

HHP | MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (GERONTOLOGY)

The Masters of Professional Studies with a concentration in Gerontology is designed to assist the individual in developing the skills necessary to deal with the complex issues surrounding the growing population of older adults in our society. The program provides the individual with the skill set necessary to identify and understand emerging and existing issues related to aging, analyze options for addressing these issues, and locate the necessary resources to deal with them. All courses are available through FHSU Online.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
HHP 605G	Introduction to Gerontology	3
HHP 815	Research Methods in Health and Human Performance	3
HHP 825	Statistical Analysis in Health & Human Performance	3
Concentration Core Courses		
HHP 612G	Physiology of Aging	3
HHP 617G	Nutrition and Aging	3
SOC 644G	Sociology of Aging	3
SOCW 620G	Spirituality & Aging: The Empowering Relationship	3
Electives		
Select 6 credits of graduate level electives ¹		6
Capstone		
HHP 873	Culminating Experience ²	3
Comprehensive Exam ³		
Total Hours		30

¹ Must be graduate level (600 and above) and can come from any academic discipline that contributes meaningfully to the student's program of study. All electives must be approved by the student's advisor. Offerings are variable and will depend on the department from which they are taken.

² This course to be taken as the final course in the program.

³ As a final step in the program, all students are required to successfully complete a comprehensive examination prior to graduation.

- Comprehensive Examination or equivalent assessment is required. (Master of Liberal Studies requires a Comprehensive Examination and Concentration Exam)
- Degree completion within 8 years.

¹ Refer to degree program for any additional requirements.

Note for MLS and MPS degree concentrations:

Master of Liberal Studies (MLS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.

Master of Professional Studies (MPS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.

Graduate School Graduation Requirements

All Graduate degrees ¹ require:

- Maintain a C or higher in all coursework.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Refer to program)
- A minimum of 30-75 hours of Graduate course work. (Refer to program)