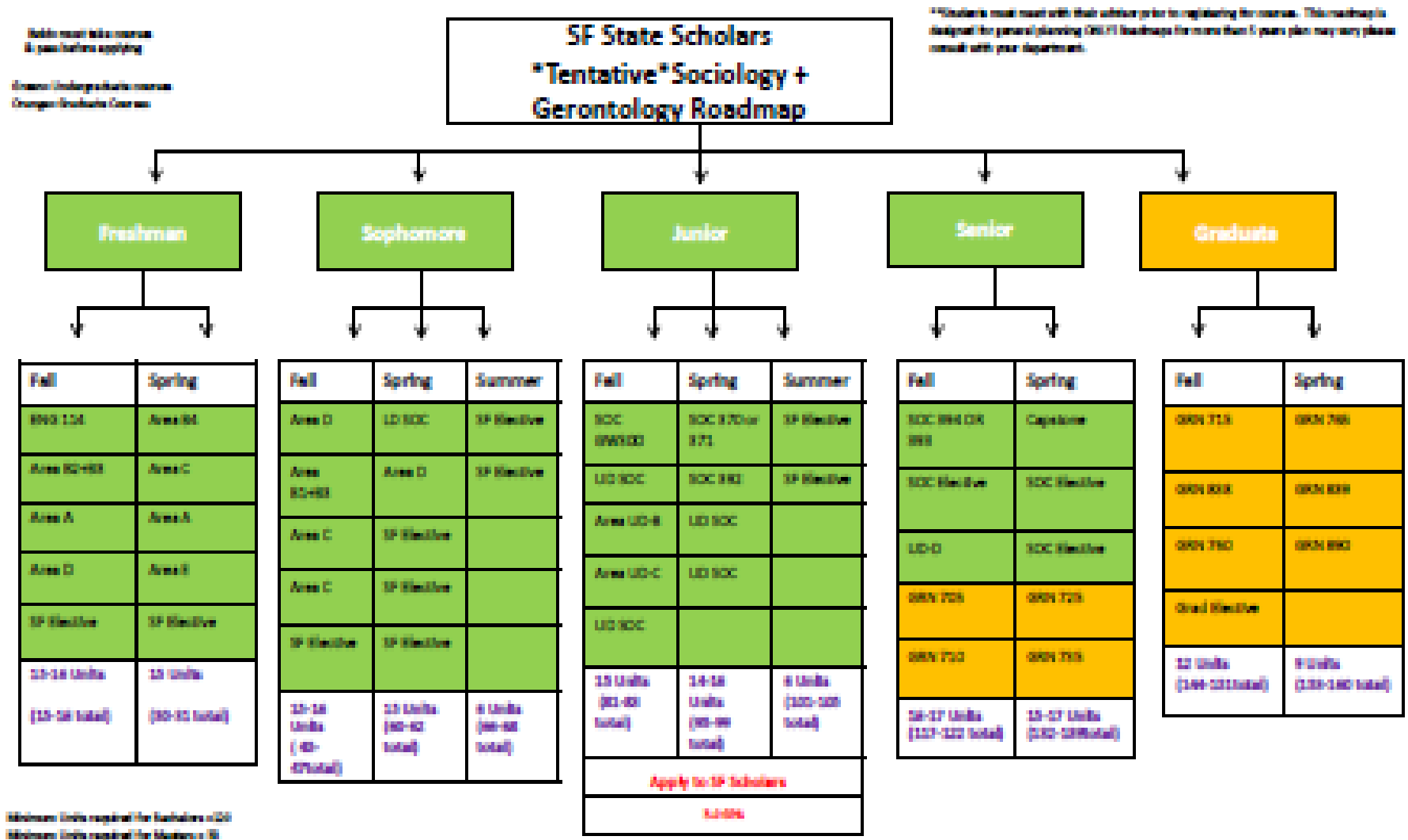
Fall	Spring
SW 801	SW 400
SW 400	SW 500-501
SW 502-501	Area UD-C
SW 500	GRN 720
GRN 710	GRN 710
28 Units (122-124 total)	28 Units (142-150 total)

Fall	Spring
GRN 710	GRN 700
GRN 500	Graduate Elective
GRN 700	GRN 600
GRN 700	GRN 600
22 Units (140-144 total)	22 Units (132-138 total)

Minimum Units required for Bachelor's = 60
Minimum Units required for Master's = 18

SF Scholars Program - 2 degrees in 5 years

BA in Sociology + MA in Gerontology



Admissions Process

- Students applying to San Francisco State University's Gerontology Program should familiarize themselves with its [requirements](#) and [relevant deadlines](#) for admission set by the Graduate Division.
- Applicants to the Gerontology Program are accepted both fall and spring. The deadline for fall application is **May 1** and for spring is **December 1**. To learn more about the program and the admission process attend a Prospective Student Informational Session.
- Read more about the [Gerontology's scholarships](#) that can help fund your degree.

Student Scholarships

- **Long-Term Care Administration Scholarship**
- **Patrick Nobis RCFE Scholarship Fund**
- **Michelle Benjamin Scholarship Fund**
- **Monarch Village/Peninsula del Rey Scholarship Fund**
- **Anabel Pelham Gerontology Scholarship**
- **Sally Casanova CA Pre-Doctoral Scholarship**

Gerontology Prospective Student Informational Sessions

- Apply Now! May 1, 2021 is the deadline for admissions applications for Fall 2021
- The faculty of the Gerontology Program will begin to host Prospective Student Informational Sessions online.
- Click here for the Zoom link for these sessions...
- During these sessions, prospective students will learn details about the SF State MA in Gerontology Program, its curriculum, its faculty, and the admissions process. Faculty will be available to answer all questions. May 1, 2021 is the deadline for admissions applications for Fall 2021.

Students will be expected to meet the following criteria:

- Meet the admissions standards of the University. Have an earned undergraduate grade point average of 3.0.
- Apply online through [CalState Apply](#). The Office of Graduate Admissions no longer accepts paper applications to graduate programs. [Click here for important information](#) and instructions on using the [CalState Apply](#) online application system. Submit the following materials by uploading them to the [Cal State Apply](#) online application:
 - Two letters of recommendation from faculty and/or employers. These should be from individuals who know the candidate well and can address their potential for succeeding in graduate school. The letters do not have to be from faculty members at an academic institution, they can be from supervisors or others familiar with the candidate's work.
 - Your current resume.
 - Statement of purpose to the SF State M.A. in Gerontology Program. This statement of purpose should describe the following information in a coherent essay (in no more than four pages, double-spaced):
 - Life experiences that have led you to an interest in gerontology
 - Background in gerontology, including any work or volunteer experience you might have
 - Areas of specific interests in the gerontology, including what has led you to these specific interests
 - Career and professional goals and aspiration
 - How the M. A. in Gerontology degree will be helpful and consistent with your career goals and aspirations
 - Why this is the right time in your career to come into a Gerontology program and seek the degree
 - Why the SF State M.A. in Gerontology degree program is a good fit for you and your career / professional goals

For academic advising, contact:

Fall 2020 Office Hours

Dr. Emiko Takagi (etakagi@sfsu.edu)

Assistant Professor of Gerontology

Tues/Thurs – 12:30-2:30pm or by appt

<https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/96372228311>

Meeting ID: 963 7222 8311; Password: 2020

Call-in number: 669-900-6833

Dr. Darlene Yee-Melichar (dyee@sfsu.edu)

Professor and Coordinator of Gerontology

Tues 10am-12pm; Wed 2:00-4:00pm and by appt

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